



PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS: So, your student has to attend Summer Orientation & Academic Registration (S.O.A.R.)... Now what?

A Guide to Parents/Family Members Frequently Asked Questions about S.O.A.R.

1. **Do I have to attend?**

No, but you are encouraged and welcome to attend! *Students are required to attend.* Approximately 50% of students typically bring at least one guest. If you cannot or do not want to attend, your student certainly won't be the only one without a parent/family member with them.

2. **Why should I attend?**

Even if you attended some of our admissions events, this program provides more detailed, important information specific to incoming students and their families. You will also learn about some of the expectations that will be placed on your first-year student. You will be able to ask questions, receive answers, and share information with other parents/family members.

3. **What if I can't attend?**

When your student returns from S.O.A.R., ask questions and ask to see the folder of material each student receives. Consult the Helpful Phone Numbers list and call the appropriate offices to get the information you need. You may wish to be a part of our families e-mail connection -- call 724-836-7741 or e-mail upgmedia@pitt.edu to sign up.

4. **Is there a fee?**

Yes. A fee of \$50 is assessed for each parent, guardian, or family member who registers to attend. The fee covers meals, materials, and program activities. Unfortunately, the fee is not pro-rated if you must leave early or can't attend the second day. This fee is also non-refundable.

5. **Will I be with my student?**

Please consult the tentative schedule. You will not be with your student about half the time. You will not be with your student during meals or during certain sessions.

6. **Can I bring my other children/sister/friend, etc?**

Small children can easily become bored (as you know! ☺), so they sometimes have a difficult time at S.O.A.R. Older children are welcome, as are other family members. It's up to you!

Still have questions? That's OK! Contact Haley Hayden at 724-836-9170 or hmh57@pitt.edu.

