

Program Description

The Freshman Adventure Program is New Trier's version of a Freshman Orientation Program and represents a team approach to initiating a successful high school experience for students entering New Trier. The combined efforts of New Trier High School and area junior high schools provide students with added support designed to make the transition to high school smooth and informed. The goals of our program are:

1. For students to meet their peers and establish new connections as they prepare for high school.
2. For students to form relationships with high school staff members so they have another advocate.
3. For students to have exposure to the Northfield Campus prior to the start of school.
4. For students to be involved in positive experiences and to expand awareness of their potential for success and leadership.
5. To have fun, take some risks, and reflect on their personal goals as they move into high school.

The Freshman Adventure Program is made up of three parts:

1. Our first day is spent at the Northfield Campus getting to know each other and learning our way around the school
2. The next 3 days (2 nights) are spent at Devil's Lake State Park (see sample itinerary link)
3. Our fall program consists of lunch meetings in which our teachers are touching base with their small group and making sure the transition is going well. The fall program concludes with a family dinner party on Freshman Go To School Night.

If your child is....

- Nervous about the transition to high school
- A potential leader
- New to the district
- Loves the outdoors (hiking, rock climbing, camping)
- Would benefit from meeting other students and teachers prior to the beginning of school

This is the program for them!!

No experience with camping or rock climbing is necessary. All of our activities are tailored to different levels of comfort and skill.