

# I'm Going To Fest!! Now What??

🔥 *Disclaimer: this is not an official FWB guide to Fest, this is just someone who wishes she knew this before she went last year lol.*

Quick links:

? [Official Fest FAQs](#)

🎫 [Buy tickets](#)

🗺️ [Socal airport map](#) + Fest location + shuttle location there too

📄 [Housing & Car Rental or Uber Split sign up sheet](#)

👉 Fest is now Aug 1 - Aug 3, instead of July 31 - Aug 3!! 👉

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## 🚗✈️ How do I get there and back?

*I created a spreadsheet for folks to find rideshares!*

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aLsVw7y3ZlwKdFlvIdPSObedHvZb49904yIN6nKMNeY/edit#gid=602464949>

Fly into:

- Palm Springs
  - Ontario (in California, not Canada)
  - Long Beach
  - John Wayne Santa Ana
  - LAX
  - San Diego
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- Renting a car and splitting a trip from the airport with other travelers arriving around the same time is definitely the easiest route to go (check out the spreadsheet to help with coordination). Don't forget to take Socal traffic into account.
    - For non-US folks, it's easy to rent a car from most airports right after you land. Try to buddy up with someone with a US driver's license for a rental!
  - Ubers are easy to call **from** anywhere, but hard to call **from Idyllwild** (most folks don't want to drive up the mountain), so plan in advance if you're not renting a car.
  - You can drive to campus as well, but you'll need to request a parking permit beforehand (this might also be limited to members only. Idk I didn't get a parking pass last year and just shuttled/hitched a ride with friends back home).
  - Once you're in Idyllwild, the town center itself is pretty walkable, and there is a shuttle that stops between Fest campus and the town running all day.



## Where do I stay?

*I created a spreadsheet for folks to find Airbnbs to split!*

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- Airbnb and VRBO are your best bets.
- You can also check out [Idyllwild Inns](#) (but I think they're also on Airbnb).
- If you do **not** plan on driving to campus, I would suggest trying to find a place close to the **Butterfield Amphitheatre** marked on the map so you can walk there and hop on a shuttle that runs back and forth all day. (Technically closer to the kids playground right next to it but whatever).



## What's the vibe?

- [FWB's wrapup reel](#) if you tryna get a sense of the fits
- Extremely choose your own adventure - you can listen to someone's DJ set, a performance, sit by the pool, attend a panel or talk, or just chill. You're welcome to wander, just be polite and courteous (aka quiet) if you're popping into or out of a talk before it ends.
- Lot of people meet each other for the first time, but it's pretty easy to make friends and float in and out of groups as people travel to whatever they're interested in at that time.
- It's not really a music festival vibe (you don't have a lot of people dressing up in festival attire or anything), just more of "oh your friends are doing a weekend in the mountains."
- On Sunday, the campus closes up pretty quickly after closing ceremonies, so you can't keep lounging by the pool or anything. Most folks skedaddle to beat the LA traffic (I think most folks fly in/out of LAX).
- There may or may not be an afterparty at a local bar one of the nights, tbd! Even if you don't drink, come through to make some friends.

### Rough Schedule:

- *August 1 - Check In*
  - FWB members have their own programming to enjoy, but non-member attendees can also start to live, laugh, love.
- *August 2:*
  - Panels, talks, performances, musical acts, vibing
  - Choose your own adventure! Stay hydrated!
- *August 3:*
  - Idk, casual pool parties and Envelope stage things.
  - Will most likely wrap up by 2pm~
  - Lot of people just end up doing a long ass brunch in Town Center.

### Main Hubs:

- [Auditorium](#)
  - Air conditioned!
  - There's a restroom here but it/the auditorium closes at like 6 or 7pm
  - At the edge of campus and a bit of a trek, but large for panels and talks.
- [Library/Computer Lab](#)
  - Air conditioned!
  - There's a restroom in the same building.
  - For more intimate talks and panels.
  - Great place to charge your phone if needed.
  - Middle of all the things.
  - Bunch of lounge chairs outside for chilling
- [Envelop Stage](#)
  - Outside
  - Smaller stage, had big cushions and blankets on the ground for some meditation/soundbath stuff last year.
- [Amphitheater](#)
  - Outside
  - Dawg it's beautiful, you just gotta trust me.
  - Stage built into a big ass hill. Musical performances, late night shows.
  - There are some porto-potties nearby at the top of the hill.
  - There was also a bar set up here as well last year.
- [Rush](#)
  - Get lit (responsibly) after hours and possibly...before hours.
  - There's a restroom outside of the venue, around the corner.
- [Pool](#)
  - Check out the lineup (when it's released) for set times!
  - Will have some pool floaties available.
  - There's veeeerrryyy little shade, so bring a hat, sunglasses, and globs of sunblock.
  - Bathroom/showers here.

## Food & Bev Sitch

(May change this year!)

- Last year there were 7~ food truck vendors, and they were available from like 10am - 10pm or something.
  - lirc prices ranged from like \$7 for things like fries to \$15-20~ for something heavier~
  - Last year they worked with a vendor to pre-load a wallet and you got like \$2~ off almost everything.

- If you have dietary restrictions, might be best to stop by the market in town/somewhere before you drive up the mountain to pick up some groceries to eat before getting to the venue.
- There's a cash/Apple Pay bar with wine and beer. They're trying to build out more options this year that aren't hella expensive lol.
- Uniswap took over the cafeteria last year and had free coffee and chips and stuff.
- There are water bottle refill stations scattered around campus! Bring a water bottle (I brought my hydroflask filled with ice from my Airbnb and just refilled throughout the day).
- Last year, they didn't allow outside food or bev except water (but if you drove, you could just keep things in your car. Parking is limited though, so don't count on this).
- 7/16/24 update: [FWB IG lists out some food vendors](#)

#### Town Center:

- Lot of restaurants and coffee shops (quality may vary lol). There is also a movie theater, vintage stores, and ice cream/dessert shops!
- [Mama's Egg House](#) has pretty good breakfast and I ended up going there 2 or 3 times last year, but the wait can be long esp if you're with a big group.
- There is a grocery store, but might be kinda expensive. Stop by a grocery store **before** you get up the mountain lol.



## What Should I Pack?

- Temps got hottie tottie during the day (can get up to 90s): bring a hat + light layers for sun protections.
- Temps also get pretty chilly (roughly 50-60 at night) so bring a warm layer as well.
  - The shuttle runs back and forth all day so it's easy to go back to the Town Center (if that's where you're staying) to grab some clothes. I've left a small bag in the Library throughout the day, but at your own risk!!
- There's a pool and also a river/creek nearby, so pack a swimsuit and sandals if you're into it.
- A small bag to carry your essentials, whatever those might be. I packed:
  - Portable battery + charging cable
  - A foldable blanket (to avoid sitting in dirt cause ion like dat lol)
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Water bottle
  - Wallet (but could likely get away with Apple Paying everything)
  - Extra sunblock + hat
- Bring a portable charger or a charging cable. The library area should be open the entire day so you can chill out next to an outlet (it's also one of the few air conditioned spaces on campus).

- Bring comfortable shoes you don't mind getting dusty. The school campus is spread out across a mountain, with some of the stages set up on a hillside or off the path under some trees. There's a mix of paved and dirt paths.
  - You don't *need* hiking shoes (unless you wanna go hiking), but wear something you don't mind being in for most of the day that will get dusty.
- Sunblock and bugs spray/repellent if u tasty (to bugs).

## Basecamp (I don't think they're hosting this year before Fest)


- I don't know anything else about Basecamp so this is not an FAQ for that lol.

## Random Things to Know

### About Town Center:

- Driving up to the town center is really windy and curvy, and there aren't any street lights. I personally would try to land in Socal with enough time to get up the mountain before it gets too dark, but this is just a preference.
- There's a grocery store in town. It's unlikely that you'll go back and forth from campus to home frequently, but having some easy breakfast items or snacks at your accommodations is nice.
  - Grocery store is also expensive lol. Would recommend stopping somewhere before you get up the mountain.
- Most of the stores close before Fest ends each night, so walking back can be a bit dark. Most of the residential streets don't have much lighting.
- Remember we are very much visitors in a community, so be courteous and thoughtful to the residents.
- THE TOWN'S MAYOR IS A DOG (MAYOR MAX) AND HE IS A SWEETIE PIE!!!! He came thru last year with his VP and Secretary (more dogs).

### About Fest Campus:

- There is a shuttle that picks up and drops off at Butterfield Amphitheatre parking lot. The trip is around 10 minutes, and drops you off in the middle of all the action.
- You can also drive, but there is very limited parking, so shuttling is probs the better move.
- I haven't had to wait too long to use a restroom anywhere (as a woman ). There are two or three bathrooms located across campus that are built into the buildings, as well as some porta-potties scattered throughout as well.

- You'll be walking a lot. Events, activities, and talks are scattered across the campus. Since it's on a mountain, accessibility is def tough, as there are both paved and dirt paths across hills and grassy areas.
- There is wifi/internet, but nighttime is usually slower since that's when everyone's posting. Is it possible to work? Not ideal but yes, although it would be hard to take calls.
- ONLY SERVICE ANIMALS ALLOWEDDDDD.

Stay hydrated, rest when you need to, be nice, pick up your  
trash!!