
FAMILY WEEKEND

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Dear Gator Family,

Family Weekend 2016: Spring Edition is here! The University of Florida is excited to welcome you to a weekend full of fun events, helpful resources and of course Gator spirit! Below you will find some helpful information as you begin your visit to the University of Florida.

Parking

The main events for Family Weekend will take place in and around the J. Wayne Reitz Union and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. For your convenience, you may park in the parking garage attached to the Bookstore and Welcome Center of the Reitz Union or the Stephen C. O'Connell Center parking lot. Parking in the Welcome Center Garage is free after 4:30 p.m. on Friday for the duration of the weekend. If that garage is full, you may park in the lot across Museum Road, which faces the Bookstore and Welcome Center, or another parking lot in the vicinity. Parking restrictions for these lots are lifted after 4:30 p.m. on Friday and will last through the weekend. Please do not park in reserved spaces or service drives. To view a campus map, please visit <http://campusmap.ufl.edu>.

Gatorway

GATORWAY is the official app of New Student and Family Programs and Family Weekend. GATORWAY is available on all devices and allows you to download guides to various events at the University of Florida. The Family Weekend guide will feature a more detailed program guide, campus maps, presentation information, and new ways to engage with other Gators! This app is a free resource to UF students and families.

Recreation Center Access

All Fall Family Weekend participants over the age of 18 are invited to access Southwest Recreation Center, the Student Recreation and Fitness Center and Broward Outdoor Recreation Center on Saturday and Sunday of Spring Family Weekend at no additional cost. Present your all-access lanyard for free access to these locations.

Gatorway

For the most up-to-date information regarding the Family Weekend schedule, please review our website <https://bit.ly/UFFW2015> as some event details may change. **Events in orange are included in the Basic Family Weekend package and require your Family Weekend All-Access Lanyard for entry.** **Events in blue are not included in the Basic Family Weekend package and are an additional cost before the weekend.** **Events in green are community events that may or may not require tickets to be purchased from outside vendors.** The schedule for the weekend is intended to be flexible to fit your family's plan. There are many opportunities to interact with other family members, but do not feel as though you have to participate in every event.

If you have any questions or need special accommodations during this weekend, please contact New Student and Family Programs at IHaveAGator@ufl.edu. We are looking forward to assisting you for Family Weekend 2016: Spring Edition! Have a wonderful weekend & Go Gators!

-New Student and Family Programs

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 8, 2016

Gator Baseball vs. Mississippi State 5:30 p.m.

Come watch preseason ranked #1 Gator Baseball as they take on Mississippi State.
Tickets will need to be purchased at the Baseball Ticket Box Office located at McKethan Stadium.

Orange and Blue Debut Football Game 7:00 p.m.

Come cheer on the Orange and Blue as they take the field under the Friday night lights of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

GatorNights 8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

The leading late night program in the Southeast, GatorNights takes place each Friday night during the academic year. The program offers the latest blockbuster movies, bands, comedians, improv, arts and crafts, video game tournaments and more.

The Elephant Man 8:00 p.m.

The Elephant Man is based on the real life of Joseph Merrick, a 19th century British man on the traveling freak show circus, who was later rescued by a caring doctor and went on to become the darling of Victorian high-society.

The Heart of Our Milky Way: An Extreme Stellar Nursery Around a Supermassive Black Hole 7:00 p.m.

The Department of Astronomy at the University of Florida hosts a lecture event about new discoveries in our Milky Way.

Astronomy Public Viewing 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The Department of Astronomy at the University of Florida hosts a weekly open house for the general public. This event is subject to weather.

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Morning Yoga on the Lawn 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Start your morning off right with Vinyasa Yoga on the North Lawn. Join a student instructor from the Department of Recreational Sports for your yoga session. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat or towel and a water bottle.

Haile Farmers Market 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Haile Farmers Market is an independent farmers market owned and operated by local farmers. Take a stroll down the tree-lined streets of the Haile Village Center to browse for groceries, prepared food, and handmade gifts, then continue on for more fun at the Village Center's locally-owned shops and restaurants.

India Fest and Health Fair 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Some of the activities include: Indian Dances, Indian Cuisine, Indian Jewelry, Indian Art & Crafts, Traditional Indian Attire and Cultural Program.

Ranger-Led Walk Through Devils Millhopper Geological State Park 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Guided walks leave from the visitor center every Saturday at 10 a.m. sharp. Visitors who dare to join-in on the adventure have the opportunity to learn about the history and nature surrounding 'The Devil's Millhopper'.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join the APIA community to celebrate the rich diversity within APIA culture through short films, performances, activities presented by community vendors and the UF students and food from local businesses in Gainesville.

The Elephant Man 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased through the Hippodrome Theatre box office or online.

Gator Baseball vs. Mississippi State 5:30 p.m.

Tickets will need to be purchased at the Baseball Ticket Box Office located at McKethan Stadium.

Body Traffic 7:30 p.m.

BODYTRAFFIC was named one of Dance Magazine's 25 to Watch in 2013.
Tickets to this event must be purchased through the Phillips Center box office or online

Jacaré à la Jazz 7:30 p.m.

The University of Florida College of the Arts and the Center for Latin American Studies present Jacaré Brazil with the UF Jazz Band at the University Auditorium.

Ghostbusters (Time Warp 80s Night) 7:30 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased through the Hippodrome Cinema box office or online.

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Legacy Pinning Ceremony 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Legacy Pinning Ceremony will include a decadent breakfast buffet and an exclusive tour of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, including the Champions Club and the President's Box. Please note: tickets to this event are only available for families with Alumni attending Family Weekend. They must be purchased in advance.

Jest Fest! 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Jest Fest! is a free, fun, family-friendly event produced by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department at Gainesville's Historic Thomas Center and Gardens. Features a stellar lineup of international stars, performing some of the world's greatest comedy/variety and circus acts on four stages.

Carillon Recital 3:00 p.m.

The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series offers listeners the chance to hear the UF Carillon perform in a 50-minute recital at the south base of the Century Tower. Bring a blanket or lawn chair!

Gator Baseball vs. Mississippi State 4:00 p.m.

Tickets will need to be purchased at the Baseball Ticket Box Office located at McKethan Stadium.

Emanuel Ax Piano 7:30 p.m.

A GRAMMY® winning artist exclusive to Sony Classical, his most recent release is a recital disc exploring "variations" by composers including Haydn, Schumann and Copland. *Tickets can be purchased through the UF Performing Arts Box Office or online.*