DVM CLASS OF 2022 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
Monday August 13, 2018 - Friday August 18 2018

One week before classes begin, the Colorado State University DVM program begins with a mandatory week of orientation activities both on campus and at the Colorado State University’s Mountain Campus, a 1,600 acre campus nestled in a beautiful, secluded mountain valley at an elevation of 9,000 ft. in the Rocky Mountains. During orientation week students will be introduced to each other, administrators, faculty, staff, student mentors and the DVM program including curriculum, honor code and roles and responsibilities. Many of the activities will be interactive and will be aligned with the goals of engagement, teamwork, leadership, communication and professionalism.

Each member of the DVM class of 2022 has worked hard to get to this point. Together you make a dedicated and driven group of individuals who strive to the best. You are here because you have a common goal, to become competent veterinarians. The veterinary profession is a tight knit community of individuals working to better the lives of animals and humans through clinical practice, research, laboratory medicine, legislative initiatives and humanitarian efforts.

It is important you begin this journey together with a common understanding of these goals. In addition to your classmates, 2nd and 3rd year students will be involved in offering and facilitating portions of this orientation week. We encourage you to learn from them, get to know them and connect with them as mentors.

Below is an outline of activities planned for orientation week. A more detailed schedule will follow closer to the event date.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Welcome activities for the DVM Class of 2022
Evening BBQ hosted by SCAVMA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

RAM Outdoor Leadership Experience (ROLE)
(Overnight event at Colorado State University Mountain Campus)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16
Veterinary Teaching Hospital Badges and Vet Text Book Pick-Up
Optional Evening Events --VTH Tours and Friends & Family Support Session

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
Getting Started Seminar – The First Week of Classes
Oath and Passages Coating Ceremony, 2pm-4pm Hilton Hotel

ROLE 2018
RAM OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14-15, 2018
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAIN CAMPUS
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: 970-881-2150

The Ram Outdoor Leadership Experience (ROLE) is a 2-day interactive orientation designed to aid the development of professional skills in the DVM Program in a relaxed environment, breath-taking in its scenic beauty. Activities have been designed to provide each student an opportunity to develop and enhance their professional skills, such as communication and teamwork. This time is also a great opportunity to get to know classmates, and DVM faculty and staff.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to offer the experience of both low and high ropes courses. Students will participate in the low ropes elements on day one and the high ropes elements no day two.

All activities are participation by choice. We hope that all of our students will feel confident and safe to participate. The orientation facilitators respect the fact that the final decision of whether to participate in a particular activity is up to the individual student. Students are expected to attend all sessions, even if they decide not to participate.

ROLE will be held at CSU’s Mountain Campus, in the mountains west of Fort Collins. The Mountain Campus is located at ~9,000 feet above sea level. It is essential that each person drink plenty of water throughout the orientation to avoid dehydration and altitude sickness.

We highly recommend that you bring the following items:

- Water Bottle
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Sun screen
- Bug repellant
- Sweatshirt and long pants for evening (it can get quite cool [i.e., the 30’s] in the evenings)
- Closed toe shoes
- Raincoat
- Hat
- Toiletries.
- Pen and Paper

You will be issued one towel and wash cloth for your stay. Sheets and blankets will be provided for the beds. Bringing your own pillow is suggested.

**Cell phone and internet access is not available at the Mountain Campus.** Please notify necessary personal contacts that communication will be difficult during your two days at Mountain Campus. Additionally, there are no areas to secure belongings, so please leave your valuables (computers, cell phones) at home.

Pay phones may be available for emergency use.

**Please be advised that this is an alcohol free event!**

**Challenge Ropes Course**

The CSU Mountain Campus Challenge Ropes Course is designed to enhance team building and personal growth. Increased confidence (self-efficacy) is a common outcome of the ropes course experience, along with increasing communication skills and effective strategies to improve teamwork. Risk taking, group problem solving, and leadership skills also are common focal points. Ropes course activities progress from low elements and group initiatives to the high elements. The low elements emphasize teamwork and the need for cooperation and effective communication. The high elements provide individuals with an opportunity to get outside their comfort zones, enhancing personal growth.
We practice the "challenge by choice" principle, which means not everybody has to participate in all the activities. Success is determined by your willingness to try new experiences. All challenge course facilitators have interpersonal and technical skills necessary to ensure your group's safety.

For more information on CSU's Mountain Campus you can visit their web site: http://www.mountaincampus.colostate.edu/

We are looking forward to seeing you in August! Feel free to address any questions to Adrienne Marcus at Adrienne.Marcus@colostate.edu