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Dear New Student:

Most of you getting this letter will be living on campus in the residence halls this coming semester. With your arrival date coming up in just a few weeks, you’re probably already starting 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 Walmart 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 Hall and the south and central sections of Carter Hall 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 use one of your own if you’d like. 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 either a two- or three-person room joined to another two-person room OR a two-person room joined to a four- or five-person room. There will be either five people or seven people in each suite, and suitemates share a bathroom (green, blue or brown, depending on the floor) and a study room. A two- or three-person room in Mac/Rymer is 12' x 16' and a four- or five-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 an amazing 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 the window frames.

The walls in the rooms are block and nails may not be used to hang anything. Some rooms have hanging strips for heavier things, but you should plan on attaching posters with white sticky tack (or my personal favorite, 3M Command Adhesive Mounting Strips). Whatever you put on the walls has to be completely removed when you check out.

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 but aren’t the best fit. Mattress pads will make our flame-retardant mattresses even more comfortable.

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).

We have made an alphabetical list of things you may want to bring with you—you can check it out on our website at www.covenant.edu/orientation. 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. In accordance with Georgia state law, our campus also 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 your video games, TVs, DVD players, and large stereo equipment at home. Remember you are coming to Covenant first to be a student, and these activities may distract you from your academics.

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 to NOT Bring, or click on the Residence Life section to find information about your Resident Directors, Resident Assistants and the hall where you will be living. Go to 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. We’re looking forward to seeing you soon!

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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
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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

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

T

Toothbrush
toothpaste
towels

trash can
tweezers
Tylenol

U
underwear

umbrella

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