Butler University

Group Visit Guide

6th–7th grade
Welcome!

We are so glad you have decided to visit Butler University's campus. In order to enrich your time, we have provided several activities to use before, during, and after your visit. Additionally, you'll find recommendations on where to eat lunch and where to park. At the end of this guide, please enjoy a variety of coloring sheets produced by Butler Blue IV.

We hope you have a wonderful time exploring our campus with your class. We encourage you to take pictures and tag butleru when you post them on Instagram or Facebook.

Go Dawgs!

Format and Objectives:
- 90 minutes
- Self-paced, independent, content differentiated by grade level
- Build an early affinity for Butler University
- Improve comfort levels for being on a college campus in general
- Create an understanding of how a college campus works (pre/post visit activities)
- Understand the importance of a college education (pre/post visit activities)
- Cultivate a connection between a college education and career pathways (pre/post visit activities)

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Parking Instructions:
There are two great places to drop off and pick up your students. We have structured your tour to start at our recommended drop of location, in front of Holcomb Observatory (#28) on Lake Road. You’ll end at the Atherton Bulldog on Hampton Dr. as our recommended location to pick up at the end of your visit.

If you are going to enjoy lunch on campus after your tour, we recommend using Holcomb Observatory as your drop off and pick up location.

Buses are welcome to park in the Hinkle Fieldhouse Parking Lot (#24) for the duration of your visit.

Brown Bag Lunch Recommendations:
We encourage you to extend your visit and pack a picnic lunch. We recommend enjoying your lunch on the Robertson Hall Lawn (#48 on the campus map) or in front of the Holcomb Observatory (#28). Holcomb Garden is not accessible by sidewalk, but also provides a wonderful space to enjoy lunch.
Pre - Visit Activity

Time: 30 min. Materials: Papers with a prompt written on it.
Directions: On pieces of poster paper, write the alphabet in two columns. Students rotate through a circuit of ABC posters every 3-6 minutes, generating words or phrases for each letter of the alphabet related to the topic provided.

1. Organize students into small groups and provide the class with the topic of **College**.
2. Provide each group with one colored marker (each group gets a different color) and poster paper that lists the alphabet in two columns (one letter per row in each column) while providing room for students to write.
3. Groups write down words/phrases for as many letters on their poster as they can in the time provided using their prior knowledge of the topic.
4. Call time. Groups rotate to the next poster, taking their marker with them. They pick up where the last group left off in trying to fill out the poster.
5. Call time. Groups rotate again. They can now use an outside resource (such as the [Butler University Website](#)) to generate new words/phrases for the remaining letters. Students can also add to the letters that were previously used.
6. Call time. Groups rotate to their original poster to construct a summary statement that synthesizes the poster's information.
7. Have groups share their summary statements with the whole class. Individual students write a paragraph or two detailing how the information from the statement and poster impacted them as a learner.
   a. Can include words they didn’t know, words they saw on multiple posters, words that were easier than others to come up with. What they think are the most important words, words they got from their second source, etc
8. Can score like scattergories, cross out the words that are similar and see which team (color) has the most unique words!
**Scavenger Hunt Middle School**

**Directions:** Use your map and the clues to find the answer to each scavenger hunt item.

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<td>Peer into the sky where secrets unfold, seek the dome up top where wonder behold.</td>
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<td>Listen for the chime that touches the sky, seek the tower standing tall, pointing high.</td>
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<td>A place where fitness and fun entwine, seek the place where wellness aligns</td>
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<td>Indiana’s court of great renown, Where basketball’s glory can be found</td>
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<td>Follow the virtual flow, where legends collide in a digital show</td>
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<td>Indiana’s grand hall, stories unfold, Where actors perform, captivating young and old</td>
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<td>Where knowledge blooms and minds take flight, discover the sanctuary of learning, shining bright.</td>
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<td>Where books await and knowledge unfolds, seek the place stories are told</td>
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<td>This outdoor feature is quite grand with water flowing on demand. It’s a source of beauty and sound, it can be found in the middle of our town.</td>
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<td>At school, a place to eat and chat, Where hungry students gather, that’s a fact</td>
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<td>Discover a place where uniqueness is celebrated, seek the vibrant center where cultures are elevated.</td>
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<td>A shared residence, where friendships bloom, living on campus, in their new room.</td>
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<td>On college campuses, a social scene, Where Greek letters represent a team</td>
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<td>The real one’s name is Blue, find this stone one and take a picture, too!</td>
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| Observatory                                  | - The observatory is the largest in the state of Indiana  
- We built our first telescope in the 1950’s  
- We can control telescopes around the world in places like Arizona, Chile and Spain.  
- The lens you look through is 3ft long                                                                                                                   |
| Bell Tower                                   | - How many steps does it take to get to the top? 52  
- It has 23 bells and goes off every hour  
- On Sunday, there is a “show” at 5pm  
- Official name is Mrs. James Irving Holcomb Memorial Carillon                                                                                           |
| Health and Recreation Center                 | - Many students partake in club and intramural sports  
- Jogging track, pool, 2 basketball courts, and lots of weights  
- A lot of students work here  
- You can see a doctor or counselor here. Students use this space to stay healthy                                                                             |
| Hinkle Fieldhouse                            | - Tony Hinkle, who the building is named after, helped create the orange basketball  
- Known as “Indiana's basketball cathedral”  
- 95 years old  
- National Historic Landmark  
- Several presidents have spoken inside to students and community members  
- The first all Black basketball team to win a state championship won in Hinkle  
- Hosted the NCAA tournament in 2021                                                                                                                        |
| Esports                                      | - There are 50 gaming computers inside  
- Opened in 2022  
- We have a competitive esports team that competes against other colleges  
- You can minor or study esports  
- We are very good at Rocket League                                                                                                                          |
| Clowes Memorial Hall                         | - How many seats do you think are in Clowes? 1200  
- Katy Perry performed here for students one year  
- Built in 1963  
- Broadway shows like Lion King, actors, and presidents have all visited Clowes                                                                                           |
| Lacy School of Business                      | - Popular LSB majors are Exploratory Business, Marketing, and Finance. Does anyone have an interest in studying business in college?  
- There is a cafe, classrooms, and places for students to hang out  
- During their first year business students will run their own business  
- Our Career office is located here to help students find jobs                                                                                           |
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| Irwin Library                  | - Irwin Library and the World Trade Center were designed by the same person  
- Opened in 1963  
- There are over 400,000 books inside                                                                                             |
| Star Fountain                  | - One of the traditions for seniors is to visit all the fountains on campus during their last semester                                     |
| Atherton Marketplace           | - A hub of student involvement  
- Volunteer Center is inside  
- Where students go to eat their meals  
- The “Dean of Students” who is sort of like your principal has an office here                                                   |
| Efroymson Diversity Center     | - Groups that are focused on diversity have spaces in here, but it is an open space for all students to come hang out and make new friends  
- Prayer/meditation space, kitchenette, and a lounge space  
- There are over 160 student organizations on campus and many of them work with the DC                                              |
| Irvington House                | - A dorm; where students live when they move to campus for the school year  
- Study places, fitness center, laundry, kitchen, lounges to hang out in are all in the dorm  
- How many beds do you think Irvington has? **164**  
- Most of our students live on campus for 3 years                                                                               |
| Greek Houses                   | - Butler has 7 fraternities and 8 sororities on campus  
- Sigma Gamma Rho is a historic Black sorority and was founded on our campus.  
- Combine for 20,000 hours of volunteering  
- Great way to connect with former butler students and make new friends.  
- It isn’t for everyone - about 35% join each year                                                                             |
| Atherton Stone Bulldog         | - Butler was founded in 1855, and our founder, Ovid Butler, was ahead of his time in providing everyone, regardless of gender or race, an equal opportunity for exceptional education  
- Blue 4 is our current live mascot  
- A must take picture during your first and last week as a Bulldog                                                               |

**Indicates not on the campus map.**

**Esports** is located under the parking garage.  
**Star Fountain** is between Irwin Library and Starbucks.  
**Efroymson Diversity Center** is located inside of Atherton Union  
**Greek House** refers to #1 and #2  
**Atherton Stone Bulldog** is located outside the south entrance of Atherton Union facing Hampton Dr.
Post Visit Activity

1. Future Goal Setting: Engage the students in a conversation or written reflection about their future goals and aspirations. Ask them to consider how their college visit experience has influenced their thoughts about higher education and their career choices. Encourage them to set specific goals and discuss the steps they need to take to achieve those goals.

2. Research Project: Assign each student a specific aspect of the college campus visit to research further. It could be a particular program, a club, a facility, or a notable feature. They can share with each other or take a walk around the world to see what their classmates made.

Additional Resources

Butler Blue Activities
Butler Arts Schedule
Athletic schedules
Read More about Butler Blue and the live mascot program.
Virtual & Interactive Map