

A Light on the Hill

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Would you like to go on a scavenger hunt? Here's a shortened version of one that we are developing for middle school students to introduce them to



the college experience. We often describe Carolina as a place for "Minds on a Mission." Gather your own group of minds for a mission – and test out this activity for us. And, please email me your thoughts and suggestions (mjfox@unc.edu).

For a campus map, stop by UNC Visitors' Center or use the one online on page 10 at www.unc.edu/visitors. (Scroll to the end of the page, click on "Finding your way" and then "Visitors' Guide PDF.")

Pose for fun photos as you find each location. Picture yourself in college!

1. Pettigrew: Inside is the financial aid office where students get help with paying for college. There are scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs. Don't let the cost of college prevent you from going!

2. Davie Poplar. Find the big leaning tree that has a concrete bench in front of it. This tree is as old as UNC and very special to us. The founders of the University sat under this tree and decided this spot was a good place for the University, the very first public,

state-supported University in the nation!

3. Old Well: Legend has it that if you drink from the well on your first day of classes, you will get good grades. What do you think it really takes to be a successful student?

4. Old East was the first building on campus. Today, it is a residence hall. It is very exciting to live on campus near classes, libraries, dining halls, campus events, and downtown, making friends with people you might not otherwise have met - some from other parts of the world. College students can also study abroad for a semester, taking classes while living in another country. We mark the University's birthday on the day that the cornerstone for Old East was put in place. Find the date. How old is UNC today?

5. Memorial Hall: Do you like drama, music or dance? This is one of the places we come to see plays, concerts, and performances. Some shows are free and for others, students get tickets at a special low price.

6. Campus Y: This is often the first place students go to get involved with service projects. Through hundreds of community outreach programs, students are able to earn course credit, learn about other communities and improve people's lives.

7. Polk Place: This is the main academic quad of campus. Most of the buildings around you are filled with classrooms. In college you plan your own schedule of classes. And how you fill your time in between class and studying is up to you, too.

8. Venable and Murray Halls are part of the Science Complex. Students take courses in many different subjects like English, history, science and math, but eventually choose one topic to study more than any other. This is called a major, and it usually corresponds with your career aspirations. Carolina offers more than 70 different majors, from accounting, art history and Asian studies



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to biomedical engineering, statistics, screenwriting and more.

9. Wilson Library is just one of our libraries. The Undergraduate Library and Davis Library are nearby, too. There are 6.7 million books on this campus! A college library offers computers, media centers, research and a quiet place to study.

10. The Daniels Building houses UNC Student Stores which sells textbooks, school supplies, snacks and Carolina gear. Inside, there is also a post office, a coffee shop, and a bookstore.

11. Student Union is the "living room" on campus. Students come here to watch free movies on weekends, meet friends, play in the game rooms, dance at the Union Cabaret, web search in the computer lab, grab a snack or attend a club meeting. Compare and contrast the Student Union with your living room.

12. Kenan Stadium: If you play soccer, baseball or other sports, you may dream of playing in college one day. College students play a variety of sports either on a varsity, junior varsity, club or intramural team, and athletic facilities for students are available throughout campus.

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