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University of Saskatchewan's Student Union Gears up for a Welcome Week Party

If it's early September and you're on University of Saskatchewan campus, there's a good chance you're taking part in Welcome Week, the biggest annual two-day party on campus.

Welcome Week is a long established tradition on the U of S campus dating back to before the start of World War Two. The event, as in past years, will feature live bands, plenty of food and drink, a carless drive-in, and lots of free giveaways to students and visitors.

All of the Welcome Week activity will take place in the Bowl, located in the centre of the U of S campus.

"Welcome Week is the USSU's way of greeting first year and returning students to campus," said USSU President Josie Steeves. "Welcome Week is two days of fun, food, music and celebrating the start of a new school year," said Steeves.

Thursday's agenda begins at 11:00 a.m., with food, beer gardens, and live music playing throughout the day. The day will wrap up with the traditional "carless drive-in" movie double feature on a giant screen in the Bowl, this year featuring "Happy Gilmour" and "Juno". The movies will start at 8 p.m.

Friday's events will also start at 11:00 a.m., with food, beer gardens and live music running until 5 p.m. MTV Canada will be live on location throughout the day with host Diane Salema and Paul the Intern, as part of MTV's quest tour to find the "coolest school in Canada".

One of the most anticipated features of Welcome Week will be the distribution to students of the USSU's *Survival Guide* on a first come, first serve basis. Approximately 12,000 copies will be given away in the Bowl on Thursday and Friday.

"The USSU *Survival Guide* is easily the most popular and sought after book on campus," said Steeves. "We're encouraging everyone to pick up their copy in the Bowl during Welcome Week because supplies are limited."

Welcome Week will also include 24 hour security patrols to help provide better safety to students and visitors.

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