

UB Scoop

December 2025/January 2026



Greetings from Upward Bound!

It's the time of year when the cold winter has settled in, and we dig into all of our indoor activities. We know Ms. Calfee would say, "Keep up with your pleasure reading!" While winter tends to be a cold and colorless time of year, all of us in our UB family know that we just need to add our own color and warmth! We will choose to focus on the cheerful and joyful Holiday time approaching. We'll think of hot cocoa and cookies or maybe a family treat. There's also time with family and friends.

Speaking of friends, we are now officially welcoming many new Upward Bound friends! Acceptance letters are going out soon and we are very excited to expand our UB family once again to include bright-eyed, excited new participants. In our usual UB style, we will welcome them with smiles and congratulations

as they begin working toward a brighter future.

Upward Bound staff are hard at work. We're working on our yearly reporting to the Department of Education. We have also been working hard to prepare for our Spring Saturday Academies and even thinking ahead toward our Summer Session! Summer will be here before we know it! Until then, we must bear the cold as we push forward toward a successful semester. Upward Bound is committed to providing resources that will assist you in being successful. With those resources, your dedication, and your desire to succeed, you will go far in achieving your goals. One of these resources is our Student Checklist. Our Canvas online Classroom provides you with descriptions and directions for each Checklist assignment, as well as a simple submission

process. Don't forget to check on your due dates!

This resource is proving to be helpful in assisting students as they progress toward future success!

We know you've been working hard this semester. We hope you are all settled in toward a successful 2nd semester for this school year. Stay safe and warm! We'll see you in February for our next Saturday Academy/TRIO Day!



Special Points of interest:

- Monday, December 15, 2025
UBCared4 – 6:30-7:30 PM
- Monday, January 26, 2026
UBCared4 – 6:30-7:30 PM
- Monday, February 23, 2026
UBCared4 – 6:30-7:30 PM
- Saturday, February 28, 2026
Saturday Academy and National TRiO Day Celebration – 8:30-2:00 PM (families encouraged to attend)



PARDON OUR PROGRESS

Updates are happening on the Northwest Missouri State University campus, including some updates on the Administration Building. For Upward Bound, this means a temporary relocation of our Saturday Academy location. For our February and March Saturday Academies, we will be in the Garrett-Strong Science building, just across the parking lot from the Administration Building.

The parking lot usually used for Saturday Academies should still be available, with parking in the upper lot only. Please watch your emails for any updates in the coming months and make sure to read all information sent out from Upward Bound, as we could have updates to share with you regarding locations, etc. If there are any questions, please reach out.

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Looking to the Future

-College Visits

Juniors and Seniors are a busy crowd. They are keeping up with their grades, playing sports, being active in clubs and organizations, etc. While all of this is going on, they are also working hard to prepare for the next step: College!

All the way back in Summer 2025, Seniors were working on choosing which colleges they would eventually apply to. Though research was conducted extensively, it can be very difficult to know if a school is the right choice until we actually walk the campus and see first-hand what it is like. That's exactly what these students did.

Rachel, who coordinates the college visits, polled Seniors to see which colleges students were most interested in visiting. The top two most popular choices were then selected. A lot of planning and organization took place, and off we went!

Missouri Western State University

Our first college visit was to Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO. Students got to see some of the newest changes at the University. The sun was shining, and it was warm for the season, so we really enjoyed the walking tour of the campus.



University of Missouri – Columbia (MIZZOU)

Our second college visit was to the University of Missouri-Columbia, also known as “Mizzou” in Columbia, MO. The day started off *very* windy, but it had calmed down a bit by the time we started our walking tour. It was also chilly, but we still had a great time learning about Mizzou and seeing its beautiful campus.



Bonus: We got to see an Upward Bound Alum that is currently attending Mizzou – Nick Herbert! He talked a bit more about Mizzou and his experience as a college student there and shared how Upward Bound helped him to be successful as a current college student. It was great to see you, Nick!



2026 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The Winner Receives \$50!!!

Deadline to submit entries is **Saturday, February 28.**

- The design must be a maximum of 3 colors and must be for one side of a shirt. **2026 is the 40th Anniversary for NW Upward Bound, so it might be neat to incorporate that into any designs. 😊
- Screen Print Only.
- Design entries must be submitted in JPEG format only (no hand drawings accepted).
- Voting will take place within the months of March or April.
- The winning design will be announced March 21 at our Saturday Academy.
- If you have questions, please contact Rachel or Sheila.



JOB-SHADOW/WORK-STUDY SUMMER 2026

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors that have participated in at least one summer session are eligible to apply for a Job-Shadow or Work-Study experience during our 2026 Summer Session.

Applications are on the UB Website. The due date to submit applications is **February 28, 2026**. Contact the Coordinator of Counseling with any questions.



IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING 2026 SATURDAY ACADEMY DATES

Spring 2026 Upward Bound Saturday Academies take place from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Garrett-Strong Science Building at Northwest Missouri State University

January 31	New Student/Parent Orientation (No Regular Saturday Session)
February 28 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Regular Session/TRiO Day (families encouraged to attend)
March 21	Regular Session

New Student Orientation Saturday, January 31, 2026

All new Upward Bound students (and their parent/guardian) will attend a New Student Orientation at 10:30-11:30 AM in Garrett-Strong 2550.



ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Dec. 13, 2025	Nov. 7, 2025	Nov. 24, 2025
Feb. 14, 2026	Jan. 9, 2026	Jan. 23, 2026
Apr. 11, 2026	Mar. 6, 2026	Mar. 24, 2026
Jun. 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

Always use the Upward Bound code: 9713

****Remember:** Each UB participant can utilize 4 ACT fee waivers. Forms are available by contacting the UB office.

Saturday Academy Bus Schedule

School	Pick Up Time	Drop Off Time	Location
King City	7:30 a.m.	2:10 p.m.	High School
Union Star	7:30 a.m.	2:10 p.m.	King City High School
Stanberry	7:45 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	Elementary School
Northeast Nodaway	8:05 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	High School
Rock Port	7:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	High School
Tarkio	7:45 a.m.	2:05 p.m.	High School
Fairfax	7:45 a.m.	2:05 p.m.	Tarkio High School
West Nodaway	8:10 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	High School
Nodaway-Holt	7:50 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	High School
Arrive NWMSU	8:30 a.m.		Admin. Building
Leave NWMSU	*12:45p.m.		Admin. Building

**** Busses typically stop at McDonald's/Taco Bell after session from 12:45-1:15 p.m.**

2026 UB Summer Session Tentative Dates June 7-July 10

2026 Summer Enrichment Trip Tentative Dates July 14-17

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