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Dear new students,

Most of you getting this letter will be living on campus in the residence halls this coming semester. With your arrival date in just a little over a month, you may already be thinking about what you need to pack, so I hope you and your parents find these hints helpful.

It might seem like you have to bring everything from your parents' house to live on your own for nine months, but please resist that urge! Bring enough clothes for two weeks, and plan on doing laundry about that often. You can always make a Wal-Mart run if you've forgotten anything.

Weather on Lookout Mountain varies between seasons. Summers in the South are always hot, so we typically have warm temperatures when you first get here and at the end of the year. However, since all of our buildings are air-conditioned, you may find your residence hall or classroom a little chilly. We have a lot of fog/rain up on the mountain through the winter and early spring, so don't forget your rain gear. Temperatures are usually in the 30s in the winter and the 60s or 70s in the fall and spring.

Most rooms are pretty neutral in color—off-white walls and usually blue, brown or green carpet. The rooms in Andreas and the south/central sections of Carter are not carpeted (although the hallways will be), so you may bring your own rugs, carpet squares, etc. to decorate it yourself. Every room will have one bed, one desk, one chair, and one dresser for each student living in that room. The beds may be double-bunked, but not lofted.

**CARTER.** Bathrooms are attached to the room, and all fixtures are white. Plain shower curtains are provided, but you can put up one of your own if you want. Carter Hall used to be a hotel (where people would stay for days, not months), so there isn't much closet space. Plan on storing many of your clothes in your dresser drawers instead of hanging them in your closet. Two-person rooms in Carter average about 10' x 15'. Four-person rooms are about 20' x 20'.

**FOUNDERS (BELZ, SCHMIDT, RAYBURN HALLS).** Bathrooms are located in the center of each hall and are shared by all members of that floor. Schmidt and Rayburn rooms have a sink in each room, and you'll have more closet space in Founders than in Carter! Two-person rooms are about 12' by 16' and four-person rooms are 17' x 25'.

**MACLELLAN/RYMER.** These rooms are arranged in suites, with a two-person room joined to another two-person room OR a two-person room joined to a four-person room. There will be between four people and six people in each suite, and suitemates share a bathroom (green, blue or brown, depending on the floor) and a study room. A two-person room in Maclellan/Rymer is 12' x 16' and a four-person room is 12' x 20'.

**ANDREAS HALL.** This residence hall also has suites, with a two-person room connected to another two-person room. The four suitemates would share the one bathroom connecting their rooms, although (unlike Maclellan/Rymer) there is no additional study room in these suites. As mentioned earlier, there is no carpet in the rooms of this residence hall, but students are allowed to bring their own floor rugs or carpet squares. A two-person room in Andreas is 14½' x 18'.

All rooms on campus have a large window, and just about every room on campus has a great view. Won't it be great to live on a mountain? There are blinds on each window for privacy, so you don't need to bring curtains unless you just like the way they look. However, you would need to use a spring tension rod so you don't put holes in our window frames.

The walls in the rooms are block and may not have nails pounded into them. Some rooms have hanging strips for heavier things, but you should plan on attaching posters with white sticky-tac or 3-M Command adhesive mounting strips. Remember that if you put up a plastic hook, it will need to be completely removed at the end of the year.

The beds are extra long twin (mattresses are 80" long), so you might want to find some extra long fitted sheets, available at most department stores. Regular fitted sheets will also work if you pull on them, though! Mattress pads will make our flame-retardant mattresses even more comfortable.

There is one phone jack in each room, so if you want to have a “land line,” you may want to talk with your roommate(s) to see who will bring a phone for everyone to share. If you bring a cordless phone, please do not bring a 2.4 GHz phone because it will interfere with the wireless computer connection.

You are welcome to bring a small cube refrigerator or microwave, although there are common areas in most of the residence halls (except Carter) where those things are available for your use. This is probably something else you should coordinate with your roommate(s).

Some of us have made an alphabetical list of things you may want to bring with you—it’s attached at the end of this letter, or you can see it on our website at [www.covenant.edu/orientation](http://www.covenant.edu/orientation). (If you look carefully, you’ll notice that we don’t have anything that starts with the letter “y,” so e-mail me at [emily.ford@covenant.edu](mailto:emily.ford@covenant.edu) to tell me what we could add here. The first five people to respond will be treated to Clumpie’s ice cream this fall!) We didn’t include the basics, such as clothes and toiletries, and please don’t think you need to bring everything on this list! We’re just hoping this list will help you think of something you may have otherwise forgotten. Please take special note of the items in bold, though, as you will definitely need to bring those with you.

Finally, there are a few things that you may not bring to campus that have a significant impact on our safety and security. Generally speaking, the following items (and items like them) are prohibited on all college campuses in Georgia by the state’s fire code: halogen lamps, toasters and toaster ovens, candles/incense, fireworks, BBQ grills, and government/municipal signs. Non-aquatic pets should also be left at home. If you have these items when you arrive, we will expect your parents to take them back home. And in accordance with Georgia state law, our campus has a very strict “no weapons” policy, prohibiting any weapons on school property or within 1000 feet of school property. This includes things like swords, knives, paintball guns, air guns, pellet guns, cap guns, any hunting implements, firearms of any sort, and martial arts equipment. State law and fire codes also prohibit students from constructing lofts or raising beds off the floor.

For the sake of developing community, please consider leaving at home your video games, TVs, DVD players, large stereo equipment, etc. Remember you are coming to Covenant first to be a student, and these activities may distract you from your academic calling.

I mentioned our website earlier, but I wanted to highlight it one more time, since it has many resources to help you. Look at the lists of Things to Bring and Things Not to Bring, or click on the Residence Life section to find out information about your Resident Directors, Resident Assistants and the hall where you will be living. Go to [www.covenant.edu/orientation](http://www.covenant.edu/orientation) to check it out.

If there are other things my staff or I can do to help you plan, please call us at 706.419.1107 or e-mail us at [studentdevelopment@covenant.edu](mailto:studentdevelopment@covenant.edu). We’re looking forward to seeing you soon!

On behalf of the Residence Life staff,

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# Things To Bring From A-Z

(everything suggested except items in bold)

## A

address book  
**alarm clock** (battery operated)  
aspirin

## B

back pack  
Band-Aids  
bandana  
bath mat or rug  
batteries  
beach towel

## Bible

blank CDs  
**blankets**  
book ends  
bowls  
bulletin board

## C

calendar/planner  
camera  
can opener  
clip board  
**coat**  
coffee maker  
comforter  
construction paper  
cotton balls

## D

desk lamp  
desk organizers  
devotional books  
dictionary  
dish towel/dish soap

## E

envelopes  
extension cord (6' max, 14 gauge  
or higher)

## F

fabric softener  
fan  
flashlight  
flat sheet  
folders  
forks

## G

garbage bags  
glasses  
gloves

## H

hangers  
hat  
heating pad  
highlighters  
hole punch

## I

ibuprofen  
index cards  
**insurance identification card**  
iron

## J

jewelry  
journal

## K

Kleenex

## L

**laundry bag or basket**  
**laundry soap**  
lap desk  
loose-leaf binders  
lotion

## M

markers—regular, dry erase,  
permanent  
masking tape  
mattress pad  
message board  
mouthwash  
mugs

## N

nail file, etc.  
Neosporin  
nightlight  
notebooks  
notebook paper

## O

outdoor clothes

## P

packing tape  
paper clips  
paper towels  
pencil sharpener  
pencils  
pens  
phone cards (for long-distance)  
photos  
**pillow & pillow case**  
plastic cups  
post-it notes  
posters  
power strips

## Q

Q-tips  
quilt

## R

rain gear  
razor  
rubber bands

## S

scissors  
scotch tape  
sewing kit  
shoe rack  
shower caddy  
slippers  
soap  
sponge  
spoons  
stamps  
stapler  
sticky-tac  
storage boxes  
stuffed animals  
sunglasses  
sweatshirts

## T

telephone (*may want to coordinate  
with roommate*)  
3-M Command mounting strips  
thermometer  
thesaurus  
thumb tacks  
**toothbrush**  
**toothpaste**  
**towels**  
trash can  
tweezers  
Tylenol

## U

umbrella  
**underwear**

## V

vitamins

## W

wash cloths  
watch  
weekly planner  
whiteout  
**work study documents—passport,  
social security card, driver's license**

## X

**x-long twin sheets**

## Z

zany clothes for random occasions