

# Freshman Preorientation Programs

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# Cultural Connections



## CC

8/22 – 8/27/09

**Application**

**Deadline:**

6/22/09

Open to **all** incoming students, Cultural Connections (CC) explores the experiences of students of color at Yale and introduces freshmen to the various resources of Yale and New Haven. CC helps to provide a smooth transition from high school to Yale through a week-long pre-orientation program.

All CC participants are housed together on the Old Campus, which allows them the opportunity to get acquainted with the Yale campus and with each other. The schedule of activities includes a little of everything, with plenty of interactive and recreational activities. Whether at the laser tag arena or in the Lanman-Wright courtyard, students have a chance to form close ties with one another, which past participants consistently rate as one of the program's greatest benefits. During CC, there will be opportunities to meet faculty members and current students, attend presentations on campus life and academic expectations, attend movie screenings, and visit points of interest such as Yale's Cultural Centers, Hammonasset Beach, and local shopping areas.

CC also features artistic performances from some of Yale's best-known student groups, representing various cultural traditions, as well as a poetry jam with local artists. Nothing is as popular as the legendary Talent Show, however, which showcases the many talents of our CC participants.

For many incoming students, CC provides not only an ideal introduction to Yale and its rich cultural resources, but also to friendships that last far beyond the length of the program.



***“CC opened my eyes to the many different facets of Yale. It helped me make the best friends I have now. Not only are you able to stay a week before school starts and before everyone gets here, but you learn so much about Yale and the different events going on. It is a great experience.”***

**–Vanessa Vasquez, '09**

***“When you grow up in upper-middle class mostly-white suburbia, like me, it's very easy to consider racism something of the past. No one ever asks you what you are, or even makes mention of your being white. At CC I was welcome as a person and felt more comfortable there than I did in many ways at home. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world; in fact, I might claim that it was one of the best experiences of my life.”***

**– Juliet Buesing, '11**

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# Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips



## FOOT

### 6 day trips:

8/22 – 8/28/09

### 4 day trips:

8/24 – 8/28/09

### Application

### Deadline:

6/8/09

Would you like to sleep under the stars? Share stories and songs around the campfire with some of your new classmates? Experience the joy of reaching the summit of a mountain? If so, you may want to join us!

FOOT—Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips—offers both six-day and 4-day long backpacking trips for incoming students. This year, the 6-day trips are in New York’s Catskill Mountains, the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Green Mountains of Vermont, and the Berkshires in Massachusetts. The 4-day trips are on the Appalachian Trail in northwestern Connecticut, on the Blue Trail through the Yale Forest in northeast CT, and in southern Vermont. Participants will first come to Yale, where they will meet their leaders and other members of their hiking group for a brief orientation program. They will be housed and fed for one night on campus, and then early the next morning, they will travel by bus

to their hiking trail. Participants will return to Yale on Friday, August 28 in time for the campus orientation.

If you join us on FOOT, you will have the chance to create friendships with some of your new classmates, enjoy discovering the Northeastern landscape, and spend time discussing what life at Yale will be like. Two upper-class students will lead each group of 8–10 freshmen. You do NOT need to be an experienced backpacker to participate in FOOT. We ask you to come with an open mind and a positive attitude about trying new experiences. You will find FOOT both exciting and rewarding. Do not delay in signing up! We hope you will join us on this Great Adventure!



*“FOOT was amazing! I have never known such a fantastic, well organized outing in my life.”*

*“FOOT , to me, is a perfect freshman orientation. I feel very confident beginning Yale knowing such a great group of people. The trip was about people and camaraderie.”*

To register for this program, please visit:

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# Freshperson Conference



## FPC

**8/26 – 8/28/09**

### **Application**

**Deadline:**

**6/22/09**

*Please note: Space is limited, so apply early! FPC is committed to being accessible, regardless of ability to pay, and financial aid is available. For more information, please contact [yalefpc@gmail.com](mailto:yalefpc@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.yale.edu/chaplain/fpc](http://www.yale.edu/chaplain/fpc).*

Freshperson Conference (FPC) is summer camp for big kids; we're in cabins by a lake, we sleep in bunks and have bonfires, we square-dance. FPC is run by undergrads and is for undergrads. At FPC, you'll hear about freshman year from fun, friendly upperclassmen, with advice you can't get anywhere else. You'll meet other rising freshmen cool enough to be at one of the best pre-orientations on the planet. You're certain to have a great time at FPC, whether it be rock climbing, kayaking, or simply hanging out with some fresh faces and a deck of cards.

We're also Yale's oldest pre-orientation program. The Yale Chaplain's Office sponsors FPC, though we are a non-religious program. FPC offers students not only a place to become comfortable with the new college environment, but also valuable insights about freshman year and beyond. You'll get advice straight from experienced upperclassmen familiar with the full variety of Yale

academic and extracurricular life. Look forward to fun performances from various student groups, spontaneous lakeside free-style raps, and informal talks from esteemed members of the faculty. Most importantly, FPC is a great way to break the ice with over 100 amazing freshmen and make friends before the year starts.



In short, FPC is one of the best things you could possibly do before school starts. Have the time of your life, before the best four years of your life!

*“FPC is the orientation program dreams are made of – if those dreams consist of showering, sleeping in comfy beds, square-dancing til dawn, and starting college already knowing over 100 clever and compelling people.”*

– Jocelyn Ranne, SM '07

*“Where do I begin about FPC. It was wonderful to get to know some of my classmates before coming to campus. Other freshman that I know are disappointed that they didn't get to do FPC, because we had already developed great friends in the first week!”*

– Ned Young, JE '09

To apply for this program, please visit:

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# Harvest



## Harvest

**8/23 – 8/28/09**

**Application**

**Deadline:**

**6/22/09**

Would you like to meet your best friends at Yale while getting your hands dirty working on local farms? Cook in the outdoors with food you've harvested? Spend afternoons cooling off in nearby rivers, and evenings talking late into the night around a campfire? Join us on Harvest, and spend five days on a local, organic farm with other incoming freshmen and two student leaders.

Harvest begins at the Yale Farm (a ten minute walk from central campus), where students meet their group leaders and share a lunch of pizza cooked in the farm's wood-burning oven. After a brief orientation, groups leave for some of New England's most beautiful farms – often the same farms that provide Yale's dining halls with seasonal, organic produce. Students on Harvest participate in activities ranging from picking vegetables to baking bread to planting new crops to constructing chicken tractors. In the afternoons and evenings, students hike on nearby trails, swim in local rivers and ponds, play volleyball, hang out around a campfire, get to know each other, and talk about

life at Yale. Freshmen arrive back at Yale with an unforgettable experience behind them and a new group of close friends, ready to start the semester.

Harvest offers a great opportunity to get to know your fellow classmates and talk with trip leaders about life at Yale, while learning about sustainable agriculture in New England. No experience farming is necessary — all are welcome. Students come to the program with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds, but all share an adventurous spirit and eagerness to build lasting friendships. We run a limited number of trips, so don't delay in signing up!



*“I absolutely loved Harvest. It was an awesome transition to Yale, plus we got to bond with a group of people even before getting to Yale – I met one of my best friends here on Harvest.”*

*“Not only did I make friends, but I learned a lot about farming and I realized how much fun it was to cook our own food and how good fresh food from the garden tasted.”*

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# Orientation For International Students



## **OIS**

**8/24 – 8/27/09**

**Application**

**Deadline:**

**6/22/09**

The Orientation for International Students (OIS) is a program designed to ease the transition to the United States for international students and to familiarize them with the academic life and social culture of Yale. Organized and led by Yale College student counselors, with support from the Office of International Students and Scholars and Yale College, students quickly become familiar with the Yale campus and the city of New Haven. Participants attend workshops about academics, financial aid, and campus employment opportunities. OIS counselors are also able to assist with practical matters, such as setting up a bank account and shopping for those essential items that could not be brought from home. Activities designed for fun include excursions to East Rock Park and Hammonasset

Beach, participation in the now-famous Talent Show, and being serenaded by some of Yale's *a cappella* singing groups. Most importantly participants will come away from the program having made friendships that will last throughout your time at Yale (and beyond).



*“I had a great experience at OIS. I really appreciated being able to meet a group of international freshman before classes started, and it definitely made me more comfortable during my first few months at Yale.”*

*“I adored my OIS experience. It covered almost all the issues that I was worried about before I came.”*

*“OIS didn’t meet my expectations – it surpassed them! I absolutely loved the entire program. It was fun, enlightening, entertaining and completely satisfying. It was truly inspired – it Rocked! It provided me the perfect welcome to Yale.”*

To apply for this program, please visit:

**[www.yale.edu/preorientation/ois](http://www.yale.edu/preorientation/ois)**

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