

IGNITE



INFORMATION PACKET

2024



WHERE THE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE BEGINS

The Ignite Program is a unique opportunity for incoming first-year students to develop their leadership skills, build relationships with freshmen and upperclassmen Vols, learn about involvement opportunities, and discover what it means to be a Tennessee Volunteer. Ignite has a proven impact on first-year students' transition to the university with a record-high retention rate. As a summer leadership and service experience, Ignite will instill a passion for the University of Tennessee, inspire a commitment to student success, and ignite the leadership potential of new Volunteers.



IGNITE: 865

June 7 - June 9

June 11 - June 13

June 14 - June 16

June 15 - June 17

June 24 - June 26

August 14 - August 16

Ignite: 865 is a three-day, on-campus experience for incoming first-year students that emphasizes community engagement, leadership development, and exploration of University of Tennessee traditions. Students will see Knoxville not only as a college destination, but as their home, while they stay on-campus, serve local organizations, participate in exciting excursions, and step into their future as a Volunteer.

IGNITE: SUMMIT

Ignite: Summit is a three-day, off-campus experience for incoming first-year students that concentrates on developing leadership and finding community as Volunteers. Students will take part in engaging team-building activities and participate in longstanding Tennessee traditions.

August 12 - August 14

IGNITE: OUTDOORS

July 16 - July 19

July 23 - July 26

July 30 - August 2

August 6 - August 9

Ignite: Outdoors is a four-day, outdoor trip filled with adventure, leadership, and learning. Experts in Outdoor Pursuits will lead outdoor skill development. With navigation training, wilderness first aid, risk management, group dynamics, leadership, and technical skills, our leaders are well-prepared to provide an enjoyable, educational adventure for students. All trips are four-day basecamp trips where students will try rock climbing, hiking, and whitewater paddling.



Students can register for Ignite: 865 and Ignite: Summit at leadserve.utk.edu/ignite

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

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS

Registration closes two weeks before a session or when a session reaches capacity. Please review all registration and program information before registering for an Ignite session. Students may participate in one version of Ignite (Ignite: 865, Ignite: Summit, and Ignite: Outdoors) or multiple! Registration is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please note that **Ignite does not replace Orientation**. All incoming students are required to complete online Orientation modules and meet with an advisor. Registering for an Ignite session enhances their experience as they explore traditions at the university, serve the Knoxville community, and develop their leadership skills. **Ignite: 865 sessions in June are purposefully scheduled to coincide with optional Vol Summer Visit dates**, where students and families can participate in a dynamic in-person Orientation experience.

SUMMIT

\$225

Transportation to and from Carson Springs Retreat Center

Cabin-style lodging with air conditioning

Program Meals

Challenge Course

Ignite T-Shirt

Program Materials

865

\$225

Transportation to and from community activities

On-campus housing

Program Meals

Community events and city excursions

Ignite T-Shirt

Program Materials

OUTDOORS

\$300

Transportation to and from outdoor activity site

Tent camping

Program Meals

Ignite T-Shirt

Program Materials

FEE WAIVERS

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 at the beginning of March.

Students who require a fee waiver must apply
leadserve.utk.edu/ignite.

Applications are available from March 1st to June 15th. Applicants will be notified via email at the office's earliest availability regarding the status of their application. If a student is awarded a fee waiver, **they must respond to the acceptance email to confirm their attendance for the requested session.** Failure to attend the session will result in the registration fee being charged to the student's UTK account.

SESSION SWITCHES

If a student wishes to switch their Ignite: 865 or Ignite: Summit session, they must email leadserve@utk.edu.

If a student wishes to switch their Ignite: Outdoors session, they must email session, they must email recsports@utk.edu.

Students should include the following information in their email:

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



Students will be charged a \$25 processing fee if space is available in the desired session. The fee must be paid at the time of the program switch. All program switches must be made by June 1, 2024.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If a student wishes to cancel their Ignite: 865 or Ignite: Summit session, they must email leadserve@utk.edu.

If a student wishes to cancel their Ignite: Outdoors session, recsports@utk.edu.



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



TRANSPORTATION



Transportation is provided to and from Ignite: 865 and Ignite: Summit sites from the University of Tennessee's campus. **It is the participant's responsibility to arrange transportation to Knoxville.**

Participants may choose to take advantage of our shuttle service from the following locations between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.

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



To request transportation to and from the Knoxville airport or the Greyhound Bus Station, please email leadserve@utk.edu with the following information:

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



Due to safety protocol and minimal parking at program sites, participants are not allowed to drive themselves directly to the Carson Springs Retreat Center for Ignite: Summit.

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

PARKING

Ignite: 865 participants for June sessions will receive an **official Participant Information Packet to their UTK email two weeks before their session**. It will include a parking permit and parking location directions. Please only park in designated areas and keep your permit visible through the front windshield at all times to avoid a parking ticket.

Ignite: Outdoors participants may purchase a parking permit upon registration for \$40. It will be waiting for the student 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 is easily accessible.

All Ignite program participants for **August sessions must purchase a UTK parking permit to park on-campus during the program**. Students may purchase a UTK parking permit online through the registration and confirmation process.

Ignite and the University of Tennessee is not responsible for cars that are towed or ticketed while parked in non-designated areas or without a visible permit.

HOUSING

SUMMIT

Ignite: Summit participants will stay in air-conditioned cabins at the Carson Springs Retreat Center. Before leaving for the session, students will move into their assigned residence hall.

OUTDOORS

Ignite: Outdoors participants will sleep in 3-4 person tents.

865

Participants of the June sessions of Ignite: 865 will stay in a co-ed, on-campus residence hall for the duration of the program.

Participants of the August sessions of Ignite: 865 will move into their assigned residence hall early. More details will be provided in late summer.

If a student's roommate also wishes to move in early, they must also participate in the August session of Ignite. Parents and guests are not allowed to stay in the residence hall, per the University of Tennessee housing policy.

ADDITIONAL HOUSING

Housing is available before and after all Ignite: 865 and Ignite: Summit sessions. Students must indicate their need for housing on their Ignite registration form.

If a student decides they need additional housing after completing registration, please email leadserve@utk.edu with the following information:

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



Ignite: Outdoors will not provide on-campus housing before or after a session.



MEALS

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



RULES AND 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, they may be asked to leave the program without a refund. All Ignite participants are subject to the University of Tennessee Code of Conduct.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND SMOKING

No alcohol or illegal drugs will be tolerated for any reason. If a student requires a lifesaving medication or device, they should carry them at all times (i.e., inhaler).

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

CELL PHONES

There may not be cell service at the Ignite: Outdoors site. Students may be encouraged to turn in their cellphones to Ignite: Outdoors staff upon check-in for safekeeping. Cellphones will be returned to students on the final day of each program.

There is **not** cell service at the Ignite: Summit site.

We ask that all students are respectful of our staff, guests, and presenters by refraining from using their cellphone except during breaks and free time. They must ensure their cellphone is set to vibrate or silent during scheduled activities.

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

- **Ignite: 865 at the Jones Center for Leadership and Service - (865) 974-1039**
- **Ignite: Summit at Carson Springs Retreat Center - (877) 704-6336**
- **Ignite: Outdoors at the UT RecSports Outdoor Programs - (865) 974-0429**

Questions? Email leadserve.utk.edu.