
IGNITE 2023

Information Packet



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JONES CENTER FOR
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Program Overview & Dates

Ignite: Where the Volunteer Experience Begins.

The Ignite Program is a unique opportunity for incoming first-year students to develop their leadership skills, meet other new Vols and upperclassmen student leaders, learn about opportunities for involvement, and discover what it means to be a Tennessee Volunteer. Ignite has proven to have a significant impact on first-year students' transition to the university as well as their retention. As a summer leadership and service experience, Ignite hopes to instill a passion for the University of Tennessee, inspire a commitment to student success, and ignite the leadership potential in new Volunteers.



IGNITE 865

Ignite 865 is a three-day, on-campus experience for incoming students focusing on community service and engagement, leadership, and UT traditions. Our hope is that students see Knoxville as a home and not simply a 4-year destination, as they live on-campus, serve local Knoxville organizations, participate in fun excursions, and truly become a Volunteer.

June 15 - 17

June 20 - 22

August 16 - 18

IGNITE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Ignite Leadership Summit is a three-day, off campus experience for incoming students that focuses on leadership development and what it means to be a part of the Volunteer community. This experience provides new Volunteers the opportunity to grow in personal leadership development, take part in team building, and engage in a high-energy UT traditions tournament.

June 1 - 3 (West, TN)

August 16 - 18 (East, TN)

IGNITE OUTDOORS

Ignite Outdoors is a four-day outdoor trip filled with adventure, leadership, learning, and outdoor skill development led by our experts in Outdoor Pursuits. University of Tennessee Outdoor Pursuits staff takes pride in providing a meaningful experience for participants. With training in navigation, wilderness first aid, risk management, group dynamics, leadership, and technical skills, our leaders are well prepared to provide an enjoyable, learning adventure for students. The wilderness environment provides many amazing opportunities to learn about how to cope with new challenges both on and off campus. All trips will be 4-day basecamp trips where students will have the opportunity to try rock climbing, hiking, and whitewater paddling.

July 18 - 21

July 25 - 28

August 1 - 4

Registration & Payments

Registration closes two weeks prior to a session or when a session reaches capacity. Please review all participant and registration information before registering for an Ignite session. Students may participate in one version of Ignite or multiple! Registration is available on a first-come, first serve basis.

Students can register for Ignite 865 & Ignite Leadership Summit at leadserve.utk.edu/ignite

Students can register for Ignite Outdoors at
recsports.utk.edu/igniteoutdoors

*Please note: Ignite does NOT take the place of Orientation. All incoming students are required to complete their online Orientation modules and meet with an advisor, but they can choose to add an Ignite session in order to enhance their experience and learn more about UT, traditions, leadership, service, and values. Our June Ignite 865 sessions are scheduled to coincide with optional June Summer Welcome dates, where students and families can participate in an in-person Orientation experience.

PRICE \$200 - \$300

Includes:

Ignite 865 (\$200)	Ignite Leadership Summit (\$200)	Ignite Outdoors (\$300)
Transportation to and from community events, off campus meals, and service projects	Transportation to and from summit site <u>West, TN - Linden Valley</u> Pick-up: Memphis & Nashville <u>East, TN - Carson Springs</u> Pick-up: UT	Transportation to and from outdoor activity site
On-Campus Housing	Cabin-style Lodging (air-conditioned)	Tent Camping
Program Meals	Program Meals	Program Meals
City Activities/Excursions	Challenge Course	Ignite T-Shirt
Ignite T-Shirt	Ignite T-Shirt	Program Materials
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Ignite registration fees are **REQUIRED** at the time of registration. If you need financial assistance, a fee waiver application will be available on the website by the end of March.

Session Switches & Cancellations

If a student wishes to switch their Ignite 865 or Leadership Summit session they must send an email to leadserve@utk.edu. If a student wishes to switch their Ignite Outdoors session, they must email recsports@utk.edu.

The following information should be included:

- Participant's full name
- Participant's UTK student ID number
- Ignite session they are currently registered for
- Ignite session they wish to switch to

If space is available in the desired session the switch will be made for a \$25 processing fee. The \$25 processing fee must be paid at the time of the program switch. The deadline for session switches is June 1, 2022.

If a student wishes to cancel their Ignite 865 or Leadership Summit registration they must send an email to leadserve@utk.edu. If a student wishes to cancel their Ignite Outdoors session, they must email recsports@utk.edu.

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Due to the nature of the Ignite program and the necessity for early planning and purchasing of supplies, **no refunds are available**. If a student has a medical or family emergency and wishes to cancel their Ignite session, documentation will need to be submitted to leadserve@utk.edu in order for a refund to be considered.

Fee Waiver

Those students wishing to apply for an Ignite fee waiver must submit an application at leadserve.utk.edu/ignite/. Applications will be available April 1st to June 15th. Students who apply will be notified via email at the earliest possible time regarding the status of their application. Students who are awarded a fee waiver must respond to the acceptance email confirming their attendance for the requested Ignite session. Failure to attend the requested session will result in the Ignite registration fee being charged to the student's UTK account.

Transportation

Transportation is provided to and from Ignite 865 and Leadership Summit sessions from UT's campus and official pick up and drop off locations in West TN. It is the participant's responsibility to arrange transportation to these official sites or UT's campus. Due to minimal parking at our program sites and for safety reasons, participants are not able to drive themselves directly to the program site. ALL participants must use the provided transportation to and from the Ignite session.

For Ignite 865 and Leadership Summit, we do provide a shuttle service to and from the following locations between the hours of 8am-5pm:

- Knoxville Airport (Tyson McGhee, TYS)
- Greyhound Bus Station (100 East Magnolia Ave.)

To request transportation to or from the Knoxville Airport or bus station, email leadserve@utk.edu with the following information:

- Participant's full name
- Ignite session they are currently registered for
- Pick-up/drop-off location
- Arrival date & time
- Departure date & time

Ignite Outdoors will not provide transportation before or after the Ignite Outdoor session.

Program Housing

Ignite 865: Participants will stay in a co-ed on-campus residence hall for the duration of the program. For the August 865 session, participants will be able to move into their assigned residence hall early (details will come in late-summer). If a student's roommate wishes to move in early they must also participate in the August Ignite 865. Parents/guests are not allowed to stay in the residence hall per UT Housing policy.

Ignite Leadership Summit: Participants will stay in cabins that are air-conditioned. Students participating in the East, TN August Session of Leadership Summit will be able to move into their assigned residence hall early. If a student's roommate wishes to move in early they must also participate in the Ignite Leadership Summit program. Parents/guests are not allowed to stay in the residence hall per UT Housing policy.

Ignite Outdoors: Participants will sleep in 3-4 person tents with members of the same gender for the duration of the program.

Additional Housing

Housing is available before and after all Ignite 865 & Leadership Summit sessions. Ignite Outdoors will not provide campus housing before or after a session. If you need housing before Ignite 865 or Leadership Summit, please indicate on your Ignite registration form. If you decide you will need additional housing after you register for an Ignite session please email leadserve@utk.edu with the following information:

- Participant's full name
- Participant's UTK student ID number
- Date(s) housing is needed

*Please note that per UT Housing policy, parents/guests are not allowed to stay in the residence hall with the participant.

Meals

If a student has any special dietary needs, please indicate those requirements on the registration form.

What to Bring

Students participating in Ignite will receive an official Participant Packet two weeks prior to their specific session. Packing lists for Ignite 865, Ignite Leadership Summit, and Ignite Outdoors will be available by May 1.

Parking

Please note that all Ignite programs have different check-in locations. There are loading/unloading areas available at each check-in location for those students who are being dropped off. Once your student is dropped off at Ignite, you must move to visitor parking if you wish to stay longer.

Students driving themselves to Ignite should follow the instructions below in order to avoid a parking ticket on campus.

June Ignite 865 participants: Two weeks prior to a student's Ignite session, an official Participant Packet will be sent via their **UTK email** and will include a parking permit and parking location directions. Please only park in designated areas, and keep your permit visible at all times through the front windshield.

Parking Cont.

Ignite Outdoors, August Ignite 865 and August Ignite Leadership Summit participants:

Participants will need to have a UT parking permit to park on campus during the program. Students may purchase UT parking permit online through the registration and confirmation process. For **Ignite Outdoors participants**, if a student purchases a parking pass upon registration (\$40), it will be waiting for them on the morning of the trip. If a student does not wish to purchase a permit, there is street parking on the edges of campus that can be accessed easily. Please only park in designated areas, and keep your permit visible at all times through the front windshield. Ignite and UT will not be responsible for cars that are towed or ticketed while parked in a non-designated area or without a permit visible.

West, TN Ignite Leadership Summit participants will receive information about parking in Memphis or Nashville.

RULES & POLICIES

Students who participate in Ignite are required to abide by the following rules and regulations. If a student does not comply with the rules below, they may be asked to leave the program without a refund. In addition, all Ignite participants are subject to the UT Student Code of Conduct.

Alcohol & Drugs

Absolutely NO alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed for any reason. If a student requires life-saving medication or devices, they should carry them at all times (i.e. asthma/inhaler).

Smoking

No smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco is permitted during the Ignite programs. If a participant is seen smoking, vaping or using chewing tobacco they will be asked to leave without a refund.

Cell Phones

There may be no cell service at the Ignite Outdoors site. There is no cell service at the Leadership Summit sites. Students may be encouraged to turn in their cell phone to Ignite Outdoors staff upon check in for safekeeping. Cell phones will be returned to students on the final day of each program.

We ask that students be respectful of all staff, guests and presenters and refrain from using their cell phone except during breaks and free time. If a participant is carrying a phone to scheduled activities, they must ensure that it is set to vibrate or silent.

In event of emergency, students can be reached at the following:

- Ignite 865: Jones Center for Leadership and Service (865) 974-1039
- Ignite Leadership Summit:
 - Linden Valley (931) 589-2622
 - Carson Springs (877) 704-6336
- Ignite Outdoors: UT RecSports Outdoor Programs (865) 974-0429

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Students are NOT allowed to visit or be visited by guests at any time during any Ignite program.

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Leaving an Ignite Program

No student is allowed to leave the program early without permission from a parent or guardian AND notification of Ignite staff. If you need to leave for any reason, please have a parent or guardian call Ignite staff.

Buddy System

As a safety precaution, please do not venture off campus alone at night. We encourage students to bring another participant with them when walking around campus. If you must leave campus outside of scheduled program activities please notify your Ignite Team Leader.

Participation

Participants are expected to attend all scheduled events. Some of the events for each program are physically strenuous, and several are conducted outdoors. Participants always engage in these activities by choice, no student will be forced to participate. Students with concerns about participating in any of the events should speak with the Ignite Team Leader or Ignite professional staff.

*Ignite 865 participants: Please do NOT schedule interviews, tests or advising meetings during the program. You are expected to remain with the program during its entirety. Advising appointments can be made after the Ignite program has concluded.

*Greek Life Recruitment: The Jones Center for Leadership and Service and the Office of Sorority and Fraternity life are in collaboration with one another consistently. Due to the nature of scheduling issues and the plethora of events for incoming first-year students, students are not able to participate in Panhellenic or IFC recruitment AND attend the August sessions of Ignite 865 and Leadership Summit. We will continue to support our students as they choose, as each provides incredible opportunities to connect and belong at the University of Tennessee.

In accordance with the University of Tennessee Student Conduct & Community Standards (studentconduct.utk.edu) policies, students who choose not to act in a manner representing the values of civility, community, and the University of Tennessee, may be removed from the program at the expense of the participant. Participants must act in a manner that fosters an

EMAILS

Specific program information regarding check-in and more will be emailed to participant's UTK emails. Please be sure to check UTK emails throughout the summer, especially within 3 weeks of the program. If a participant does not receive emails following registration or before the program, please contact the Jones Center for Leadership and Service.