

SCAD Family Facebook Threads — Move-In Day Logistics

Pulled together and summarized from saved group threads

1. Move-In Day Logistics

Parking, Carts & Volunteers

- Volunteers + rolling carts unload cars — you generally don't need your own dolly, though a few families bring a small wagon/dolly just in case.
- No street parking allowed at Hive/Turner during move-in; you get a short window to unload, then must move your car to the parking garage.
- Hive & River: very organized — plenty of volunteers, bins, and elevators. Widely described as "easy."
- Boundary Village: no volunteers and no elevators (all stairs). Some families pay other students to help carry loads.
- Elevator wait is typically 10–15 minutes at most; several report no wait at all.
- Hive parking garage is on-site, behind the gym near the cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to park off campus once unloaded.
- Move-out day is consistently described as far more chaotic/less organized than move-in.

Timing & Scheduling

- Move-in time slots are assigned individually and sent via mySCAD/email, typically in July.
- First day of classes is around Sept 14; move-in is spread across the preceding week (no Sunday move-ins).
- Some assigned slots are short — as little as ~30 minutes to unload.
- Parent orientation-type events happen most days of move-in week; exact schedule is usually posted closer to the date.

Tipping the Move-In Crew

- Consensus: don't tip — a verbal thank-you is the appropriate and appreciated gesture.
- Crew is a mix of student-athlete volunteers and paid "SHMs" (Student Home Mentors, formerly called RAs).

Overnight Parking & Nearby Hotels (night before move-in)

- Any hotel with a secured/gated garage works well — many report zero issues leaving a fully packed car overnight.
- Popular options near campus: Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn, Marriott Courtyard, Aloft, Hyatt Regency/Place, JW Marriott ("the Plant Marriott"), DeSoto, Fairfield Inn, Thunderbird Inn (budget-friendly).
- Airbnb is also common — look for a listing with private/secure parking.
- Expect ~\$25–40+/night for downtown hotel parking. Budget alternative: staying in Pooler or Midtown (~15–20 min drive) usually means free/cheaper parking.
- One reported car break-in despite parking in daylight — worth removing obvious valuables regardless of where you park.