

Raney and Willard Halls Activity Schedule and Information (Preschool and Elementary) August 2007

The Student Development Center (SDC), as explained previously, is responsible for the after-school schedule and activities for students. The following information pertains to Raney and Willard Halls, which serve Preschool and Elementary students in the after-school hours. Preschool serves students from ages 3 years to 5 years and houses Kindergarten students. Elementary serves students in 1st to 5th grades.

The following schedules have been developed to provide a clear understanding of the events that take place in each area, the time of the activities and the time of day that students are to be gathered by their parents.

PRESCHOOL:

- 3:00 p.m. School is dismissed and residential and day students, with prior permission, go to Raney Hall supervised by Residential Advisors or Student Development Center staff.
- 3:15 p.m. Preschool activities begin and are provided by the Residential Advisor with support from the Student Development Center (SDC). The daily activities are varied and might include structured play, outdoor games, arts & crafts, indoor games and watching television or movies. The activities are provided to develop fine and gross motor skills, eye-hand coordination and academic enrichment.
- 4:30 p.m. The after-school activities are completed and the students go to the cafeteria for dinner.
- 5:30 p.m. The students return to Raney Hall. Residential students have a quiet time prior to the last activity of the day. Day students get their personal items and prepare to be gathered from the Residence Hall by their parents.
- 6:00 p.m. Day students are picked up by their parent(s) and taken home. Day students, with 48 hour notification to the Assistant Dean, may stay in Raney Hall overnight, if there is adequate supervision.**
- 6:30 p.m. The last activity of the evening takes place for 30 to 40 minutes and then the students prepare for bed by showering and brushing their teeth. There is a quiet time for the students 30 minutes before bed time so they are relaxed when they go to bed.
- 8:00 p.m. The students go to bed.

ELEMENTARY:

- 3:00 p.m. School is dismissed and the students go to Raney and Willard Halls. The Elementary girls live in Raney Hall and the Elementary boys live in Willard Hall.
- 3:30 p.m. Elementary students, not in athletics, have an hour activity planned for them by the Student Development Center with support from the Residential Advisors. The activity is normally recreational and includes socialization skills, fine and gross motor skills, taking turns, following directions, obeying the rules of a game and many other skills for social development.
- 4:30 p.m. The after-school activities are completed and the students go to the cafeteria for dinner.
- 6:00 p.m. Study hall begins and students with homework are allowed to go to the study room where assistance with homework is provided by Student Development employees, Residential Advisors or High School students in the Student Work Program. The students work until their homework is completed with study hall ending at 7:30 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. The Student Development Center provides another activity for students in Elementary grades. These activities are similar to the activities at 3:30 p.m. and incorporate skill development for children. On certain days, team building activities are provided by the Student Development Center employees. The team building activities are normally once a week and will be coordinated in student groups according to age level. Cub Scouts, Brownies and Dance Club are also offered during the afternoon or evening. Dance Club is weekly and Cub Scouts and Brownies meet every other week throughout the year.
- 7:30 p.m. Students return to their residence hall and prepare for bed. They normally have some quiet time with their residence hall peers and are often provided with an opportunity to watch television, play some computer games, complete additional homework or relax and converse with their friends.
- 8:00 p.m. Day students are picked up by their parent(s) and taken home. Day students, with 48 hour notification to the Assistant Dean, can stay in Willard or Raney Halls overnight, if there is adequate supervision.**
- 8:30 p.m. Bedtime for the younger students, Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

9:00 p.m. Bedtime for the older students, 3rd grade through 5th grade.

Other events that occur throughout the year are provided for large groups and might include field trips, cookouts, hikes, scavenger hunts, movies, swimming, a circus trip, an ice hockey game, the Indianapolis Zoo, Brownies, Cub Scouts and many other activities and events.

The SDC staff hopes this information is helpful and would like to invite you to contact us should you have any questions or recommendations. Brett Mellon, Assistant Dean, is responsible for the day to day operation of Raney and Willard Halls. He is the person to contact if your child (day student) wishes to stay in the residence hall after school or overnight. We strongly encourage you to have your child stay for events and activities as it provides interaction with peers, enrichment of skills and personal development.

George Stailey, Student Development Educator, is responsible for the activities in Raney and Willard Halls, including the study hall. He has employees working in several areas to plan and prepare activities and is willing to hear any suggestions.

Thank you for this opportunity to explain the programs in Raney and Willard Halls. We hope that you will let your children take advantage of these services frequently. Please feel free to contact one of us.

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