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Welcome to Colorado State University!

This edition of the University Parent & Family Guide to Colorado State University focuses on the parents and family members of prospective and newly admitted Colorado State students. As a campus community, we value the role parents and families play in their student's success and retention. It is our goal to partner with students and their families during their college years, all hoping for one common goal: graduation.

If you and your student are in the college search process, please know that you are an important constituent in the school search process. As your student selects potential schools, spend time on their websites to see what kinds of services are offered to parents and families. Are you treated as a donor? Are you treated as an interested audience? Are you treated as a partner in your student's education? What is important to you, as a family member of a student, and can you access those resources from your student's schools of interest? If your student is newly admitted, we want to be sure he/she is supported in accessing resources on campus.

In addition to the many educational programs and support services offered to students, CSU has a comprehensive Parent & Family program with an array of resources! We know students are more connected to their families than ever before and it is important to educate the whole family for student success. Here are a few resources we think all parents and families should know about:

- Jody Donovan, Dean of Students/ Executive Director of Parent & Family Programs and Kacee Collard Jarnot, Assistant Director of Parent & Family Programs – two staff members dedicated

to parents and families. We are available to talk with you in person (201 Administration Building), by phone (970-491-5312), or via email (jody.donovan@colostate.edu/ kacee.collard@colostate.edu) about all things CSU.

- A Parent and Family Website – linked directly from the CSU homepage! The site (www.parentsandfamily.colostate.edu) is filled with helpful information for parents and families. We update it regularly and it contains information on everything from campus events to budget updates.
- A monthly electronic newsletter with helpful information, campus resources, important deadlines and articles on ways students can become more engaged and involved on campus.
- The RAMFAM Parent & Family Association meets regularly. This group of involved parents and family members help us improve our programs and services and invest in the CSU experience. You can participate in the meetings in person or through our live webcasting for non-resident families. More information is available in this guide, or online

at <http://parentsandfamily.colostate.edu/ramfam.aspx>.

- Multiple opportunities for networking with other CSU parents and family members through on-campus events such as Preview and Next Step Orientations, Ram Welcome, and Homecoming & Family Weekend.
- An award-winning calendar detailing 'typical' student development issues month-by-month with tips on how families can support their students, important dates and deadlines, resources, and recommended books, websites and articles.
- Parents and Families also have the option to support the Parents Fund, which supports parent and family programming, as well as student organizations and departments in bringing programming to campus focusing on leadership, diversity, community and wellness initiatives.

We hope you find this publication useful as you explore Colorado State University. If you have feedback or suggestions for improving this resource, please let us know. We look forward to meeting you and partnering with you toward your student's success. ■



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Colorado State Parents & Families

Preparing for Next Step (transfer) or Preview (first-year) Orientation

By Zach Mercurio, Orientation & Transition Programs

Student Orientation is designed to ease the transition for all new students and gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about Colorado State University. Attending is the best way for your student to experience quality advising and register for their classes.

Students and their families who have attended have repeatedly told our staff that coming to an orientation made their first year at Colorado State University much easier. Here's why:

- **Student Benefits**
Students knew what to expect and where to go for assistance. They reported feeling more comfortable at Colorado State University and were able to make connections with other students, faculty, and staff before they start classes.
- **Family Benefits**
Families also felt more connected with campus, gained a sense that campus faculty and staff care about their student's success and safety, saw their student get more comfortable with campus and learned how to successfully navigate through this time of transition.

How do students sign up for Preview or Next Step Orientation?

All students who pay their enrollment deposit will attend an orientation session. Students can visit www.otp.colostate.edu to view dates and reserve a spot. Space is limited for each session to ensure that students receive quality academic advising and individual attention. Students are encouraged to sign up for the first available session for greater class availability.

What should students bring to Orientation?

- Eidentity username and password (can be obtained at www.eid.colostate.edu)
- Test results from any Advanced Placement Exams (if available)
- Health history form and certificate of immunization (if not sent in already)
- Comfortable clothing and shoes for traveling across campus, a pen, and a photo ID or driver's license
- Questions! Students should take some time before arriving to list the things they really want to know about Colorado State
- Review www.otp.colostate.edu for more information on the experience.

Can family and friends attend as well?

Yes! Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to come along and participate in orientation. In fact, we've incorporated separate presentations to provide information commonly sought by family members and other guests.

Learn more about orientation, registration, dates, and other important information by visiting our website at: www.otp.colostate.edu. ■



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Exploring Majors at CSU

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Each year approximately one-third of all freshmen are Undeclared. The “Undeclared” classification describes students who have either not yet declared a major or have not yet met the requirements for their chosen major (for example: “Undeclared – Business Interest”). With each entering class, the Center for Advising and Student Achievement (CASA) sees a common trend of students who are undecided about their major or field of study. Over half of the students who enter CSU with a declared major end up changing somewhere along the path to graduation.

With students experiencing various levels of undecidedness, they often find themselves progressing through cycles of confusion, interest, decision & commitment, and doubt.

Fortunately, CSU offers many resources to help a student navigate self-reflection, gathering personal preferences, and then looking at CSU’s programs of study as students look for a “best fit” major. By giving themselves time to thoughtfully explore majors, students can make a more informed decision that supports their unique values, abilities, and interests.

Students wishing to explore majors are encouraged to participate in the following major exploration activities:



- Consult CASA’s Undeclared Advising webpage – The CASA website features many resources for exploring majors: www.undeclared.casa.colostate.edu/home.aspx
- Attend Major Madness workshops where students work to clarify

their interests, values, and skills, and discuss ways to connect these to majors and careers. www.undeclared.casa.colostate.edu/MajorMadnes.aspx

- Visit with an academic advisor in CASA – CASA advises all students

at CSU who are undecided or who are seeking majors that have prerequisite entrance requirements.

- Talk with a Key Advisor in the academic departments of interest. The Key Advisor is a spokesperson for the academic department and can help students learn more about a particular major.
- Visit with a Career Counselor at the Career Center – Career Counselors focus on occupational strengths and values to help students discover career or industry paths that may be appropriately suited for their interests. www.career.colostate.edu

Ultimately, we want students to choose a major that they feel suits their interests, abilities, and values. We want to see them in an academic program that they will be excited to learn about and that will inspire them to be the best student they can be. ■

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First Year

- Explore majors
- Take a variety of classes in subjects of interest
- Explore interests, skills, and values; if necessary, take a career assessment
- Attend major exploration events
- Get involved
- Join student organizations related to major, areas of interest
- Volunteer
- Establish a strong GPA
- Begin documenting experiences in a resume
- Check out resume writing resources in this book to help you get started
- Research and apply for summer jobs and internships
- Attend Career Fair bi-annually to explore careers and network with employers

Second Year

- Declare Major or solidify choice of Major
- Explore occupations related to Major
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in field of interest
- Check out career exploration resources on the Career Center's homepage
- Explore Study Abroad opportunities
- Apply for career-related summer internships – remember to apply early
- Create a resume and have it critiqued by a career counselor
- Check out CareerRAM, the Career Center's online internship and job posting site
- Get to know professors and build relationships with people who can be references

Third Year

- Join a professional organization (as a student member) related to major
- Learn how to market skills to employers by researching job descriptions
- Explore current job openings by industry and major using CareerRAM
- Buy interview clothing
- Practice interviewing skills in a mock interview
- Explore graduate school programs
- Gain a leadership position in a student organization
- Network with friends, family, and employers

Fourth Year

- Start job search early
- Take graduate school admission tests, write personal statements, be mindful of deadlines – apply early
- Update resume
- Participate in on-campus interviews
- Think about where prefer to live following graduation
- Continue to network with friends, family, employers
- Ensure final graduation requirements are met
- Attend Career Fair to talk with employers about specific job opportunities ■



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By Lieutenant Christopher Wolf, CSUPD

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CSU police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They patrol the campus by foot, vehicle, bicycle, and motorcycle. CSUPD operates on a community policing model, working with the community to prevent crimes before they happen. Officers educate community members on ways to stay safe and are constantly on the lookout for issues that could affect health and safety.

CSUPD is trained and equipped to respond to any type of incident. During the initial phase of an incident, CSUPD and, if necessary other emergency response agencies, will evaluate the situation to determine the best course of action for the safety of CSU. In the event of a crisis, CSUPD has the ability to notify the community in a variety of ways including, RAVE Alert text messaging, email, Everbridge (mass notification through the campus phone system), and via the Emergency Broadcast System.



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CSUPD has its own 911 communications center. 911 calls dialed from a landline campus phone will go directly to CSUPD's communications center. 911 calls dialed from a cell phone will go to Fort Collins Police Services and are then routed to CSUPD. Trained dispatchers evaluate the calls and promptly send the necessary resources to handle the situation.

CSUPD employs students, known as Campus Service Officers (CSOs), to assist in keeping the campus safe. CSOs are not police officers, but they wear a distinctive uniform and perform a variety of functions within the department. The most visible

is the Safe Walk Program, which is staffed by CSOs who work in teams of two and are available to walk community members anywhere on campus and within a reasonable perimeter around campus.

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Created in 2009, the RAMFAM Association is made up of volunteer parents and families who serve as liaisons to Colorado State University and represent parents and family members of undergraduate students. Brought to you by the Parents Fund, the Association meets regularly to discuss issues, learn more about University programs and developments affecting students, and assist in planning programs and events that involve CSU parents and families.

RAMFAM's primary goals are to support families and students; enhance the connection between families, students and the university administration; provide feedback to the University on student and family issues; communicate family concerns to elected governmental officials; and assist with the recruitment and retention of students and RAMFAM Association members.

During each meeting, we create programming based on your feedback from assessments, emails or other connections. In the last three years, we've talked about everything from financial aid to health and safety on campus and we continue to look for ways to share more information with you.

We encourage you to become involved with the RAMFAM Association, regardless of your location!

- Attend our meetings. During the academic year, RAMFAM meets from 10:00 am – noon five times per semester. Dates and locations are posted on the Parent and Family website (www.parentsandfamily.colostate.edu):
- For families living outside of northern Colorado we offer:
 - Webcasting and blogging opportunities during RAMFAM Association meetings. We hope you'll participate virtually and we do our best to work your questions and comments in to the on-campus meeting.
 - Hometown RAMFAM Clubs! We can help you connect with other Colorado State families to host events and create relationships closer to home. If you are interested in starting a Hometown RAMFAM Club in your area, or in connecting with an existing club, please contact us at (970) 491-5312 or by emailing jody.donovan@colostate.edu or kacee.collard@colostate.edu. ■

Top Parent & Family FAQs

Q: How can I access my student's grades, academic standing, tuition, and fees status?

A: The disclosure of student records is governed by the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), which allows records to be released once permission is given from the student. For more information on privacy and access to student records, please look at the FERPA information on the Registrar's web page: www.registrar.colostate.edu. Because of this privacy law, parents and families access information through their students. Students can access many parts of their educational records and conduct secure transactions with the University through their RAMweb accounts at www.ramweb.colostate.edu.

Q: How does my student set up an email account?

A: All Colorado State University students, faculty, and staff are given a free email account on one of Academic Computing & Network Service's (ACNS's) central servers with the creation of an eID. Visit the eID web site www.eid.colostate.edu to create an eID.

Q: How can my student find information about jobs on campus?

A: Students can find job listings online at RAMweb. Students go to www.ramweb.colostate.edu and login using their eID, then select the Job Listing link. Students have also shared they learn about jobs through word of mouth, fliers, and independent office/department advertising.

Q: Does my student need a parking permit?

A: Yes! All vehicles parked on campus require a Colorado State University parking permit. Annual and daily parking permits are available for purchase at Parking Services in the Lake Street Parking Garage. Permit prices can be found online at www.parking.colostate.edu. Students should also register bicycles for only \$10 in Green Hall.

Q: How do I receive my student's CSU bill and when is the payment for tuition, housing, and other charges due?

A: CSU uses e-Billing to notify students, parents and families of the amount due for tuition, University housing, and other charges. The payment due dates are: September 10 for the fall semester and February 10 for the spring semester. Learn more at www.sfs.colostate.edu.

Q: Who do I talk to about billing questions?

A: Contact Student Financial Services. You may visit them in Centennial Hall or call them at (970) 491-6321. Payments for tuition and University housing can be paid online through RAMweb by students, or FAMweb for families.

Q: My student has a hold that prevents them from registering for classes. Why?

A: The University utilizes holds to stop registration and other transactions when the student fails to fulfill some obligation. While there are multiple reasons for holds, most holds reflect past due accounts or disciplinary actions. The reason behind a ►

hold is provided to the student when they log on to RAMweb. As indicated above, the University can only discuss a student's educational record (including holds) with parents or family members if the student has provided consent or the parents have established the right to access. Students who wish to discuss a financial hold are encouraged to contact Student Financial Services. You may visit them in Centennial Hall or call them at (970) 491-6321. Students can discuss academic holds with their academic advisor or faculty member.

Q: My student is moving off campus. What are some resources they can access to help them with their search?

A: Off-Campus Life offers a variety of programs and services to help your student have a successful transition into the Fort Collins neighborhoods. Services and resources range from providing listings of available rentals in Fort Collins to roommate matching. Off-Campus Life also provides information on City ordinances and how to be a good neighbor. Visit their website at www.ocl.colostate.edu. In addition to the services Off-Campus Life provides, Student Legal Services can assist students in understanding rental contracts and their rights as tenants. For more information, visit www.sls.colostate.edu.

Q: Where can my student and I learn more about study abroad programs?

A: The Office of International Programs

(OIP) in Laurel Hall (on the Oval) is the central resource for information on international activities on campus and abroad. The OIP maintains reference materials on a wide variety of study abroad and internship programs, short-term work and volunteer opportunities, grants and scholarships, and has resources for students to travel abroad. Study Abroad Advisors are available to assist students in learning how to research programs, identify those that meet university requirements for credit transfer, and answer questions they may have about incorporating international experiences into their studies at CSU. Visit their web site at www.international.colostate.edu for more information.

Q: How do I find information about my student's commencement ceremonies?

A: On the CSU webpage (www.colostate.edu) go to Events Calendars on the navigation bar, then scroll down and select "Commencement." Future graduation dates and schedules are listed until spring 2016!

Q: How does my student change residence hall rooms if he/she doesn't like his/her roommate?

A: Students should revisit their roommate contract to see what changes need to be made to make the living environment conducive to both students. During this process, students can use the office

manager as a resource in changing the roommate contract. If that doesn't work, students should contact their Resident Assistant to find an appropriate solution. Students should be aware that changing room assignments is a last resort and it is likely both roommates will have to move to a different room.

Q: What is the protocol the University uses to contact parents if my student is in an accident?

A: The University only contacts individuals designated as the student's emergency contacts. Emergency contacts are contacted if the University learns that a student has been transported away from campus to the hospital. Upon learning of an accident, we work with emergency contacts through the student's recovery process utilizing Student Case Managers. Learn more about their services at www.studentcasemanagement.colostate.edu.

Q: How can my student get involved on campus?

A: In their first semester, students can participate in the First Year Mentoring Program, allowing students to join other new students who share their interests, passions, or identities. FYMP groups meet regularly in the fall semester and students are paired with a Faculty/Staff Mentor and a Peer Mentor. This program is a non-credit opportunity designed to help students make the most of their college experience by building strong connections with the CSU community. For more information, visit www.otp.colostate.edu. Additionally, CSU offers close to 400 Student Organizations to meet the needs of many of our students. The current Student Organizations are listed at www.slice.colostate.edu and students can gain more information using the contact information listed on this site!

Q: How can I help ensure my first year student makes a successful transition to a second year at CSU?

A: Encourage your first year student to attend the Getting to Year 2 @ CSU Conference in February of each academic year! Getting to Year 2 @ CSU is a conference in the Lory Student Center where first year students (in their second semester) attend breakout sessions specifically created to address second year student issues. These topics include challenging academics, establishing future goals, transitioning to off-campus life, managing finances, feeling a connection to campus and faculty, and more. For more information, visit www.otp.colostate.edu.

Q: I am used to being involved with my student's academic career. How can I become involved with my student at the collegiate level?

A: You can become an active member in the RAMFAM Association! Our parent and family association helps to advance the CSU student and family experience in the university's ongoing mission of excellence by supporting parents and families, providing feedback to the University regarding student issues, and assisting with recruitment and retention. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the RAMFAM Association website at www.parentsandfamily.colostate.edu. ■





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How many of your students are involved in high school? high school athletes? involved in student council? an honor society? We encourage student involvement at the collegiate level and opportunities for new students to explore their path to involvement begin with Ram Welcome, the first four days on campus. Following Ram Welcome, in a student's first year, Orientation & Transition Programs offers opportunities for new first-year students and a variety of opportunities for transfer students to get involved. First-year students can join a group of their peers who share a passion, interest or identity as well as receive a Peer Mentor and Faculty/Staff Mentor as part of the First Year Mentoring Program. Transfer Students can participate in activities planned as part of the Transfer Mentoring Program, join the Transfer Student Association, be inducted into Tau Sigma National Honor Society, or join Transfer Student Communities. For more information on first-year or transfer programs, visit: www.otp.colostate.edu.

Each student living in the residence halls has an opportunity to get involved in their residence hall community by attending programs planned by their Resident Assistant (RA) or joining their hall council or the Residence Hall Association. In addition, if your student is interested in exploring clubs or students organizations, they can explore the close to 400 organizations at CSU including academic-related organizations through

their academic college! If your student can't find one they like, they can create their own through the Office of Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement (SLiCE). SLiCE connects students to student organizations as well as provides other leadership and service opportunities for students. Beyond SLiCE, students can connect to a variety of fraternity or sororities through the Office of Greek Life or connect to free

fitness classes, outdoor experiences or just maintaining their physical health through Campus Recreation!

As you can tell, the opportunities for involvement truly are endless for new students. Students who engage in getting involved in their college experience not only perform better academically than their non-involved peers, but are able to build a community with CSU which assists them with their transition to a new environment. As a parent or family member, you can highly encourage your students to explore their interests and passions by getting involved on campus. It will be guaranteed that if they explore, they will find something that they are excited to tell you all about! ■



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Applying for Admission to Colorado State University

For most students, senior year is the culmination of the college preparation process - time to apply for admission. Below is the application timeline most of our applicants follow. Please contact your student's Admissions Representative if you have questions about the application process.

SEPTEMBER

- Connect with your Admissions Rep at college fairs or school presentations. Get information about campus life, join our mailing list, and learn about admissions requirements and application procedures.
- Attend an on-campus visit program to learn about CSU's academic programs, student services, and campus community. www.admissions.colostate.edu/visit
- Encourage your senior to take the ACT or SAT test early in the fall (for the first time or to improve on a previous test score).
- Ask your senior to meet with his/her school counselor to make college plans and review CSU's admission standards and application deadlines.

OCTOBER

- Encourage your senior to begin his/her personal essay and to request 2-3 recommendation(s) from counselors, teachers, and other individuals who know him/her well.
- Help your senior locate websites for researching scholarship opportunities. CSU's Student Financial Services provides information about University-based scholarships as well as outside funding sources.

NOVEMBER

- Advise your student to apply for admission now. Though our priority application deadline is February 1, winter break may be more relaxed if the application is in early.
- Encourage your student to check the status of his/her application online. Applicants create an eID to access confidential information, including the real-time status of their application for admission.

DECEMBER

- Remind your student to submit his/her application OR check the status of his/her application online. Applicants are expected to check online for any missing items. Submit missing items as soon as possible!
- Let your student know that decision letters are mailed within four weeks of receipt of the completed application for admission (it may take slightly longer during our peak application season).

JANUARY

- Take Note!! The priority application deadline is February 1. Applicants are encouraged to submit an application before this date, especially if they wish to be considered for merit-based scholarships.
- Make sure your student's scholarship applications are progressing. Many scholarships have deadlines in December, January, and February.

FEBRUARY-MARCH

- To be considered for merit-based scholarships, students must submit a completed application for admission by February 1 and be admitted and meet all eligibility criteria by March 1.
- Reassure your student that it's not too late to apply to Colorado State University if he/she missed the February 1 priority deadline. After February 1 (but no later than July 1), applications are considered on a space available basis.
- Keep your student focused on completing scholarship applications with later deadlines. ►



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Checklist for Students Moving Into the Residence Halls



By *Tonie Miyamoto, Housing & Dining Services Communications*

MARCH-AUGUST

- Visit www.admissions.colostate.edu to review Steps for Admitted Students.
- Register for Orientation at www.orientation.colostate.edu.
- Apply for campus housing at www.housing.colostate.edu. Encourage your student to communicate with his/her roommate regarding what to bring, likes/dislikes, and academic goals.
- Encourage your student to practice necessary life skills:
 - Waking up to an alarm clock
 - Doing laundry
 - Setting up a schedule – managing multiple responsibilities and prioritizing
 - Financial management – creating and living on a budget
 - Scheduling appointments on his/her own
 - Advocating for himself/herself in problem situations
 - Making decisions without relying on others to step in
 - Seeking out assistance and taking advantage of resources to support learning and development

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- ❑ Review important dates, videos, 3D floor plans, and more on the Housing & Dining Services website – www.housing.colostate.edu/halls
- ❑ Review the Residence Hall Handbook at www.housing.colostate.edu/halls/handbook for safety information, policies, and decorating guidelines - please note that students cannot have halogen lamps, pets (except fish), firearms, or candles in the halls
- ❑ Review meal plan and RamCash choices at www.mealplans.colostate.edu
- ❑ Contact roommate to decide who is bringing what (microfridge, TV, etc.). For more information on renting a microfridge, visit www.housing.colostate.edu/optmgt/microfridge.htm
- ❑ Create a packing list; residence hall rooms are functional, but small, and each spring students donate more than 8 tons of personal items to local charities so please pack wisely
- ❑ Friend the CSUdorminator on Facebook to ask questions and get connected before move-in and throughout the year
- ❑ Research renter's insurance - inexpensive plans are available or personal items may be covered by parents'/guardians' homeowners insurance
- ❑ Prepare computer or laptop for the CSU network – www.housing.colostate.edu/tech
- ❑ Explore involvement, leadership and diversity opportunities at ramlink.colostate.edu
- ❑ Get required immunizations and learn about important health-related information, including meningitis, at www.health.colostate.edu
- ❑ Know student's Campus Mailing Address:

Student's name
(Residence Hall) Hall, Room #
(room number)
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- ❑ Move-In begins at 8 a.m., August 16, 2012; early move-in is only considered if it is required by a department or student group and is pre-approved.
- ❑ Refer to the Residence Hall Move-In Guide at www.housing.colostate.edu/halls/movein (or using the QR code above!) for details and more important move-in information ■



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Hop on a cruiser bicycle rented free of charge from the Fort Collins Bike Library and explore the miles and miles of bike lanes and trails in this gold level bicycle community. Stay atop your cruiser and make your way around town to the nine microbreweries that have put Fort Collins on the map as Colorado’s brewing capital.

If that isn’t enough, you’ll find art and culture at every turn, literally, in Fort Collins. The newly renovated Lincoln Center welcomes high caliber performances as well as housing local theater and dance productions. Stroll down the tree lined streets of Old Town and take in the facades that inspired Disneyland’s Main Street USA.

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- One of the top 15 Best Places for triathletes to live and train: Triathlete Magazine - August 2011
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- Fort Collins, One of the Top 10 Cities Adopting Smart Grid Technology: U.S.News and World Report - May 2011
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SELF GUIDED HISTORY TOURS

<http://downtownfortcollins.com/pdf-gateway.php/documents/WalkingTour2008>

Learn about the importance of ghost signs and the history of downtown Ft. Collins. The walk highlights many old hotels and landmarks around this historic downtown.

MUSEUMS

Between the Fort Collins Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Center for Fine Art Photography, there is something for everyone in Fort Collins!

Fort Collins Museum:

www.fcmdsc.org/index.php

Focused on local history, the Fort Collins Museum is housed in the

1904 Carnegie Library building, and contains more than 35,000 objects related to the history of the city.

Museum of Art:

<http://ftcma.org>

The Fort Collins Museum of Art, also housed in a historic 1911 building, contains two galleries with rotating exhibits in all media. Additionally, the MOA host the Studio Tour every fall (see #4). Located on the top floor of the MOA, the Center for Fine Art Photography provides ongoing exhibitions and juried shows of the finest photography from around the world. It is the largest gallery exhibiting exclusively international fine art photography in the state of Colorado.

MUSIC

Free outdoor concerts in the summer are a local favorite in Fort Collins. Enjoy the weather and the tunes. Check www.downtownfortcollins.com for the schedule.

FESTIVALS

June is a huge month of festivals in the area with the: Wine Fest, Poudre River Fest, Taste of Fort Collins, Colorado Bug Classic, Colorado Brewers Festival. The end of summer vacation is celebrated with the NewWestFest. Look for each festival individually or check out <http://visit.ftcollins.com> for updates.



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