## Early Arrival Welcome Center

**Axinn Winter Garden**

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

(Late night arrivals will be welcomed individually.)

The Axinn Center is your Arrival Day headquarters! The Early Arrival Team and student volunteers will be on hand to assist you with your transition to campus.

### Welcome Breakfast

McCullough Student Center-Wilson Hall

9:00-10:15 AM

### Making Middlebury Home

Vans and tours leave from Axinn 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

**Bring visa-related documents to lunch!**

### Welcome Lunch

McCullough Student Center - Wilson Hall

1:00-2:00 PM

**Say farewell to families!**

### PAL Meet Up #1

Outside/Various Locations

2:15-3:00 PM

### Family Information Session

McCullough - Wilson Hall

2:30-3:30 PM

### Let’s Talk: Academics

Dana Auditorium

3:15-4:15 pm

### Life at Middlebury I

MBH 216

4:30 - 5:30 PM

### Your Time - Break Time

5:30 - 7:00 PM

### Fiesta Feast

McCullough Grille

7:00-8:00 PM

### International Trivia Night

McCullough Grille

8:15-10:00 PM

**Your Time - Break Time Optional Activities:**

Your Time - Break Time on Saturday, August 31: PALs will offer optional activities. It's also a time to rest and relax or enjoy outdoor activities on Battell Beach (behind Battell residence hall—it's not a sandy beach!).

Your Time - Break Time on Sunday, September 1: PALs will offer optional activities, including a scenic walk to The Knoll, the College’s organic farm. Meet on the Axinn Center stairs at 6 PM. Bring a water bottle.

**Please bring all visa-related documents (Form I-20 or DS-2019, passport, visa and I-94 record if applicable) to the Welcome Lunch on Saturday, August 31.**

## Early Arrival Abbreviations

FIS: Friends of International Students

MBH: McCardell Bicentennial Hall

PAL: Program Arrival Leader

SEO: Student Employment Office

**Middlebury College - International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)**

**Early Arrival: August 30- September 2, 2019**

*(See session descriptions on back of this page.)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Friday, August 30</th>
<th>Saturday, August 31</th>
<th>Sunday, September 1</th>
<th>Monday, September 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Early Arrival Welcome Center**

Axinn Winter Garden

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

(Late night arrivals will be welcomed individually.)

The Axinn Center is your Arrival Day headquarters! The Early Arrival Team and student volunteers will be on hand to assist you with your transition to campus.

### Welcome Breakfast

McCullough Student Center-Wilson Hall

9:00-10:15 AM

**F1 Visas**

MBH 216

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

**J1 Visas**

MBH 228

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Home Sweet Home**

MBH 219

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

### Family Information Session

McCullough - Wilson Hall

2:30-3:30 PM

### PAL Meet Up #2

Outside Ross / Walk to MBH Together

9:00-10:00 AM

### Getting Started with ISSS

MBH 216

10:00-11:00 AM

### Let’s Talk: Student Employment (SEO)

MBH 216

10:00-10:30 AM

### PAL Meet Up #3

Outside MBH / Walk to Wilson Hall together

3:15-4:15 PM

### Life at Middlebury II

MBH 216

1:30-3:15 PM

### Stories from the Inside

McCullough Student Center - Wilson Hall

4:15-5:15 PM

### Your Time - Break Time

5:30-7:00 PM

### Night at the Grille

McCullough Grille

8:15-10:30 PM

**Family Information Session**

McCullough - Wilson Hall

2:30-3:30 PM

**TOMORROW MIDDVIEW begins!**

*Last Updated 8/23/2019*
EARLY ARRIVAL 2019: DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Welcome Breakfast: It has been said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so join the Early Arrival Team, new students and visiting families as we launch the start of Early Arrival! Coffee, tea, juice, bagels and other treats await!

Making Middlebury Home: Go shopping for all of the items you couldn’t fit in your suitcase, browse the College Bookstore or explore Downtown Middlebury. The choice is yours as the Early Arrival Team leads you out and about!

Welcome Lunch: After an active morning, students and families will join us for lunch—with new friends and a few announcements before we begin our afternoon activities together. **For visa-holding students: please bring your travel documents (Form I-20 or DS-2019, passport, and I-94 record if applicable) with you to this event. We will collect them for our check-in process in order to complete important arrival procedures. We will return them to you on Sunday.**

This is the last session for families to join students during Early Arrival, so please prepare to say farewell at this time.

PAL (Program Arrival Leader) Meet-Up Sessions: Have a pressing question? Looking for some advice? In need of a familiar face? Join your PAL for some reflection, connection and a good laugh or two.

Let’s Talk: Academics: Meet Shawna Shapiro, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics and Director of the Writing and Rhetoric Program, and learn best practices for adjusting to U.S. academic culture.

Life at Middlebury I: Grab a seat and get ready for a ride through the totally normal, usually unavoidable world of social and cultural transitions one might experience as a new student at Middlebury. Led by your Early Arrival Student Team.

Your Time - Break Time Sessions: Remember that photo you wanted to take to send to friends back home? Now’s the time to make that happen. We also recommend unpacking, power naps or an optional activity. Enjoy your break time!

Fiesta Feast: After an action-packed first day, it’s time to eat! Tacos (meat and veggie options) with all the trimmings await.

International Trivia: Bring your best brain game and get ready for an indoor, intellectual rumble!

or

Midd By Night: Here in Middlebury, our bright city lights are an endless sky of stars. Join us outdoors and explore your new campus. The path just might lead to a cozy fire and s’mores (a campfire classic treat).

Breakfast/Lunch in Ross Dining Hall: Middlebury has several dining halls that feature many food options and offerings. Our dining hall meals will be in Ross for Early Arrival. Check your main schedule for details.

Getting Started with ISSS: International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) does more than just provide visa-related advising. Start your second full day learning about our team: **Travel documents will be returned at this session.**

F1 Visas/J1 Visas/Non-Visa Students: For F or J visa-holding students, learn important information specific to your status to ensure you remain in good standing while studying in the U.S. For non-visa students, join members of the Early Arrival Team for peer-led discussion and conversation during Home Sweet Home.

Life at Middlebury II: Hear directly from College administrators as they discuss campus safety and College policies, all to assist you as you begin thinking about ways to navigate successfully the academic and social scenes.

Stories from the Inside: It’s been said that experience is the teacher of all things. Our student panel will prove these words true as they share personal anecdotes to ease your worries as you begin your life at Middlebury.

Night at the Grille: Celebrate your evening with some sweet and savory treats and a stage where the spotlight is yours to take. Whether it’s karaoke or dance, we encourage you to share your talent – or simply have a good time mingling amid music with ice cream or other snacks in hand. Good tunes, snacks, and new friendships await!

Let’s Talk: Student Employment (SEO): You’ll be introduced to this office and some of the most useful information around!

Wrapping up with ISSS: With so many questions in mind, you’ll be glad for some additional time with the ISSS team. You’ll also learn about our Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program. Learn why this program has been one of the best experiences students have had while at Middlebury. If you haven’t signed up yet, you still can!

Early Arrival Closing Celebration: Early Arrival participants, it’s been a blast! Now, get ready for MiddView!