College vs. Home Life

Here are just a few things you may want to consider as you begin your college career. Take a moment for you and your family to have an open conversation about some of the effects that being a college commuter may have on your home life.

The rules of the home:
Will the same rules apply as when I was in high school; curfew, guests?
Will I need to contribute to the home with things like rent or grocery money?
Do I need to help with chores or responsibilities around the house?

Your parents and your schoolwork:
Do my parents understand my time requirements; class schedule, work, campus involvement, & travel to and from campus?
Will I share my grades and class progress with my parents?
Will my parents still help me out financially and how much/often?

Don’t Be a Stranger On Campus!

Just because you are a commuter does not mean you can’t be connected and active on campus. Berry has many different ways to get involved on campus. There’s something for everyone here!

Student Activities Office
The Student Activities Office (SAO) is located in Krannert Center right off the lobby. The SAO provides different opportunities for involvement through the 75+ student organizations’ events and various leadership programs.

Along with providing ways to get involved, the Student Activities office is also a great resource to find out what's happening around campus. Various means of publicity are distributed through this office to help students stay informed with campus events.

It is the goal of the SAO to help all students find their place on campus. Students interested in getting involved but not sure how or what to dive into can stop by the office for more information and assistance.

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Between The Commute

Krannert Center
Krannert Center is the hub for student services. It contains the RFoC Dining Hall, Valhalla Food Court, post office, bookstore, Berry Bean’ry, meeting rooms, various campus offices and wireless internet access. This is a place where students frequent on a daily basis and can stay in touch with what's happening around campus. The lobby of Krannert Center is constantly buzzing with students who are waiting for their next class to begin, catching up on studying or hanging out with friends. There is also an information desk located here to answer questions students may have about events or about other resources available on campus.

The Underground
In addition to the lobby, another place where students can take a break throughout the day is the Underground. Located on the first floor of Krannert Center, students can come here to enjoy various activities; pool, air hockey, board games, watch TV and more!

Cage Center
The Cage Center is Berry’s fitness and recreation center. Available to all students is a weight room, indoor pool, two racquetball courts, multi-activity court and indoor walking track. Student must have their Berry ID to enter these areas. There are also couches and TV’s located in the lobby for students looking for a relaxing spot indoors.

Commuter Connections

Commuter Events
There are numerous events throughout the year that commuters are encouraged to participate in, some being exclusive to commuter students! These include the Mt. Day Olympics Commuter Team, Drive-Thru Breakfasts and Commuter Happy Hours, just to name a few.

Volunteer Opportunities
Commuter students are invited to take part in the planning and execution of commuter events. It is a great way to network with other commuters, meet new people around campus, as well as gain experience in event planning. Plus, volunteers receive a special t-shirt for helping out.

Student Government Association
The Student Government Association, also known as SGA, represents the interests of the student body. Commuters are encouraged to delegate one commuter student to act as their representative at SGA meetings to better serve the commuter population.

Want To Make The Connection?
Students interested in these events/opportunities should look for meeting announcements throughout the fall or see the Student Activities Office for more information.

Things To Keep In Mind…

Parking
All students vehicles must be registered through Berry’s Campus Safety Office and all cars must have a parking decal to park on campus and to have access onto campus after the gates have closed in the evening. Popular Commuter parking areas are the Cage Center lot and the Science Building lot.

Campus Police
Campus Safety is available 24 hours a day. Their office is located in Oak Grove Cottage, across the street from the main entrance of Berry. To contact them, please call:
Non-Emergency -706/368-6999
Emergency Situations -706/236-2262

Health Services
Located in the Ladd Center, the Health and Wellness Center offers a variety of different student services. A registered nurse is on duty Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. Also, a Self Treatment Center is available for over the counter medicines and supplies.

Meal Plans
Meal plans are available to all Berry students. All commuter students are required to have at least the Flex Bucks meal plan but may also upgrade to any of the other plans. For more information please see http://berry.edu/business/tuition/.