



Commuter Connection

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We're Going to...

KENNYWOOD!

On Saturday, September 19, we will be going to Kennywood. Tickets are \$22 a person and transportation is FREE! We will catch the bus at the Coliseum. Also, make sure you fill out the release form located in the lounge (or print one at studentlife.wvu.edu/commuter.html) and return it to Brian or Morgan in E. Moore. Don't miss out; Kennywood is one of America's finest traditional amusement parks! www.kennywood.com

WVU Alert System



WVU can send important news right to your phone and MIX account. You can receive crime alerts, weather alerts, and university closings.

<http://emergency.wvu.edu/alert/>

Interested in Studying Abroad?

Make the most of your undergraduate experience. Sign up online for a seminar to gather the information needed to start studying abroad! You can even check out what the program has to offer by visiting the International Programs office located on the 3rd floor in Stansbury Hall. (304-293-6955)



<http://www.wvu.edu/~intlprog/>

Commuter Events

You Don't Want to Miss

Saturday, September 19:

Commuter Trip to Kennywood!
--See the above article for details.



Monday, September 21

Commuter Blood Drive

- The Blood Drive is from 1-7PM at The Augusta apartment complex (walk down University Avenue past Oglebay, and the Augusta will be on your right).
- Tell all of your friends; you don't have to be a commuter to donate!

Monday, September 28:

Commuter Dinner 'n Bowling.

- This month's dinner is at 7:30 PM at **Chili's** in the University Town Centre, followed by free bowling at 9:00 PM at Suburban Lanes on Chestnut Ridge Road. You pay for your own dinner, but the bowling is on us!

Other Ways to Stay Connected...

Stay up to date with everything commuter! Become a fan of WVU Commuters Class of 2013 on FACEBOOK! We post up-to-date information on parking and events.

Don't forget about our website; it's full of useful resources for commuters. We also post all of our events so you have NO reason to miss out!

studentlife.wvu.edu/commuter.html

Dates to Remember

Academic Calendar

September 7	Labor Day Recess
October 9	Mid-Semester
October 15	Mid-Semester Reports Due
October 30	Last Day to Drop a Class
November 21-29th	Thanksgiving Recess
December 10	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes
December 11	Last Day of Classes
December 14-19 th	Final Examination Week



Need A Little Help With Class?

If you're feeling a little overwhelmed with your classes stop by one of the FREE tutoring spots! Remember, your grades depend on YOU! Make the effort, the resources are out there!

Academic Resources Centers offers FREE tutoring in Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Statistics. There are three great locations:

Downtown Library	Sun-Thurs	7PM-11PM
Brooke Tower	Sun-Thurs	6PM-10PM
WVU All Night	Fri & Sat	7PM-12AM

The Math Learning Center is a great place to check out! Students may drop in and receive help with homework problems or ask questions concerning returned homework and exams. Call 293-2011 for more info.

301 Armstrong	Mon-Thurs	9:30AM-7PM
	Friday	9:30AM-4PM

The WVU Writing Center assists students in becoming better writers. Call 293-5788 for more info.

G02 Colson Hall	Mon-Thurs	10AM-5PM
	Friday	10AM-3PM

The Term Paper Clinic helps students with any kind of paper! It's a great opportunity to have someone revise your paper before it's due! Call 293-4040 for more information.

Downtown Library	Mon-Fri	1:30-3:30PM
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Want to Help Out Your Community?

The Center for Civic Engagement is a great resource for volunteering in the Morgantown area. On Saturday, September 5 and Saturday, September 12, volunteers are needed to help with the annual Mountaineers Recycle program at home Football games. It's a great way to get involved and also *looks impressive on your resume!*

http://cce.wvu.edu/students/get_involved

Lookin' for Adventure...

The Rec has several outdoor trips planned for this month. Check them out (some trips are even FREE)

Sept 13 – “Try It” Bicycle and Boat Special Event. Try out a canoe or kayak on the Mon River or a bike on the rail trail. 12-5pm at Hazel Ruby-McQuain Riverfront Park. Low physical difficulty. Beginner skill level. Cost is **free** for WVU students.

Sept 19 – Canoe Day Trip . Explore a beautiful local river or lake and learn the basics of canoeing. Low physical difficulty. Beginner skill level. Cost is \$20.

Sept. 19-20- Backpack Dolly Sods Wilderness. This area features high mountain bogs, great waterfalls and high rock cliffs. Medium physical difficulty. Beginner skill level. Cost \$40.

Sept. 26-27 – Camping/Hiking Trip. Check out Blackwater Falls, Canaan Valley and Senec Medium physical difficulty. Beginner skill level Cost is \$40.

Sept. 27 – Whitewater Day Trip. Raft on the Lower Youghiogeheny, a class III river. Medium physical difficulty. Beginner skill level Cost is \$65. (includes lunch)

Register for trips at Outdoor Recreation, located in the Student Recreation Center. Call **293-2203** or **293-5076**, or email: **WVUOutdoorTrips@mail.wvu.edu**.



Parking News



On the Friday before every home football game, there will be limited parking at the Coliseum. A designated area will be blocked off for an RV lot. You may want to make other parking arrangements on those days. Also, keep in mind that the Coliseum lot is very large and you can even park by the soccer field!

Please note that MPA has raised parking rates to 75 cents per hour for the Chestnut Street garage, as well as the surface lots and street metered parking closest to the downtown campus. Other MPA garages and lots are still 50 cents per hour.

Try Scuba Diving!

Have you ever wanted to try scuba diving but you can't really afford that trip to the Caribbean? The Student Rec Center is having scuba lessons in the pool for FREE! No previous experience needed and don't worry about registering; it's first come, first served. So stop by the Rec on October 2, 2009 from 6-9PM.

Also, scuba certification class begins on September 13. The class runs for five consecutive Sundays through October 11 from 4-8PM. The fee for the five-week class is \$350. You must have or purchase your own mask, fins, snorkel and boots. Make sure you register early at the Rec Center front desk!

Morgan's New Puppy!



He is an 8 week old Boston Terrier! I still can't decide on a name: Mr. Beans, Paco, or Hank! He has a tendency to fall asleep sitting up!!

Blue and Sold

Check out blueandsold.wvu.edu to sell some of that junk lying around your room. You can also check out what other students are selling. Who knows? Maybe you'll find something you need!

Don't Sweat It

Coming to a big university can be a difficult transition for students, but even more difficult if you are a commuter. Commuters don't get the regular interaction with their peers as those students living in the residence halls do. This makes it more



difficult to make new friends, especially in the classroom. So, you might not know anyone in your classes, but guess what? You're not the only one. Everyone is going through the same nervousness and anxiety as you are. Believe me; I went through the same thing as a freshman. During your next class, try to sit next to a random person and start up a conversation. You never know--- maybe it could be your new best friend or just a study buddy for the class!

Also, one of the most important things for a student to do is to say connected and involved, whether is always going to class or attending our awesome commuter events!

I have gone through the whole WVU experience already, so I know what you might be feeling. If you need to talk about (adjusting to the university, financial aid issues, what classes to take, or anything), I'm here! Believe me---I've been there and done that! It always helps to talk to another student! So, stop by my office or email me!

Morgan's Office Hours

G-16 E. Moore Hall: Monday 9AM-1PM

Tues-Thurs 12PM-4PM

Friday 9AM-1PM

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