**Freshman Connection Tentative Schedule 2025** *– subject to change*

**Keep It Local Program | July 8-11 or July 15-18**

**There will be a lot of walking, be sure to bring good walking shoes and be ready to discover Eau Claire!**

**DAY 1 – Tuesday**

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| **9:00am-10:00am** | Arrive to Campus (Towers Hall), check in, yard games |
| **10:00am-10:30am** | Gather outside Towers Hall and meet the staff |
| **10:30am-11:00am** | Welcome Address at the Hilltop Center Lounge |
| **11:00am-4:00pm** | Ropes Course (Low & High Course) and Erberts & Gerberts Lunch |
| **4:00pm-4:30pm** | Personal time |
| **4:45pm-5:30pm** | Dinner @ Thai Orchid |
| **6:00-8:30pm** | Discover Downtown *(Ice Cream Shops, Murals, Sculpture Tour, Pablo Center, Lighted Bridge, The Local Store)* Tuesday Night Blues at Owen Park 6:30pm  |
| **8:30pm** | Free time, optional Campfire Conversations outside The Suites |

**DAY 2 – Wednesday**

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| **8:30am-9:00am** | Breakfast in Hilltop Center  |
| **9:00am-10:00am** | Campus Tour – Scavenger Hunt  |
| **10:00am-11:00am** | Visit Eau Claire: Eau Claireology App + Water Street Walk and Talk (*Coffee Shops, Restaurants, Chippewa River State Trail, Aspenson-Mogensen Residence Hall, Haas & HSS, Fleet Feet)*  |
| **11:00am-11:30am** | Free Time on Water Street |
| **11:30am-12:15pm** | Lunch at Dooleys, downtown Water Street  |
| **12:15pm-1:00pm** | Return to campus, personal time |
| **1:00pm-4:00pm** | Water fun and games at Halfmoon Beach  |
| **4:00pm-5:15pm** | Back to campus, personal time |
| **5:15pm-8:30pm** | Governor’s Field Hangout & Chipotle Dinner |
| **8:30pm** | Free time, optional Outdoor Movie at 9pm Campus Mall  |

**DAY 3 – Thursday**

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| **8:30am-9:00am** | Breakfast in Hilltop Center |
| **9:00am-11:00am** | Q & A with Trip Leaders Centennial 1704 |
| **11:00am-12:00pm** | Walk to Farmer’s Market/Explore Downtown |
| **12:00pm-1:00pm** | Lunch at Menomonie Market Food Co-Op: Sandwiches |
| **1:30pm-2:00pm** | Return to Towers: personal time |
| **2:00pm-4:30pm** | Chippewa River Float |
| **4:30pm-5:30pm** | Return to Towers, personal time |
| **5:30pm-6:30pm** | Walk downtown, Pizza dinner at Reboot Social @6pm  |
| **6:30pm-8:00pm** | 6pm: Sounds like Summer Concert Series – Phoenix Park  |
| **8:30pm** | Free time, program concludes |

**DAY 4 – Friday**

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| **8:00am-8:45am** | Breakfast on own in Hilltop Center, depart or join the Blugold Experience Day if registered |