

Already in Chico before your orientation date?

Here are a few ideas of things you can do before orientation to make your life easier!

- **Get your Wildcat ID Card**

Your Wildcat ID card will be required to access many services on campus, including the library and computer labs. Your card can be used to ride the local Chico bus system ([B-Line](#)) for free!

- **Obtain your card by visiting the [Wildcat ID Card Center](#) in person.**
- **Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm**

- **Complete your COVID-19 Vaccination Series/Get Boosted**

You will not be given full access to University facilities until you are fully vaccinated.

To schedule your booster online, you can go to this website and use the 5-digit Zip Code for Chico: 95926: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>. You will be given a list of several locations – choose one within walking distance of your apartment (🏠).

- **Complete your EO 803 Immunizations and TB Testing**

You will have hold placed on your account until you complete these required vaccines/tests. This can prevent you from important activities, such as adding/dropping courses and accessing university facilities.

- These immunizations all cost money, but you can contact your insurance company to see if they will cover the cost of some of them. You can get most of these immunizations at the Wellcat Health Center or you can opt to get these in the community.
- For a list of required immunizations, a list of prices/locations to obtain them, and the link to upload your immunization records:
<https://www.csuchico.edu/healthcenter/services/immunizations/immunization-requirements.shtml>
- Email your immunization questions to: immunizations@csuchico.edu

- **Connect your laptop and cell phone to [University Wi-Fi](#)**

- <https://support.csuchico.edu/TDClient/1984/Portal/KB/?CategoryID=1872>

- **Explore [local cell phone companies](#) and get a Chico local phone number**

- https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Mobile+Phones&find_loc=Chico%2C+CA%2C+USA

- **Buy your books online and/or at the campus bookstore** (what you need to purchase will be listed on the [Black Board Learn link](#) on your Portal)

- <https://www.bkstr.com/chicostatewildcatstore/home>
- <https://learn.csuchico.edu/>

- Get prepared for orientation by **watching the free online pre-orientation offered by the University**. Log on using your CSUC Student Center credentials:

- <https://csuchico.goorientation.com/>

- **Purchase a bike** (the best way to get around Chico quickly without a car)
 - https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Bike+Shop&find_loc=Chico%2C+CA
- **Explore local grocery stores** and outdoor farmer's markets
 - Winco (best prices in town) ([B-line bus number 5](#))
 - Grocery Outlet at North Valley Plaza ([B-line bus number 2](#))
 - Safeway on Nord ([B-line bus number 8](#))
 - Trader Joes at North Valley Plaza ([B-line bus number 2](#))
 - [Chico Farmer's Market](#) (downtown on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings)
 - <https://chicofarmersmarket.com/>
- Off-campus residents – **furnish your apartment**
 - Target ([B-line bus](#) number 17 or 20)
 - Walmart ([B-line bus](#) number 17 or 20)
 - [Second hand stores](#) – good option for cheap furniture
- **Open a Bank Account**
 - https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=banks&find_loc=Chico%2C+CA
- **Explore Bidwell Park** – swim, walk, hike, or relax
 - <https://chico.ca.us/bidwell-park>
- **Learn about your new home-away-from home**
 - Take a guided tour of [Bidwell Mansion](#) (right next to campus)
 - Visit one of many local museums – all within walking distance of campus:
 - [Chico History Museum](#)
 - [Chico Children's Museum](#)
 - [Gateway Science Museum](#)
 - [National Yo-Yo Museum](#)
 - [Museum of Northern California Art](#)

We look forward to meeting you very soon! 😊