

WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL

INTERVIEW & OVERNIGHT TIP SHEET 2010-2011

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Scheduling Your Visit

INTERVIEW

The on-campus interview is a required part of the application process. We recommend you schedule your visit to campus during the fall to avoid inclement weather during the winter. Interviews must be completed no later than February 1 to be considered for first round admission decisions.

Please phone our office ahead of time to schedule your visit. Interviews are conducted on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,** and **Saturday** at the following times. Please allow approximately two hours for the interview process.

WEEKDAY	8:45 AM	9:30 AM	10:15 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
SATURDAY MORNING	8:45 AM	9:30 AM	10:15 AM		

Available Dates for First Round Admission Visits:

September 18–November 16

December 1–December 16

January 6–January 29

Please note that Skype interviews may be arranged for international applicants.

Tour

Please come to the Walker Building lobby when you arrive on campus. Your admissions visit officially begins with the tour of campus. A student guide will take you and your family on a 30–40 minute walking tour of the campus. Be sure to ask questions about student life at Woodberry; our tour guides have unique perspectives and information to share with you.

Interview

After your tour you will meet with an admissions officer for an interview. He will ask questions about important events in your life, your current school situation, and your decision to consider attending a boarding school. Following your interview, the admissions officer will meet separately with your parents to answer any questions they may have about Woodberry. When your admissions visit is concluded, you are welcome to stay on campus to walk around, eat lunch, or watch a sporting event.

OVERNIGHT VISIT

A great way to learn more about Woodberry is to spend a night on dorm. Our students enjoy hosting “prospects,” and they can be your best source of information about day-to-day life at Woodberry Forest. If you are spending the night, please plan to arrive at the Walker Building at 5:30 PM. Arriving at that time allows your host time to finish his athletic requirement prior to your arrival.

Your student host will be called to greet you in the lobby when you arrive. Once you’ve met your host, your parents are free to leave campus. After your parents depart, your host will give you an insider’s view of life at Woodberry. You will also have an opportunity to attend classes with your host the next morning prior to your scheduled interview appointment.

Items to Bring with You

We suggest a coat and tie for your interview (it is not required, but does make a good impression!). Classroom attire – a collared shirt (tucked in), trousers, a belt, and socks – are necessary during academic hours and when entering the dining hall. Seated meals are offered in the dining hall on Sunday evenings, Monday evenings, Wednesday evenings, and Thursday evenings. If you are having your overnight on a Sunday evening, please plan to wear a coat and tie to dinner. Buffet meals are offered on Tuesday and Friday evenings and classroom attire is appropriate.

You may wish to bring athletic clothing along as well – a T-shirt, shorts, and sneakers, in case you find yourself in a pick-up game or in afternoon athletics with your host. Our students have a two-hour study hall in the evening, so plan on having something to read during those two hours. The school provides all necessary linens during your visit, so there is no need to bring a sleeping bag or a towel.

If you and your family are traveling to Woodberry from the Washington, D.C., metro area, especially on a Friday afternoon, *please allow extra travel time* to arrive at Woodberry by 5:30 P.M. It is not uncommon to take up to three hours to travel to Woodberry, considering traffic exiting the city, and we want to be sure that you to get the most out of your visit to campus.

If you are running late, please contact the Woodberry switchboard after business hours at 540-672-3900.

Please contact the admissions office with any questions that you may have regarding the application process at Woodberry. We are here to help and are eager to assist you. You may also find it helpful to refer to our website, www.woodberry.org, for updates on athletic schedules, campus activities, and area accommodations.

Woodberry Forest School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other school-administered programs.