

Montana College Visit Information for GEAR UP Groups

Fall 2008 ~ Spring 2009

| | Blackfeet CC | Carroll College | Chief Dull Knife | Dawson CC | Flathead Valley CC |
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| How much notice? | 2 weeks | 2 weeks; 3 - 4 weeks is preferred. | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 weeks preferred |
| What activities are available to groups? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Classroom visit • On-campus scavenger hunt • Mock admissions, financial aid, and career search (3 weeks notice) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Admission and/or financial aid presentation • Classroom visits for small groups of juniors/seniors • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Faculty presentation (specific) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Classroom visit • Admissions and Financial Aid presentations • Lunch (self-pay) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Admission/Financial aid presentations • Lunch (self-pay) • Faculty presentations (specific interest) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Career center visit – showing national trends & a career aptitude test • Sample classes/lessons • Meeting w/ faculty • Program specific activities • Cafeteria (self-pay) |
| What is NOT allowed/available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight housing • On-campus meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight housing • Class visits for large groups (over 12 students); • Time in the P.E. Center because of varsity and intramural sports schedules | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging (they have no dorms) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-campus overnight housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging (they have no dorms) |
| Best times for GEAR UP tours? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Thursday • 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September and October (except Fall Break) as we don't have many visitors. • The best time to schedule visits is between 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday - Thursday | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring or mid-fall |
| What times are NOT available for visits? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays / weekends • Spring break • Finals week (2nd week in December & 1st week in May) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-March through April we will not be available to take GEAR UP groups as this is when the majority of visitors come to Carroll, and 3 large campus visit programs are scheduled during this time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available on holidays or weekends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available on holidays, weekends, finals week, late afternoons. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September and early October, Beth is out, but even then she'd try to accommodate |
| What other information is important to know? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Week is the 4th week in September • Days of the Blackfeet TBA in Spring semester | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperones need to be active participants, monitor student behavior, and make sure that the students understand the rules and help enforce them when necessary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperones need to be active participants, monitor student behavior, help students with the rules and enforce them when necessary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC hosts campus View Days in the spring and summer. Call for details. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperones need to be active participants, monitor student behavior, help students with the rules and enforce them when necessary. • Must reschedule if more than 30 minutes late. |

| | Fort Belknap College | Fort Peck CC | Little Bighorn | Miles City CC | MSU-Bozeman |
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| How much notice? | 1 - 2 weeks | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | 3 - 5 weeks would be ideal | 2 weeks; 3 - 4 preferred |
| What activities are available to groups? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Admission and /or financial aid presentation • Meet with advisors • Presentation on student activities and organizations • Cultural Center Tour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Just about anything can be set up • Games, lectures, icebreakers • Financial aid presentations • Lunches can be arranged | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Admission and / or financial aid presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quite varied • Could have the president, financial aid, and program directors come and talk to the group • Tour of campus and resident halls • Students may sit in on some classes, depending on time of year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Residence hall tour • Admission and / or financial aid presentation • Facilities tour (specialized labs, demonstrations, sports areas, etc.) • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Museum of the Rockies or a planetarium show |
| What is NOT allowed/available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Food service • Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Food service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food service in the summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of lunch or museum fees (may negotiate reduced fees) • Overnight housing for groups • Sample classes |
| Best times for GEAR UP tours? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday • Before 3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Monday—Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October - November; February - March are best • Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday • All year • Spring semester visits preferred |
| What times are NOT available for visits? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays / weekends • Finals / midterms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays / weekends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays / weekends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September worst time; summer • Holidays / weekends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available on holidays and during finals week |
| What other information is important to know? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The college has several academic organizations including Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, American Indian Business Leaders Chapter, and American Indian Science and Engineering Organization. • Visit Immersion School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should be open to the cultural diversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New buildings on campus include a classroom building, and cultural center • Currently under construction is a new library and archive building • For the first time at the college, LBHC will offer junior league basketball for men and women | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miles Community College is an open admission college with small class sizes and significant resources to help students succeed. • New residence hall built in 2003 and on campus fitness center. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should plan to spend at least half the day on campus • MSU hosts MSU Friday, a campus visit day three times a year (October, January and March), which includes informational sessions, sample classes, lunch, & meetings with academic and financial aid representatives. Contact MSU to find out the dates for MSU Fridays. • Due to the tight visit schedule MSU will have to cancel the whole visit and reschedule if the group is more than 30 minutes late for the visit. |

| | MSU-Billings | MSU-Billing COT | MSU-Great Falls COT | MSU-Northern | Montana Tech |
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| Campus Contact for GEAR UP Visits | Karen Brandt Campus Tour Coordinator 406-657-2888 or 1-800-565-6782 admissions@msubillings.edu kbrandt@msubillings.edu | Nancy Burton New Student Services 406-247-3012, nburton@msubillings.edu | Natalie Nefzger Recruiter 406- 771-5132 or 406- 771-4300; natalie.nefzger@msugf.edu | Admissions Office 406-265-3704 1-800-662-6132 x 3704 admissions@msun.edu | Fred Sullivan Campus Visit Coordinator 406-496-4178 1-800-445-TECH (8324) fsullivan@mtech.edu |
| How much notice? | 2 – 4 weeks | 2-3 weeks | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | 2 weeks |
| What activities are available to groups? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Visit with admissions counselors and financial aid representatives • Other activities as requested. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Observing lab classes • Lunch (self-pay) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • EOC talk, • Student panel (maybe) • Information about the campus, program information, etc. • Food Service (self-pay) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Meeting with faculty in areas of interest • Scavenger hunt • Lunch (self-pay) • Financial aid, student life, educational options • Class observation • Meet with coach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Workshops • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Meeting with faculty in areas of interest • Visit with Admissions Counselors |
| What is NOT allowed/available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically, we do not have classes available for large groups to sit in on. • Meals for the group | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do not provide meals for the groups. • Overnight housing | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will try to accommodate special requests |
| Best times for GEAR UP tours? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday--Friday • 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Will make exceptions if needed but we want students to see campus during school hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Semester: Mid-October – Early Dec. • Spring Semester: February – Mid- April • Mid-mornings and early afternoons (9-11 or 1-3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anytime | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday • 9 am & 1 pm • During regular school session | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Thursday • All year • Mid/Late morning • These preferences may change based on campus events |
| What times are NOT available for visits? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above answer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No group tours during finals week, weekends or Holidays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No weekends • Peak times at beginning of the semester are very hard because of dual roles on campus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekends or holidays • Any time the campus is closed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available on holidays, TECH Days, and during finals week • Weekends, Friday afternoons |
| What other information is important to know? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We encourage chaperones to stay with students during the whole visit and participate during the tour. • Need accurate # of students for planning • Please arrive on time • Call if you will be late • Chaperones must be present at all times, including the campus tour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We encourage groups to visiting our campus and the senior campus (full day) • We prefer it to be while classes are in session – so students can be seen in the labs and classrooms. • Times will be dependent on staffing availability for that day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the ages, interests, and # of students coming in advance so we can prepare for the students • Chaperones are required to be active participants • Students must be respectful of presenters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the ages, interests, and # of students coming in advance so we can prepare for the students • Chaperones are required to be active participants • Students must be respectful of presenters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperones must be present at all times • Need accurate # of students for planning • Need grade levels of students • Please arrive on time • Certain activities or the entire tour may need to be rescheduled if the group is more than 30 minutes late. |

| | Montana Tech COT | Rocky Mt College | Salish Kootenai | Stone Child College | University of Great Falls |
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| How much notice? | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | 1-2 weeks | 1 week | 2 weeks |
| What activities are available to groups? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Experiential learning • Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Observing lab classes • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Admissions' counselor information session. • Maybe a SAS program, American Indian Affairs divisions, career services, or athletics presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Mock registration (maybe) • Student panel (maybe) • Lunch on campus (self-pay) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Maybe science class and cafeteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Information Sessions with Admissions Counselor • Classroom visit for small groups • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Visit to the Center for Academic Excellence/TRIO Program • Welcome from UGF President |
| What is NOT allowed/available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large groups visit into overfull classroom • We will try to accommodate special requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational activities • Overnight stays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll try to accommodate requests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not able to visit most classrooms or the business office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will try to accommodate special requests |
| Best times for GEAR UP tours? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mornings are best, but most schedules can be arranged with advance notice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday • Between 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. is best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday |
| What times are NOT available for visits? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above answer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visits on weekends or holidays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finals week / Holidays • New Student Orientation • Registration days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday after 3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finals week / Holidays • New Student Orientation • Registration days |
| What other information is important to know? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperones must stay with the students during the entire visit • Also plan to visit Tech's North Campus • Please arrive on time • Call if you will be late • If late we may omit certain activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will tailor the information session to the academic interests of the students. • Must have accurate lunch count 1 day prior to visit • Bus parking at Fortin Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call food service department at 406-275-4718 to arrange lunch • Please be specific as to # of students and time available on campus | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEAR UP groups are welcome to sign up for Campus View Days and can attain RSVP forms by contacting any one of our Admissions Counselors. We ask that RSVPs be sent in prior to attendance |

| | University of Montana | UM-COT | UM-Helena | University of Montana-Western |
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| Campus Contact for GEAR UP Visits | <p>Emily Ferguson Steger Enrollment Services-Admissions 1-1-800-462-8636 406-243-6268 emily.steger@mso.umt.edu</p> <p>Arrange Group Campus Visits using on-line registration at: http://admissions.umt.edu/visit.html</p> | <p>Nichole Brandt Enrollment Services/ Admissions 406-243-7888 or 800-542-6882</p> <p>Arrange Group Campus Visits using on-line registration at: http://admissions.umt.edu/visit.html</p> | <p>Kendall May Admissions & New Student Services 406-444-5436 kendall.may@umhelena.edu</p> | <p>Cory Creighton, Admissions Representative 406-683-7331 (877) 683-7331 c_creighton@umwestern.edu</p> |
| How much notice? | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | 2 weeks | 2 weeks |
| What activities are available to groups? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus visit activities are tailored to the grade level of the students. All visit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Lunch (self-pay) • Admissions and Financial Aid Presentations • Scavenger Hunt • Combined Visits with COT and UM Mountain Campus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours of East and West campuses • Classroom visit (if interest known ahead of time) • Observing lab classes • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Admission and financial aid information session. • Career services presentation/counseling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours • Classroom visits • Admissions/financial aid • Lunch on campus (self-pay) • Experiential learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Admissions and financial aid presentations • Lunch on campus (self-pay) |
| What is NOT allowed/available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will try to accommodate any needs or requests of a group. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational activities • Meals (the cafeteria is available for students to purchase meals) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Visits to LaCense Ranch |
| Best times for GEAR UP tours? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday • 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday • Between 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. is best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday • Between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Friday • Between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • When classes are in session |
| What times are NOT available for visits? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays and weekends • Orientation • Finals / midterms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays or weekends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays and Weekends • Summer • Finals Week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays and weekends • Summer • Winter and Spring breaks |
| What other information is important to know? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperones must stay with the students during the entire visit • Also plan to visit UM-COT • Please arrive on time • Call if you will be late • If late, we may alter schedule to accommodate • Please provide specific # of students when scheduling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to know the number and academic interests of students prior to their arrival in order to best meet their needs in our information session | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We prefer students visit campus when classes are in session • We will try to accommodate any needs or requests • We can also provide workshops on financial aid or filling out college applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require a minimum of 1 chaperone for every 10 students |