

## **MBU Parent Activities Schedule:**

8:00am-8:45am – Registration Open

All Day – Self-Guided Tours, brochures available at registration table

PRT – open and free to use from 9:30am-5:00pm

9:15am-11:30am – Downtown Campus Art Tour, meet in front of Adventure WV in Rec Center

9:30am-11:30am – Guided Campus Tour, meet at West Entrance of Rec Center (towards quad)

12:00pm-1:00pm – “Lunch and Learn”, meet at 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Evansdale Crossing Building (behind Rec Center)

1:00pm-1:30pm – “Ask Me Anything”, meet at 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Evansdale Crossing Building (behind Rec Center)

1:00pm-3:00pm – Music Performance - Honors Orchestra, Creative Arts Center Building (walk or drive)

1:30pm-3:30pm – Guided Campus Tour, meet at West Entrance of Rec Center (towards quad)

2:00pm-4:00pm – WVU Art Museum Tour & Art Making, meet in front of Adventure WV in Rec Center

5:00pm MBU concludes, welcome to remain at Rec Center to use facilities for \$7 per person

5:30pm-6:30pm – Planetarium Show - Secrets of Gravity, meet at White Hall (grab flyer at registration table)

## **MBU Parent Activity Descriptions:**

### **Guided Campus Tour, 9:30 – 11:30am:**

Reservations are required to guarantee participation in this guided tour, only 14 spots available – first come, first served! [Register Here - MBU Parent Activities](#)

This tour is recommended for parents of middle school aged students. Research shows the importance of starting college and career planning and awareness in middle school (or earlier!) Visiting campus is the best way to find out what it’s like to study and live here. Our expert student guides will give you a 2-hour walking/driving tour of the campus. Explore our libraries and Student Recreation Center, check out the Mountainlair Student Union, shop at the bookstore, pop your head into a classroom — and yes, there will be plenty of time to snap a selfie in front of one of our iconic buildings around campus!

### **Guided Campus Tour, 1:30 – 3:30pm:**

Reservations are required to guarantee participation in this guided tour, only 14 spots available – first come, first served! [Register Here - MBU Parent Activities](#)

This tour is recommended for parents of high school aged students. Our expert student guides will give you a 2-hour walking/driving tour of the campus and take you inside a classroom, the Mountainlair Student Union, a residence hall, the Student Recreation Center, and more. Your guide will be happy to answer questions about student life, giving guests a first-hand look at life as a Mountaineer!

### **Self-Guided Tour, all day:**

Whether you're working this in around other plans or just prefer to explore solo, our self-guided tour gives you a comprehensive look at our beautiful campus and the key buildings in which your student will eat, sleep and study.

First, download the free self-guided tour app [here](#). Next, open Guidebook and look for the **WVU Tour** guide. Also, be sure to grab a printed companion map (available in the gym during MBU registration) to help you navigate around town during your tour. If it is art that you are interested in seeing, please pick up an art guide brochure (also available in the gym during registration)

The tour allows you to proceed at your own pace, but usually takes about two hours to complete.

### **Ride the PRT, all day:**

The best way to navigate campus! The PRT will be open from 9:30am – 5pm for parents and families of MBU participants to ride for FREE! For more information on stations and operations, visit: <https://prt.wvu.edu/>

### **“Lunch and Learn” with WVU Parents Club, Noon – 1:00pm:**

No reservations required, 50-person capacity

Head out the East Entrance of the Rec Center and walk across the parking lot to the Evansdale Crossing Building. You are welcome to purchase a lunch from any of the to-go cafés on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> floors and bring it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Visitors Center Auditorium for a lunch-and-learn session with Lisa Hanselman, Mountaineer Parents Club Director.

Lisa Hanselman is a parent of two WVU Alums and leads the Mountaineer Parents Club which is an organization that educates and supports parents of WVU students. Wherever your child may be interested in attending college, Lisa has a wealth of knowledge on how to help prepare your student as well as yourself for this transitional time. This is a great opportunity to help plan and prepare for the future! Her talk will last approximately an hour and is followed by an open question format.

### **“Ask Me Anything”, 1:30pm-2:00pm:**

No reservations required, light refreshments will be served

If you are not coming straight from the “Lunch and Learn”, head out the East Entrance of the Rec Center and walk across the parking lot to the Evansdale Crossing Building. Come to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lobby in front of the Visitors Center.

Alysson Cannon, director of the Alumni group “Old Gold, New Blue” and other OGNB Alums will be available to answer any questions you may have about WVU from degree programs to life on campus. These enthusiastic alums look forward to meeting and speaking with you about the experiences they had at WVU and answering your questions.

### **Downtown Campus Art Tour, 9:15am – 11:30am:**

Reservations are required to guarantee participation in this guided tour, only 15 spots available – first come, first served! (6-person minimum, all ages welcome). [Register Here - MBU Parent Activities](#)

Meet at Rec Center in front of Adventure WV at 9:15am, look for tour sign

Travel on PRT to downtown campus with WVU Libraries Exhibits Coordinator Sally Brown Deskins

Take a tour of a few of Downtown Campus art spots. This tour will include a stop at the Mountaineer Statue and a generous tour of exhibits in the Downtown Campus Library including *Appalachian Futures*, a multidisciplinary exhibit including contributions from 50 regional artists and scholars; and *Picturing West Virginia: Early Photography in the Mountain State, 1840-1915*, on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor in the West Virginia & Regional History Center. Sally will give you the insider’s look and history to the downtown art on campus. WVU has a strong tradition of supporting and fostering the arts on campus, come and learn about what we are currently exhibiting!

Afterwards you can head back to the Rec Center or choose to stay in downtown for lunch or shopping, restaurant suggestions will be given to those interested. The PRT will be available until 4:30 whenever you want to head back to the Rec Center.

Mountainlair: “Mountaineer Statue,” Donald DeLue, 1971

West Virginia and Regional History Center: <https://wvrhc.lib.wvu.edu/>

WVU Libraries Art in the Libraries: <https://exhibits.lib.wvu.edu/>

### **WVU Art Museum Tour & Art Making, 2:00pm – 4:00pm:**

Reservations are required to guarantee participation in this guided tour, only 15 spots available – first come, first served! (6-person minimum, all ages welcome). [Register Here - MBU Parent Activities](#)

Meet at Rec Center in front of Adventure WV at 2:00pm to walk just down the hill to the Art Museum. If there is inclement weather or mobility concerns, we can provide transportation to and from the Museum.

The Art Museum of West Virginia University is a state-of-the-art facility, opened in 2015. It houses a 5,000-piece collection, which is international in scope. We are excited to offer a tour and discussion about the works of art currently on display. The tour will culminate with a related art activity that gives visitors of all ages a chance to express their creativity.

We will tour the Museum's two new exhibitions.

1) *Brilliant: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection: Brilliant* celebrates acquisitions made by the Art Museum of WVU over the past several years and includes several rarely seen treasures from its permanent collection- many exhibited for the first time.

2) *Modern Movement: Figurative Works by Arthur Bowen Davies*: Arthur B. Davies (1862-1928) played a pivotal role in introducing modern art to American audiences as a curator of the groundbreaking 1913 Armory Show in New York City. As an artist himself, Davies was heavily influenced by modern dance, particularly that of Isadora Duncan. This exhibition not only explores the illusion of movement within Davies' works but also suggests the wealth of modernist styles and ideas that debuted in the Armory Show.

After a 60-minute guided art tour, you will have 30 minutes to create a themed arts & craft project to go along with the exhibits you have just seen. No expertise required, the craft will be taught to you and all materials provided. All ages welcome, but please register the ages of children, as we will have something for everyone.

### **Music Performance: Honors Orchestra, 1:00pm – 3:00pm:**

Reservations not required, open to the public, located at the Creative Arts Center

The West Virginia University High School String Honor Orchestra is a two-day event for high school students. The selected students rehearse throughout the two days of the festival and present a final performance on Saturday. In addition to working with outstanding nationally-known faculty, students are treated to a performance by the WVU Symphony Orchestra and can participate in masterclasses offered by members of the WVU School of Music faculty. The Grand Finale Concert is held in the Lyell B Clay Theatre in the WVU Creative Arts Center.

### **Planetarium Show: Secrets of Gravity, 5:30pm – 6:00pm:**

Reservations not required, all ages welcome, 60-person capacity

Extend the wonder of your day after MBU has concluded and be amazed by our indoor planetarium theater! You will have a guided introduction to our solar system, the universe, and the constellations followed by a 28-minute video on the secrets of gravity.

**Description the “Secrets of Gravity”:** Why do things fall to the ground without magic? The young magician's apprentice Limbradur is far more interested in the universe and its secrets than boring magic spells. He is fascinated by the stars, the universe and the laws of nature. So, one night he sneaks into the Albert Einstein Museum, where he meets ALBYX3, a small, clever but rather quirky robot who knows all about Albert Einstein and his theories. Alby takes Limbradur on a magical journey of discovery through time and space, during which they not only uncover the secrets of gravity but also learn much about friendship and imagination. For Limbradur and Alby both have secrets of their own. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQSKQB--Ik>

For information on where to go and parking, go to <https://planetarium.wvu.edu/planning-your-visit>