During the START summer orientation program, you spend two days on campus learning about life at YHC and preparing to become a YHC student. You get to socialize with other incoming students and current student leaders, meet faculty and staff, learn about coursework and academic expectations, and discover programs, events, and services while finding out what it means to be a member of the YHC community. You’ll receive your student ID and sit one-on-one with a member of our Student Success Center staff to confirm your class schedule.

Approximately two weeks prior to attending START, you will receive an email about the program including when to arrive, where to check in, what to expect and what to bring.

Prior to attending START:
• Register for START. yhc.edu/start
• Submit your housing application. yhc.edu/housingapp
• Submit your FAFSA paperwork.
• Submit required health forms and records. yhc.edu/healthforms
• Submit final transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
• Register for classes. You can start building your schedule immediately using Self Service. In the coming weeks you will be contacted by the Student Success Center to discuss degree requirements and the course registration process.

Check your YHC Email for more information.

Prior to arriving in August:
• Check YHC email regularly.
• Pay your tuition and fees by July 31.
• Complete AlcoholEdu. Details will be emailed in July.
• Read the First-Year Foundations book, “The Family Fang” by Kevin Wilson, which will be available for purchase during START.

Mark Your Calendar
New Student Move In . . . . Saturday, Aug. 15
Welcome Week . . . . . . . . . . . . Saturday–Saturday, Aug. 15–22
Classes Begin . . . . . . . . . . . . Tuesday, Aug. 18
(Monday only classes being Aug. 17.)
Academic Convocation . . . Tuesday, Aug. 18

Information for Family Members
At YHC, we believe the college orientation experience should include as much of the student’s family as possible, which is why we encourage family members to attend START with their student. This optional one-day program runs concurrently with the student program on the first day of orientation and concludes early that evening. Sessions throughout the day provide information to help those closest to the student better understand YHC and the college experience as a whole. The program highlights academic expectations and available services while also giving family members a chance to get all their questions answered.

Overnight accommodations for family members are not available on campus. A wide array of lodging can be found at yhc.edu/visit.

Registration for Family Orientation is completed online as part of the student’s orientation registration process. Changes can be made by contacting the Office of Student Development.
Young Harris College has partnered with the Nantahala Outdoor Center to create four distinct outdoor adventures for incoming students. The additional $125 fee includes activities, equipment, transportation, lodging and meals. Reserve your spot when you register for START. If you decide to participate in an adventure trip after completing registration, contact the Office of Student Development.

**START I TRIP**

**Whitewater Rafting:** This eight-mile rafting experience takes you down the Nantahala River. Although most rapids on this run are mild, the Class III Nantahala Falls adds excitement to the end of the trip.

**START II TRIP**

**Adventure Mud Race:** Team up with other first-year students to compete in an obstacle course-style race culminating with an exciting run through the mud.

**START III TRIP**

**Zip Line Adventure Park:** Zip through the air over 600 feet and navigate the multi-level challenge course.

**START IV TRIP**

**Mountaintop Zip Line Tour:** While most zip line tours glide from tree to tree in forest canopies, the Mountaintop flies from ridgeline to ridgeline, culminating in the longest zip line in the region—a dramatic half-mile mega zip.

Trips I, II, and III will leave immediately following the START program and conclude around noon the next day. Trip IV will depart at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, and return prior to the START IV program.

It’s not an exaggeration to say that YHC students can spend every weekend outdoors and never do the same thing twice. As part of the YHC Outdoor Adventures program, you get to familiarize yourself with your new home in the North Georgia Mountains.