Thousands of students, faculty and staff are scheduled to receive a test text message in November from Wake Forest University’s emergency notification system.

The text will be sent by the University Police Department at 5 p.m. on Nov. 21 to all who have registered online to receive emergency text messages. Anyone who has not registered may be do so by visiting the University’s Wake Ready web site at http://wakeready.wfu.edu/alert-methods/text-alerts. Registration by undergraduates is required. Directions are provided for arranging to receive the messages, including the test message set for November.

The content of the text message will be, “This is a test of the WFU Emergency Mobile Phone Alert System. It is not necessary to reply to this message.”

Wake Forest has several methods for communicating with faculty, staff and students in the event of the emergency. Those used will depend, largely, on the situation. Wake Alert, the University’s emergency notification system, provides alerts and updates through the Wake Alert web site at wakealert.wfu.edu, text messaging, an outdoor warning system, cable TV, e-mail, voice mail, the Wake Alert Twitter account and a recorded message on the Wake Forest weather and emergency phone line at 336-758-5935. The Wake Forest Facebook account can be used, also.

Faculty and staff who registered will receive a voice message on their office phone through the text alert system, in addition to a text message. Those who did not register will get a voice message on their office phone, only.