

Dear new student,

Welcome to Tilburg!

We're excited that you have decided to join TOP Week 2024. Get ready to kickstart your life as a student by exploring your School and our study, student, and sport associations, and everything else Tilburg has to offer. Most importantly, you'll meet new people and build lasting friendships. TOP Week is the best start of your life as a student in Tilburg!

Stay updated

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok. Download the TOP Week App from the App Store or Google Play Store. The App is your main source for updates, the program schedule, and topping up your wristband for payments.

Need help?

Contact us via WhatsApp at + 31 6 42 09 21 70 or e-mail topregistratie@uvt.nl.

Enjoy TOP Week!

Best regards, TOP Board 2024





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Make sure to follow us on social media for more information!







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Dit is jouw moment

Om te kiezen voor een baan die echt bij jou past.

Ben je op zoek naar een werkomgeving waar alles net even anders gaat? Bij Baker Tilly leven we voor de speciale momenten.

Momenten dat we de champagne uit de koelkast halen. Omdat we onze klant hielpen een groot succes te boeken. Of juist omdat we elkaar samen door een grote uitdaging loodsten. Wat voor moment er ook op ons pad komt, het is meer waard als we het delen.

Wil jij je thuis voelen op je werk? En volop kansen krijgen om jezelf te ontwikkelen in accountancy, audit of advisory? Dan is dit het moment om te kiezen voor een baan bij Baker Tilly.

Nieuwsgierig geworden? Ga naar werkenbijbakertilly.nl







Important information

Information Point and First Aid

At all activities during TOP Week, an Information Point will be available where a TOP organization member can answer your questions. There will also be first aid stations.

TOP Headquarters (HQ)

TOP Headquarters (HQ) is the central meeting point for the TOP organization during TOP Week. If you have any questions during TOP Week, you can go to HQ. If you can't make it to the Registration on Monday, you can pick up your TOP wristbands and TOP bag at HQ. The last moment for you to pick up your wristband is Wednesday before the TOP Cantus.

The central meeting point is Koepelhal (Spoorzone). Visit HQ for any questions, or to pick up your wristband and TOP Bag if you miss Monday's registration. The last chance to get your wristband is Wednesday before the TOP Cantus.

In emergencies, contact the HQ telephone number 24/7 at + 31 6 42 09 21 70. For opening hours and the address, see page 32

TOP wristbands

On Monday, August 19, you'll receive your wristband, which gives you access to all activities and serves as your e-wallet so wear it all week. If it breaks, bring the broken band and your ID to HQ for a free replacement. Lost wristbands cost € 40 to replace. Any wristbands confiscated by the TOP Organization cannot be replaced.

Exchange students and mentors

Registration for exchange students and mentors is on August 15 and 16. Details will be e-mailed.

Alcohol policy

TOP offers a fun program that's enjoyable even without alcohol. Moreover, TOP has to comply with the following legal rules under Dutch Law.

- It is forbidden to sell or serve alcohol to people younger than 18.
- People under the age of 18 are prohibited from possessing or drinking alcohol in public places (streets, pubs, train stations, parks).
- The law does not differentiate between beverages with different percentages of alcohol.

Measures taken by TOP

- Age wristbands: Participants get a wristband based on their age: blue for under 18 and pink for 18 and over. Keep your wristband on throughout TOP Week to be served at bars.
- Age checks: There will be age wristband checks at all TOP activities, bars, and student associations. The TOP organization and security and bar personnel are allowed to ask you for identification to verify your age.
- Supervision: The organization and security and bar personnel will monitor age wristbands during the entire week.
- Consequences: Under-18 participants caught drinking alcohol risk losing their TOP wristband and being banned from all activities.

Drugs policy

According to the Dutch Opium Act, it is legal to use and carry a certain amount of soft drugs. However, TOP does not tolerate the use of any drugs during TOP Week. Participants are prohibited from attending activities under the influence of drugs, possessing drugs, or engaging in drug sales during any event. Entry may be refused if there is suspicion of drug use, and violators risk losing their TOP wristband. Security personnel are authorized to conduct searches if suspicions arise. Those found in possession of significant quantities of drugs or suspected of dealing will be handed over to the police.

Smoking policy

Please be aware that both the Tilburg University campus and the Tilburg University Sports Center enforce a strict non-smoking policy. Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is prohibited on campus grounds and in and around the Sports Center.

WhatsApp group

Your TOP mentors will form a WhatsApp group approximately one week before TOP Week begins. Use this group to make clear agreements about sleeping accommodation and to already get to know each other. Certain activities like the Sports Classes and the Triple Thrill: Cooke, Create, Compete require registration through the TOP Week App. Once your group has been established, you can discuss and decide together which time slots or activities to participate in.

Food

For group meals, mentors use their wristbands to collect food for the whole group. The Master's Dinner on Tuesday will be at Gourmet Market. There your wristband will be scanned at the entrance. At the TOP Festival on Thursday, food trucks will offer various dining options.



Bicycle parking

During TOP Week, having a bicycle is essential for getting from one activity to the other. Places where you can park your bike during TOP Week are listed below.



Activity	Bicycle parking
Registration	Opposite of the Tilburg University Sports Center
Spoorzone Dinner, Chill On, Dive In, Master Dinner, Triple Thrill, TOP	NS Bicycle Storage (open 05:35 - 01:00 each day) Address: Willem II-passage 15
Festival, City Stroll Master Your Skills,	
Explore 013 Fair, Lounge & Chill	Tilburg University Campus
Sports & Chill	Tilburg University Sports Center
TOP Cantus	Ireen Wüst Ice Rink

For all other activities, you can park your bike at the bicycle parking at or near the location of the activity. Please note that you are not to fasten your bicycle to fences!

NS Bicycle parking

To park your bike at NS Bicycle Storage, you need to check in with your OV chipcard, so make sure you bring one with you during TOP Week. If you do not have an OV chipcard yet, you can get one via this website. those who forget their OV chipcard or don't want one, loan cards are available. You can ask for one in the NS Bicycle Storage. If you don't park your bike for more than 24 hours, the NS Bicycle Storage is free.

Severe weather conditions

If there is a substantial chance of severe weather conditions during an event, you will be kept up to date via the TOP Week

App and our Instagram page. Some events have alternative indoor locations in the event of bad weather, so make sure to download the TOP Week App on your smartphone.

Social media

Any information additional to this booklet will be available during TOP Week in the TOP Week App or on our Instagram page. The interviews during TOP Week will be posted on TikTok. All photos taken during TOP Week will be posted on our Facebook page afterwards. Click on the icons below to go to our socials and download the TOP Week App.









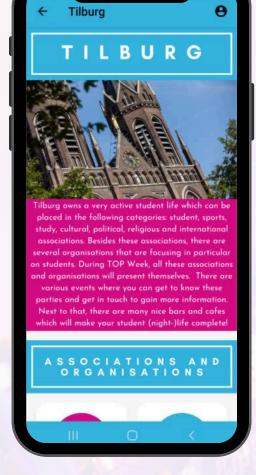


House rules

- Follow instructions from the TOP organization and security staff.
- Entry to events will only be given to participants visibly wearing the TOP wristband provided by the organization.
- The organization and security staff have the right to deny event access.
- No refunds are provided if entry is refused for any reason.
- You may be searched prior to and during events. If you refuse to be searched and/or have your bag checked, the TOP organization and/or security will deny you to access to the event.
- Entering the location of TOP events is at your own risk.
- If you injure people and/or damage buildings and equipment, you will be liable for any damages. The organization and/or its employees cannot be held accountable for any injuries and/or damage.
- You are obliged to carry a valid ID card/passport at all times.
- Zero-tolerance policy: No alcohol under 18; no drugs allowed at all ages.
- Smoking is prohibited on the entire Tilburg University campus and the Sports Center grounds.
- You are not allowed to enter locations for which you are not authorized.
- Misbehavior or intoxication may result in a refusal to serve you any alcoholic drinks.
- Prohibited items include drugs, alcoholic beverages, food, glassware, fireworks, weapons, and dangerous objects.
- During TOP Week, footage of the events is made and can be posted.
- Show respect to other participants, the organization, the environment, and local residents.
- In the event of non-compliance with the rules above, the organization will take appropriate action.

TOP Week app

Access the TOP Week App on your smartphone or desktop for event details, including the program, locations, and real-time updates via push notifications. It's essential for you and your group to download the app. You will receive an e-mail to activate your account in the week before TOP Week. Activation is necessary for participating in activities that require registration via the app. If you haven't activated your account before the Registration on Monday, your wristband cannot be connected to your account.



Payment system

During TOP Week, all beverage payments are made via a cashless

system using your wristband. However, if you cannot top up your chip online, there is a possibility to use cash. Tokens are no longer in use. A week before TOP Week, you'll receive an e-mail to create an account for the app. Once your account is set up, you can log in and top up your balance.

Payment Help Desk

If you encounter any issues or have questions about topping up your balance in the app during TOP Week, physical cash desks will be available at the following activities: Spoorzone Dinner, Dive In, Explore 013 Fair, TOP Cantus, TOP Festival.

Refunds

After TOP Week 2024, any remaining balance in your account will be automatically refunded to your bank account, provided that your IBAN (International Bank Account Number) is filled in correctly. This must be done by October 1, 2024, as refunds will not be issued after this date. Refunds cannot be processed during TOP Week.

The purposes of the wristband

The wristband serves several purposes during TOP Week.

- Making payments: Tap your wristband at payment terminals to order drinks, and the cost will be charged to your account.
 Please note that some activities, like Meet the Big Four, the Pub Crawl, and Outdoor Cinema require cash or a bank card.
- Picking up dinner: Mentors will handle food pickup with their wristband for the whole group.
- Lunch: TOP Week provides for one lunch during the week, on Thursday.

Checking in at events: Help us improve TOP by checking in at our events using your wristband.

Study Program Introduction

Your Study Program Introduction (SPI) might take place during TOP Week. The SPI provides details about studying and your program's curriculum. Organized by the various Schools of Tilburg University, the SPI is separate from TOP Week. All SPIs on Monday, August 19, happen after TOP Registration. You'll get more details from your School. Please note that the SPI is not part of TOP Week. If you have any questions, please refer to this website.

Mentors

During TOP Week, all new students will be assigned to groups of about 20, based on their study program or, for exchange students, with other exchange students. You'll receive an e-mail with your group number the week before TOP Week starts. Each group will have two senior student mentors, who will create a group chat to help arrange things like sleeping places. Your mentors will guide you through the week and be available to answer questions during your first year in Tilburg.

If you have any issues with your mentors during TOP Week, call +31 6 42 09 21 70 to inform the TOP organization. Complaints will be handled anonymously. You can also file complaints after TOP Week via topregistratie@uvt.nl.



BECOME TOP (WINTER) MENTOR!

Do you want to give students the best start of their student life?

Become TOP (Winter) Mentor!













TOP goes green

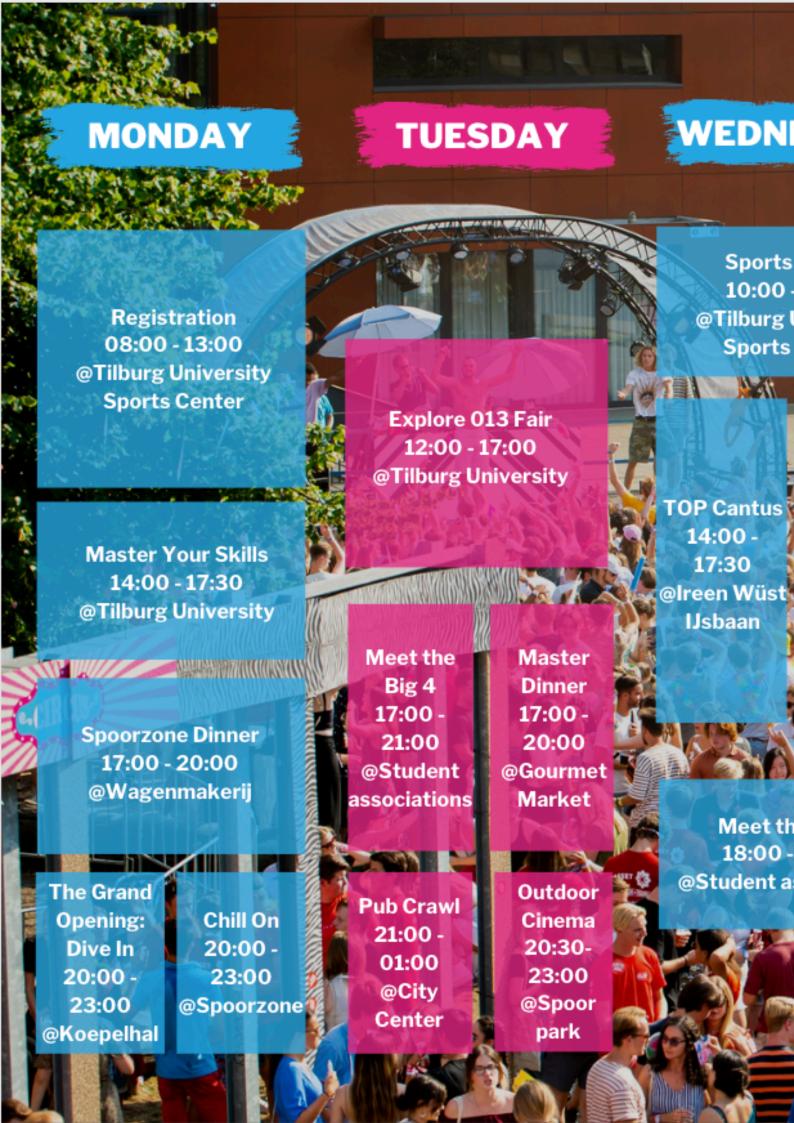
The TOP Foundation aims to be as sustainable as possible during the introduction week and its preparations. Here's how TOP contributes to a healthy environment.

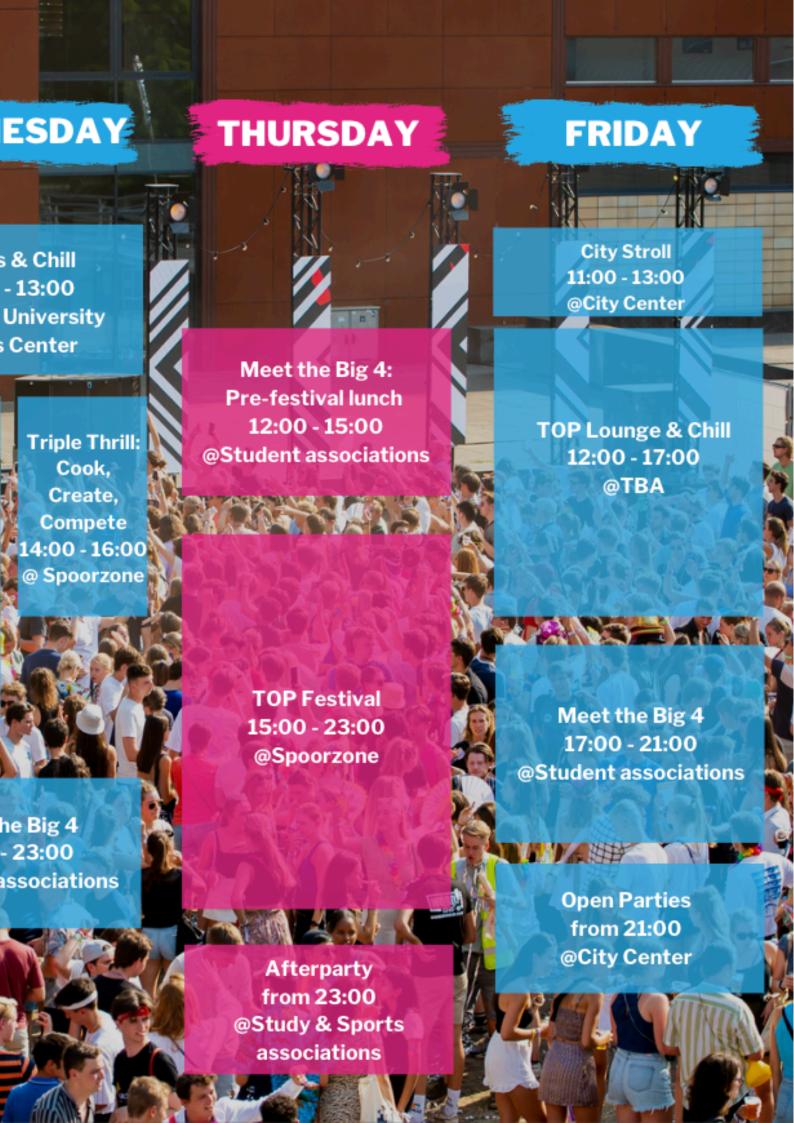
- We reduce the number of printed pages by not printing program and Cantus booklets or including other printed booklets in the goodie bags.
- Leftover food is donated to Food Bank Broodnodig.
- We encouragement students to bike to every event.
- The TOP Goodie bags are printed without a date, allowing leftover bags to be used for future editions.
- The default food option during registration is vegetarian.
 Participants who want meat must select this option.
- We use a cashless payment system, eliminating the need for tokens.
- There is a recycling system in place for all plastic cups at events to reduce waste.

How can you be more sustainable as a participant

- Bring a reusable water bottle to fill at water points throughout TOP Week.
- Pick up your own garbage and use the bins provided.
- Use your bike to go to every event during TOP Week.







Different options within the program

At certain times during the program, you can choose which activity you want to attend. Sometimes you can combine them by first attending one activity and then joining the other one later. This way, you can tailor your TOP Week to your preferences! You can visit the activity with your group or with part of your group. Below are the activities with multiple options during TOP Week.

Monday, August 19

 During the opening party, Dive In, you also have the opportunity to check out various student associations that have set up different games. This part of the program is called Chill On. Its location is next to the opening party, so you can combine the two.

Tuesday, August 20

 On Tuesday evening, you can choose to participate in the Pub Crawl (21:00-01:00), where you'll get to know Tilburg's nightlife, or you can go to the Outdoor Cinema in Spoorpark (20:30-23:00).





Wednesday, August 23

- On Wednesday morning, you can add the Sports & Chill (10:00-13:00) to your program. You can choose from among more than ten different sports organized by the Sports Center and student sports associations. To participate, you need to register through the TOP Week App. Registration opens on August 19, the Monday of TOP Week. The Olympia Sports Bar will also be open for drinks, and there will be a chill area if you need to relax!
- On Wednesday afternoon, the TOP Cantus will take place. For all participants under 18 and those who do not want to attend the Cantus, an alternative activity will be organized. You can choose between three different activities, so there's something for everyone. Registration opens on August 19, the Monday of TOP Week.

International Meeting Point

During TOP Week, Hostel Roots will be open until 21:00 hrs. as a meeting point for international students. With its relaxed atmosphere, it's a great place to meet new people, play games, and have a drink.



Meet The Big Four and (Pre-)Master's Dinner

Each afternoon, you and your group will visit one of Tilburg's student associations: T.S.R. Vidar, T.S.C. St. Olof, ESN, or T.S.V. Plato. This program component is called Meet the Big 4. At the association, you will get a tour of the premises and have dinner there. You also have the possibility to become a member of the association if you are interested. Check your personal program in the TOP Week App to see which association you'll visit each day.

For (pre-)Master's students, there is an alternative (pre-)Master's Dinner on Tuesday.

Please note: Make sure to go to the association you are assigned to. If you go to the wrong association, you won't be able to pick up dinner.

Monday, August 19

Registration

Time: 8:00 - 13:30

Location: Tilburg University Sports Center

TOP Week begins with Registration at the Tilburg University Sports Center. Although registration is open all morning, you will receive an e-mail a week before TOP Week with your specific time slot. It's crucial to be on time due to the tight schedule. During registration, you will receive a wristband and a TOP bag with goodies. Wear your wristband all week as it gives you access to all activities. If you have your SPI after the TOP Registration, you can leave your baggage at the baggage depot until 18:00 hrs. Only suitcases and overnight bags are accepted. After registering, head to the 'find your group' field where your TOP mentors will be waiting. Mentors will be registered before participants to ensure they are ready to meet you.

<u>Please note</u>: If you ordered a 'Studentenbox' when registering for TOP Week, you can pick it up near the 'find your group' field. Your mentors will guide you.

Master Your Skills

Time: 14:00 - 17:30

Location: Tilburg University campus

"Master Your Skills" offers Master's students the opportunity to enroll in various workshops. Registration for these workshops opens when you receive an e-mail the week before TOP Week. This e-mail will provide instructions to activate your account and sign up for the workshops.

Spoorzone Dinner

Time: 17:00 - 20:00

Location: Wagenmakerij

On the first evening of TOP Week, all participants and mentors will dine together at Wagenmakerij. The TOP organization will prepare the food outside, and mentors will queue to pick up meals for their entire group. Wristbands will be scanned to check for dietary requirements or allergies. Once the mentors have collected the food, you and your group can enjoy a nice dinner together.

Dive In: The Grand Opening

Time: 20:00 - 23:00 Location: Koepelhal

After dinner, it is time for the first TOP Party, Dive In: The Grand Opening. Get ready for the kick-off party of TOP Week 2024. Enjoy this night full of music and dancing!



Chill On

Time: 20:00 - 23:00

Location: Wagenmakerij

Chill On is the place to meet the different study associations in Tilburg. Several fun games are available and you can enjoy a delicious ice cream.

Tuesday, August 20

Explore 013 Fair

Time: 12:00 - 17:00

Location: Tilburg University campus

On Tuesday afternoon, you can explore various associations and companies in a fun way at the Explore 013 Fair. There will be information stands, obstacle courses, inflatable games, and water games. During this activity, you can enjoy some music and there are food trucks where you can buy your own lunch.

Meet the BIG 4

Time: 17:00 - 21:00

Location: Student associations

"Meet the Big 4" is an event where all Bachelor's students visit Tilburg's major student associations. Participants will receive a guided tour of the premises and have dinner at the association. Each group will be assigned to a specific association, so it's important to carefully follow your personal schedule.

Master's Dinner

Time: 17:00 - 20:00

Location: Gourmet Market

On Tuesday evening, a Master's Dinner is organized for Master's students at Gourmet Market. Located within are restaurants offering cuisines from various countries, providing a diverse dining experience.

Tuesday, August 20

Pub Crawl

Time: 21:00 - 1:00

Location: Tilburg city center

During the Pub Crawl, all pubs in the Tilburg city center will welcome new students to experience the nightlife. Your mentors will receive the Pub Crawl schedule for your group on Monday during Registration. Each pub visit lasts approximately 30 minutes, and you'll receive a complimentary drink at each venue. Remember to bring your bank card, if you want to consume more than one drink per pub.

Outdoor Cinema

Time: 20:30 – 23:00 Location: Spoorpark

Join us for an outdoor cinema experience, where you can relax and watch a movie with your friends at the largest open-air cinema in the city. Enjoy drinks, popcorn, and a wonderful evening under the stars.



Wednesday, August 21

Sports & Chill

Time: 10:00 - 13:00

Location: Tilburg University Sports Center

Kickstart your Wednesday with a morning full of sports at the Tilburg University Sports Center! Participate in various sports classes organized by over 15 student sport associations. Explore different sports, interact with members of the associations, and get all your questions answered. If you need a break between classes or want to wait for friends, relax in the special Chill Area. Participants must register for this activity individually through the TOP Week App.

TOP Cantus

Time: 14:00 - 17:30

Location: Ireen Wust Ice Rink

Wednesday afternoon marks the unforgettable TOP Cantus! Join in as all TOP Week participants sing along with the Cantus band while enjoying drinks. Experience the fantastic atmosphere that makes this event a highlight of TOP Week!

During the Cantus, TOP mentors will collect drinks for the entire group. Use the TOP Week App to transfer money from one wristband to another, allowing you and your group to reimburse your mentors.

Please note: The minimum age for participating in the TOP Cantus is 18 years. If you're under 18, check out the alternative parallel activity, Triple Thrill: Cook, Create, Compete.

Wednesday, August 21

The Triple Thrill: Cook, Create, Compete

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 Location: Koepelhal

- Alongside the Cantus, three diverse activities are organized to ensure there's something for everyone to enjoy.
- 1. Cooking Class: Learn basic cooking skills and prepare a dish together, empowering students to cook for themselves.
- 2. Creative Workshop: Create your own mosaic in a hands-on artistic session.
- 3. Sporting Event: Join a laser tag tournament for a fun and active competition.
- These activities cater to a variety of interests, providing alternatives for all participants.



Thursday, August 22

Meet the Big 4: Pre-Festival Lunch

Time: 12:00 - 15:00

Location: Student associations

Before the festival, lunch will be provided at the student associations. This lunch serves as a foundation for the day, allowing participants to recharge and relax before the next event.

TOP Festival

Time: 15:00 – 23:00 Location: Spoorzone

Thursday afternoon is best spent with your TOP group at the TOP Festival. Enjoy live music, various bars, and food trucks. Discover the second stage and dance all day long!

Afterparty

Time: 23:00 -->

Location: Bars within the Tilburg city center

On Thursday night, various student, study, and sports associations are organizing open parties at different locations. Meet people from a wide variety of associations in Tilburg or just go to a fun party of your choice! This activity is the perfect opportunity for new students to get to know the associations even better and to find out if they want to join one of the associations.

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Friday, August 23

City Stroll

Time: 11:00 – 13:00

Location: Tilburg City city center

Start your morning with a relaxing stroll through Tilburg, discovering all the city's highlights along the way. This activity offers a laid-back way to get to know Tilburg. Participation is optional.

TOP Lounge & Chill

Time: 12:00 - 17:00

Location: Tilburg University

On the final afternoon of TOP Week, join us for a Lounge & Chill session featuring live music performances by bands. Enjoy cocktails and food trucks, with blankets laid out for a relaxed atmosphere where participants can unwind from the week. Additionally, there will be water games to provide refreshing entertainment and cooling off.

TOP Festival

Time: 17:00 - 21:00

Location: Student Associations

On the last day, participants visit the last of the Big Four student associations. Here, they will receive a guided tour and enjoy dinner.

Open Parties

Time: 21:00 -->

Location: Bars in Tilburg city center and student associations

On the final evening of TOP Week, all pubs in the city will be open, and parties will be hosted at all student associations to conclude the week with festivities.

Locations and addresses

Tilburg University Sports Center

Academielaan 5, 5037 ET Tilburg

Location for: Registration & Sports & Chill

Spoorzone (Koepelhal & Wagenmakerij)

NS-Plein 6, 5014 DA Tilburg

Location for: Spoorzone Dinner, Dive in, Chill On, Triple Thrill: Cook,

Create, Compete & TOP Festival

Tilburg University

Warandelaan 2, 5037 AB Tilburg

Location for: Master Your Skills, Explore 013 Fair & TOP Lounge &

Chill

Spoorpark

Spoorpark 1, 5038 LS Tilburg

Location for: Outdoor Cinema

Ireen Wüst IJsbaan

Curlingstraat 15, 5022 DZ Tilburg

Location for: TOP Cantus

Gourmet Market

Burgemeester Stekelenburgplein 208, 5041 SC Tilburg

Location for: Master Diner

Hostel Roots

Stationsstraat 41, 5038 EC Tilburg

Location for: International Meeting Point

T.S.R. Vidar

Beekse Bergen 5, 5081 NJ Hilvarenbeek Location for: Meet the Big Four

T.S.C. St. Olof

Spoorlaan 330-332, Tilburg Location for: Meet the Big Four

T.S.V. Plato

Schouwburgring 200, 5038 TM Tilburg Location for: Meet the Big Four

ESN Tilburg

Heuvelring 45, 5038 CJ Tilburg Location for: Meet the Big Four

Important contact details

During TOP Week: TOP Headquarters (TOP HQ)

Spoorzone: Koepelhal

NS Plein 65

5041 DA Tilburg

+31 6 42 09 21 70 (24 hours a day)

Opening Hours:

Monday: 15:00 - 23:00 Tuesday: 08:00 - 22:00 Wednesday: 08:00 - 14:00

Thursda<mark>y: 08:00 - 15:00</mark>

Friday: 08:00 - 12:00

General address: Tilburg Orientation Program

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Non-emergency local police +31 900 88 44

Non-emergency First Aid +31 900 332 22 22

Sexual Assault Center (anonymous and free of 0800-0188

charge)

Please note: you can always contact a confident at the university <u>here</u>.

TOP Organization

TOP Week would not have been possible without a large number of dedicated people. The TOP organization, which consists of seven board members and thirteen committee members, has worked really hard these past few months to make TOP Week a great success and we would like to express our gratitude to the hundreds of mentors and TOP Crew who have contributed to TOP Week 2023!

TOP Week is organized by students like you. Would you like to take part in the organization as a board member, a committee member, a mentor, or TOP Crew member? Check out www.top-week.nl/en, come to the TOP room at E202 (Esplanade Building) or send an e-mail to top@uvt.nl.

BECOME TOP COMMITTEE 2025

Do you want to organize the biggest student event in Tilburg next year?

Become TOP Committee!



Make sure to follow us on social media for more information!









