

College of Natural Resources and Environment Guest Wireless Access Email Notification

Good morning CNRE,

CNS has recently changed the way guests access our wireless network. Before this change guests had to be sponsored by the department that they were visiting and there was a cost involved for the sponsoring department. Guest wireless is now free and visitors can self-provision their guest wireless for 9 hour blocks provided they have a cell phone that can receive text messages. If 9 hours is not adequate then they can resubmit for another 9 hours once the account expires. The steps listed below details what you'll need to tell your visitor in order to access our wireless network.

1. Connect to the "VirginiaTech" wireless network.
2. Launch a browser (which should automatically happen) and they will be redirected to the new wireless portal.
3. Click on the "Guest" option.
4. Click on the "Create a new guest wireless account" button.
5. Provide their name.
6. Provide their mobile phone number which will be used to text them their password.
7. Provide an email address which will be used as their username.
8. Click on the "Register" button and the password will be texted to them.
9. Click on the "Connect>>" button and login with the provided credentials.

If you are going to be having a visitor for a longer period of time then we still have the ability to create a sponsored account for them to use while they are here. These can be set to last from 24 hours up to 30 days. Sponsored accounts can also be useful if you're hosting a short course or conference because you could create the guest accounts ahead of time and hand them out to your participants to use while they're here. You'll need to see your department about setting up sponsored accounts and I will be sending them directions on how to do this in the coming days. If you are unable to get with your department in time to create a sponsored account I also have this ability. BTW, sponsored accounts are also free!

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