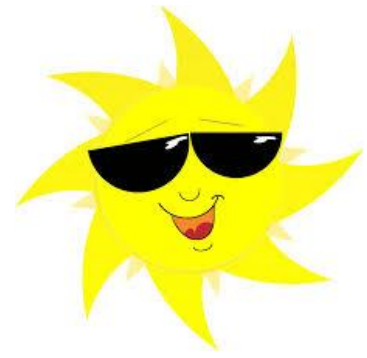


# UB SCOOP

May 2026



Hello Upward Bound!

The sun has finally arrived, and summer is just around the corner! It is so wonderful to see green grass, trees full of leaves, and flowers growing everywhere. This beautiful scenery signifies the new opportunities and growth as we really move through the new year. This energy is just what we need as we prepare for summer at Upward Bound!

The Upward Bound staff has been working diligently to finalize everything for our Summer Component to make sure all of you students have a great

experience. The classes we have this year are outstanding, and the activities are going to be so much fun! This year we will be in Tower Suites East. Carts will be available to move in belongings. Please keep in mind that there is no elevator in Tower Suites East, so you will need to choose what is worth hauling upstairs when you pack. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon! Bridge students move in on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and non-Bridge students (that's everyone else: Rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors!) will move in on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>!

On a different note, we would love for all of you to post updates on our Upward Bound Facebook page and Instagram! It is so great to see your beautiful prom pictures and graduation photos each year. Keep the updates and pictures coming!!! What a great way to share news with our Upward Bound family, present and past!



## Special Points of Interest

- Monday, June 1, 2026  
*Bridge Move-in Day, Tower Suites East*  
Bridge Move-in – 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
Bridge Orientation – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, June 7, 2026  
*Move-in Day, Tower Suites East*  
SAC students – 2:45-3:30 PM  
New Student Move-in – 3:30 – 4:15 PM  
Returning students move in (Bridge Weekly Check-in) – 4:15 – 5:00 PM
- Sunday, June 14, 2026  
Early Weekly Check-in – 5:00-7:00 pm
- June 19, 2026  
No UB - Juneteenth
- Sunday, June 28, 2026  
Early Weekly Check-in for Bridge only – 5:00-6:00 pm  
*(all non-Bridge students have this week off from UB)*
- Thursday, July 2, 2026  
**Awards and Move-out**

## Summer Staff:

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Hi! I am Theresa Ritchey, and I am going to be the SPA for the upcoming Summer program. I am so excited to get to know everyone, and work with the students. I am from Lee's Summit, Missouri, so just outside of Kansas City, and I have just recently completed my Bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education. In the Fall, I will join the team at Maryville Middle School as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher. I enjoy reading, hanging out with friends, and playing all sorts of sports, though I'm most fond of softball and volleyball. I look forward to the coming Summer, and can't wait to meet everyone.

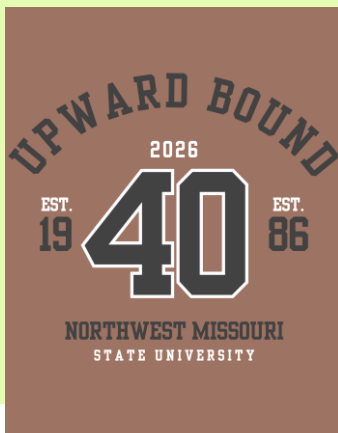
## 2026 Summer T-Shirt Contest Result

Congratulations to Audrey Cook! Her design was voted by you, the students, as our 2026 Summer T-shirt design.

\*The colors of the design may vary based on shirt color.



SPA: My name is Tillie Stanton (they/them), and I'm originally from Skidmore, MO. I attended Nodaway-Holt High School and I was in Northwest's Upward Bound program. Afterwards, I went to college at UNL and fell so in love with Lincoln, that seven years later, I now call it home. I work in Crete, NE at Doane University with their TRIO SSS program. I wear many hats at my job, but my favorite is teaching classes! In my personal life, when I leave the house, I love going to hockey games, country concerts, and traveling to visit my friends. When at home, I live my best grandma life, partaking in knitting, movies, coloring, puzzles, and/or playing Animal Crossing. I also listen to a lot of audiobooks -- please send me recommendations!



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!

## SHAWN PHIPPS



Hello! My name's Shawn Phipps and I'm currently a senior at King City R-1 and plan on going to NWMSU and majoring in Psychology. During my four years in Upward Bound I have established many great friendships, explored many academic pathways for my future education, and gained more confidence in both my academic and social lives. With support from my peers and my teachers in Upward Bound, I have been pushed to my greatest extent which has helped me realize my potential. After four years in the Upward Bound program, I have been given both the resources and support to allow me to fully prepare for college.

## SENIORS' DESTINATIONS!!!

While we will miss our Seniors after this summer, they are off to accomplish wonderful things in college! We are proud of each and every one of you. Good luck!!!



Rilee Babcock  
Corby Baumli  
William Ellsworth  
Ryan Hanig  
Jina Harbit  
Josh Liechti  
Logan Lomax  
Shawn Phipps  
Vallery Riemann  
Lexie Rogers  
Skylar Stoner  
Nathan Taylor  
Dylan Walker

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Northwest Missouri State University  
Undecided  
Northwest Technical School  
Missouri Western State University  
North Central Missouri College  
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Northwest Missouri State University  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Truman State University  
Westminster College  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Missouri University of Science & Technology

# Important Dates

**JUNE 1, 2026**

## BRIDGE MOVE-IN DAY

Itinerary:

5:00-7:00 PM Bridge Student move in  
7:00 PM Bridge Orientation

**JUNE 7, 2026**

## MOVE-IN DAY

Itinerary:

2:45-3:30 PM SAC Student move in  
3:30-4:15 PM New Students move in  
4:15-5:00 PM Returning students move in and  
Bridge students Weekly Check-in  
5:00 PM New Students meet to get Bearcat  
cards  
5:30-6:15 PM Dinner--Pizza  
6:15-7:30 PM All Student Meeting/Safety Meeting  
7:30 PM JS/WS Mtg – Cake and Ice Cream  
8:00 PM Family Group Meetings  
8:30 PM Floor Meetings  
10:30 PM In your own room  
11:00 PM Lights out!

\*REMEMBER returning students: All Academic Year Checklist items MUST be turned in before you can receive your keys to move in. Any student that shows up to move in without all items turned in will complete those items then and there before being able to move in to his/her room.

\*\*Students MUST have all Summer Forms completed to move in.

2026 UB Summer Session  
June 1-July 10

2026 Summer Educational Experience Trip  
July 14-17

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## Packing Tips!

1. Roll your clothes in suitcases. It takes less room than folding them, so you can fit more in your suitcase!



2. For clothes that you will hang, leave them on the hangers, and pull a kitchen sized trash bag up over several at a time. This keeps the clothes organized and contained, while also saving time by leaving them on the hanger!



3. Put bottles/containers with liquid in plastic baggies. Or you can unscrew the lid, and put a piece of plastic wrap over the neck of the bottle, then screw the lid back on. Sealed!



## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Jun. 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

**Always use the Upward Bound code: 9713**

\*\*Remember: Each UB participant can utilize 2 ACT fee waivers. Forms are available by contacting the UB office.

For more information go to <http://www.actstudent.org>

# Attention!

Please note the following on your family calendar and in your own planner.

Our Week 3 (the second week with ALL students, 6/14) and Week 5 (the fourth week after ALL students move-in, 6/28) schedules are slightly different than other weeks, due to Holidays during those weeks.

Below is our schedule for the week beginning on June 14.

## Week 3 (the second week with ALL students)

Sunday, June 14	Return to the residence halls for check-in ( <u>5-7 pm</u> ) Academic Activity
Monday, June 15	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 16	Tutoring in Hall and Family Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 17	Service Learning Activities <u>Holiday/Weekly Check-out (4:00-5:00 pm)</u>
Thursday, June 18	Large Group Activity– <b>MOERA</b> <u>Early Weekly Check Out (5:00 PM)</u>
Friday, June 19	<b>NO UB - Holiday</b>

Below is our schedule for the week beginning on June 28.

## Week 5 Bridge Week – no non-Bridge students this week

Sunday, June 28	Bridge Students only - return to the residence hall for <u>early check-in (5-6 pm)</u> Academic Activity
Monday, June 29	Bridge Classes
Tuesday, June 30	Bridge Classes
Wednesday, July 1	Bridge Classes
Thursday, July 2	Bridge Classes <u>Early weekly Check Out for Bridge Students</u>
Friday, July 3	<b>No UB – Holiday</b>

# Meet the Resident Assistants!

Hello! My name is Lexi White! I am currently a graduate student at Northwest completing my master's degree in English. I graduated this past fall with my bachelor's in English Education and completed my first year of teaching 7th-12th grade English at Fairfax school district! For fun, I



enjoy reading, crocheting, and many crafty things, as well as hanging out with my friends and my cat, Hamlet. This will be my fourth summer as an RA, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone and having a fun summer together!

Hi everyone! My name is Lorraine Yanez, and I'm excited to be one of your Resident Assistants this summer. I'm from Guayaquil, Ecuador, and I'm currently a junior at NWMSU in Psychology. Next year I'll be starting my senior year.

After graduation, I hope to work as a Research Assistant and later pursue a master's degree, possibly in Neuropsychology. In my free time, I enjoy watching YouTube, reading, and listening to music (I'm

almost always wearing headphones!). I can't wait to meet you all and help make your summer experience fun and welcoming!



My name is Wyatt Taylor I'm originally from Stanberry Missouri but just recently moved here to Maryville and I'm in the middle of my degree in Radiological Technology at NCMC in Savannah. I'm hoping to get a job as an X-ray Tech once I graduate. When I'm not focused on school, I really enjoy baking or getting tangled up in a new show or book series.



Hi, UB! I'm Jeselle González, and this is my fifth year as an RA, so I'm not new to this. I'm originally from Venezuela, but I've lived in four different countries, which is why I love visiting new places, meeting new people, and hearing different stories. I'm studying International Business with a minor in Sports Management at Northwest, and I love sports, especially soccer and F1. If there's a game or a race on, I'm probably watching it. I can't wait for the World Cup. I also love playing video games like Rocket League and Overcooked... basically any game I can play with my friends. I'm a

pretty positive person, I laugh at almost everything, and I'm always up for trying new things, except for horror movies; I don't like those. I'm really looking forward to coming back and meeting all of you!

Hello, my name is Daniel Barón, I'm from Bogotá, Colombia. I'm currently double majoring in Political Science and Economics. There are many goals I have for my career, including the expansion of my language knowledge, as I'm planning to get a masters scholarship in Fudan, the top 1 university in Shanghai and number 30 in the world, I plan to achieve this goal by

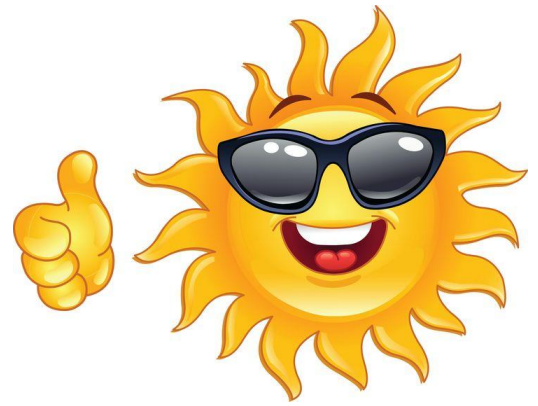


researching diverse fields applied to geopolitics. I'm a senior and I will graduate next Spring. I hope I can get a job in a big company as one of the head analysts after my graduation and I plan to have my own company before 30.



# Summer

2026



## Summer Calendar 2026

\*Locations may change

### Week 1 – Bridge Week

Monday, June 1	Bridge Students Move-in to Residence Hall and Bridge Orientation
Tuesday, June 2	Bridge Orientation
Wednesday, June 3	Bridge Orientation and Activity Night - TBD
Thursday, June 4	Bridge Orientation
Friday, June 5	Bridge Orientation Check out of the residence halls

### Week 2 – All Students

Sunday, June 7	Move-in to the Northwest residence halls (non-Bridge students) 2:30-3:30pm for SAC 3:30-4:15pm for New Students 4:15-5:00pm for Returning Students 4:15-5:00pm – Bridge weekly Check-in
Monday, June 8	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 9	Tutoring in Hall and Family Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 10	Service Learning Activities
Thursday, June 11	Large Group Activity Night- <b>Lied Center</b>
Friday, June 12	Presentations and workshops Job Shadowing/Work Study Check out of the residence halls (11am-12:30pm)

### Week 3

Sunday, June 14	Return to the residence halls for <u>early check-in (5-7pm)</u> Academic Activity
Monday, June 15	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 16	Tutoring in Hall and Family Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 17	Service Learning Activities
Thursday, June 18	Large Group Activity – <b>MOERA</b> <u>Early weekly Check Out (5 pm)</u>
Friday, June 19	<b>No UB – Holiday</b>

**Week 4**

Sunday, June 21	Return to the residence halls for check-in (7-9pm)
Monday, June 22	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 23	Tutoring in Hall and Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 24	Service Learning Activities
Thursday, June 25	Large Group Activity – <b>Etiquette Dinner and Dance</b>
Friday, June 26	Presentations and workshops Job Shadowing/Work Study Check out of the residence halls (11am-12:30pm)

**Week 5 – Bridge Week – no non-Bridge students this week**

Sunday, June 28	Bridge Students only - return to the residence hall for <u>early check-in (5-6pm)</u> Academic Activity
Monday, June 29	Bridge Classes
Tuesday, June 30	Bridge Classes
Wednesday, July 1	Bridge Classes
Thursday, July 2	Bridge Classes <u>Early weekly Check Out for Bridge Students</u>
Friday, July 3	<b>No UB – Holiday</b>

**Week 6 – All Students**

Sunday, July 5	Non-Bridge students - Return to the residence halls for check-in (7-9pm) Academic Activity
Monday, July 6	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, July 7	Tutoring in Hall and Visitor Night
Wednesday, July 8	Service Learning Activities Bridge Weekly Check In (7:00-9:00pm)
Thursday, July 9	Large Group Activity Night – <b>Steamboat Arabia Museum and New Theater</b>
Friday, July 10	Move-out day & Academic Awards Ceremony - <b>TIMELINE TBD</b>

**Week 7**

Tuesday, July 14	Leave on Educational Experience Trip
Friday, July 17	Return from Educational Experience Trip