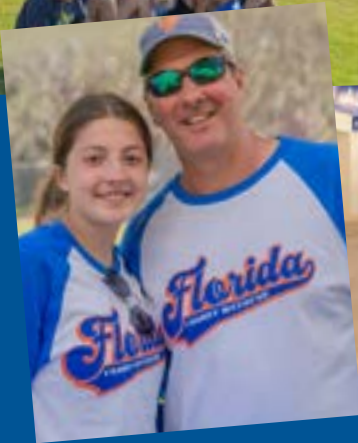


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Family Weekend

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welcome.ufl.edu/families/family-weekend



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us online! Use the hashtag **#FFW23** on Facebook and Instagram and visit your Family Facebook Group to share stories about your Family Weekend experience!



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NEED FAMILY WEEKEND ASSISTANCE?

Call or text the Family Weekend Hotline at 352-363-1485

The Family Weekend Help Desk will be located in the Reitz Union, Room 2355 during the Family Weekend at the following times:

- **Friday: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



The Family Weekend schedule is available digitally through GatorWay, a free mobile application, courtesy of New Student and Family Programs.

To download, visit your device's app store and search GATORWAY.

Schedule Key

- SIGNATURE EVENTS:** These are events that are highly encouraged for all UF Family Weekend attendees to attend.
- ADDITIONAL ACTION NEEDED:** Additional RSVP, Registration, or purchase was required for the attendance of this event.
- FOR FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY:** This event is catered to Parents & Family Members. Students and Children are welcome but not encouraged to attend.
- APPROVED FOR ALL AGES:** This event is approved for Gators of all ages!





Friday, February 23

GATOR RESOURCE FAIR

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Reitz Union, Room 2365

Looking for ways to learn more about UF's campus and the resources provided? During this time, you will be able to gain insight about various UF departments as they table for you to ask questions and learn more about their services. They will be able to provide you with information ranging from counseling services to student involvement and more!

TEACHING KITCHEN STUDIO WITH FLORIDA FRESH DINING

1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. | The Food Hall at Gator Corner



The first 25 people registered per class, will join Florida Fresh Dining for a unique cooking class where participants will build-their-own poké bowls in a reusable container. The dining team is featuring local, fresh from Florida produce, and an array of seasonal selections. Eat and greet with the campus dietitian, executive chefs and hear a presentation about the future of dining at the University of Florida. #LoveWhereYouChomp

CRAFT-A-GATOR

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Reitz Union - Arts & Crafts Center, Lower Level



Create a lasting memory with your Gator! Join the Arts & Craft Center who is hosting "Craft-A-Gator", a time to relax and paint a family keepsake with your student. While supplies last so, additional registration is required. Each registered guest may paint their own custom gator design or choose to paint as a family. If there is space available, day of, you can add your family via the QR code!



STOMP THE SWAMP - FLORIDA CLUB LINE DANCING CLASS

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | *Reitz Union, Room 2335*

Hey Gators and Gator Families! Are you ready to Boot Scoot and Boogie? If so, please join the Florida Line Dancing Club for a beginner friendly line dance class! Our officers will teach you all the fundamentals of country line dancing while jamming out to some of your favorite country (and pop) songs. No previous experience necessary. All skill levels are welcomed and wear shoes you can dance in! We hope to see you there!

HOUSING BEYOND FRESHMAN YEAR

3:30 - 4:20 p.m. | *Reitz Union, Room 2315*

Do you have a gator that is moving or wanting to move off campus next year and you are unsure of where to start? The department of Off Campus Life is here to help! Off Campus Life hopes to share with you the ends and outs of the apartment search, and all the resources out there for your aspiring off-campus Gator.

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES: HOW UF CARE CARES FOR YOU

3:30 - 4:20 p.m. | *Reitz Union, Room 2330*

Campus Assistance & Resources for Empowerment (CARE) provides connection, support and guidance for students as they navigate anticipated transitions and unexpected events. The CARE team offers a well-rounded degree of services from medical petitions and withdrawals to the Hitchcock Feild & Fork Pantry. Join Care in an interactive discussion on ways in which UF CARE supports students in times of need.

DINNER

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | *On Your Own*

Use this time to get off of campus and out into the community and try some of the fantastic restaurants Gainesville has to offer!

FAMILY WEEKEND FUN NIGHT

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. | *Reitz Union - Grand Ballroom, 2nd Level*

The University of Florida is excited to welcome our Gator families to campus! After an action-packed day of events and travel, end the night with an evening reception located in our student union! During the event, there will be fun for the whole family, including crafts, games, Bowling & Billiards, and even a mechanical Gator! Use this time to spend time with your Gator and connect with your fellow Gator families!

MOVIE: 42 (PG-13)

7:00 - 9:45 p.m. | *Reitz Union - Auditorium, 2nd Level*

“42” tells the story of two men-the great Jackie Robinson and legendary Brooklyn Dodgers GM Branch Rickey-whose brave stand against prejudice forever changed the world by changing the game of baseball.

FAMILY WEEKEND REMINDER

In order to participate in family weekend events,
you must wear your family weekend wristbands!

Saturday, February 24

HIP HOP FITNESS

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. | Southwest Recreation Center, Activity Room 3

Pop, lock, and drop it (or Twist & Shout) in this high intensity, high impact choreographed dance class. Wild out with us and throw your worries away for a good sweat. Presented by RecSports groupfit instructor Jada, this engaging dance course will be sure to get every member of your family up and moving to the beat.

LATER GATOR CHECK-IN

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Reitz Union, Room 2355

For family weekend attendees who needs to check in on day 2. All families will receive a Fall Family Weekend bag with the appropriate number of wristbands, swag items, vouchers, and schedules. There will be a Help Desk for questions about missing items, registration needs, and any other concerns.

TRADITION KEEPER TRAIL WITH THE UF CICERONES

10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. | Reitz Union, Room 2315

Looking for the perfect photo with your Gator? Join the Florida Cicrones and Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow for the ultimate photo-op tour around campus. This 45-minute tour will take you to iconic places like the French Fries, Century Tower, and the Stadium.

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12:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Reitz Union - Arts & Crafts Center, Lower Level



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UF TRIVIA: FAMILY WEEKEDN EDITION

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Reitz Union - Arredondo, 4th Level

How well do you think you know UF? Come join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. This event will include custom-made trivia, wings & things, music, grand prizes, and fun for the whole family. This event is first come, first serve. So, come on over and test your logic with the center of New Student and Family Programs!

BASEBALL GAME: FLORIDA GATORS VS COLUMBIA LIONS

6:00 p.m. | Condron Family Ballpark

Let us take you out to the old ball game! Sport your Gator Spirit and family weekend attire, with pride as our Florida Gators play the Columbia Lions in the newly renovated Condron Family Ballpark! Doors open 90 minutes (4:30 p.m.) before 1st pitch.



Sunday, February 25

☐ BREAKFAST & "GOOD LUCK GATOR" KIT CREATION

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Gator Corner

Wrap up Family Weekend with a grab and go breakfast for your travels home. Before saying goodbye to your Gator, end your weekend strong by creating a "Good Luck Gator" stress management goodie bag! Add things like gum, mints, granola bars and more and wish your Gator luck on mid-terms.

FAMILY WEEKEND TIP

Attendance at every Family Weekend event is nearly impossible. To get the most of your Family Weekend experience, we encourage you to plan which events you'll attend as a Family. Most events are designed so you can freely come and go as you please. Events that are not hosted by New Student & Family Programs may require additional entry fees.



Choose Your Own Adventure

☐ PUBLIC NIGHTS: ASTRONOMY VIEWING

Fri day: 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. | 32611 Sweetwater Drive, Gainesville, FL 32603

Located at the Campus Teaching Observatory, the Department of Astronomy at the University of Florida hosts a weekly open house for the general public. View Jupiter and other deep sky objects. Weather permitting.

☐ BAT EMERGENCE

Every Evening; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | UF Bat Barn & Bat Houses

Join your Gator for an evening stroll near the UF Bat Barn & Bat Houses. The bats normally emerge during a 15- to 20-minute period after sunset, before total darkness on calm, warm evening when temperatures are above 65 F.

☐ LAKE WAUBURG

No matter the activity, there is something at Lake Wauburg for you! A few activities include paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, trail hiking, biking, rock climbing, and sand volleyball. Or simply enjoy a family picnic or just relax on the beach. **The swimming area at North Shore is closed.** Families will be able to visit Lake Wauburg during Family Weekend between the following hours:

North Shore

- Friday | 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday | 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

South Shore

- Friday | 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday | 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Students must have UFID to gain entry. There are 4 guests allowed per UFID.

☐ REITZ UNION GAME ROOM

Throughout The Weekend | Reitz Union, Game Room

Located on the Ground Floor of the Reitz Union, we have our Reitz Union Game Room. The Game Room offers Bowling, Billiards, Foosball, and more! Utilize your 1 hour free Bowling and Billiards tickets, located in the envelope you received at check-in. Hours of operation are located on the back of the tickets.

REC SPORTS ACCESS

All guests over the age of 18 who are registered for Family Weekend are invited to use both Southwest Recreation Center and Student Recreation and Fitness Center throughout the weekend. In addition to two state-of-the-art fully equipped fitness centers, Rec Sports welcomes families to participate in structured classes as well.



What's Happening Around Gainesville?

For more information on these events, please scan the QR codes provided below.
\$ (\$1-\$15) | \$\$ (\$16-\$30) | \$\$\$ (\$31+)

ADDITIONAL GATOR SPORTING EVENTS (\$)



Various Locations

February 23rd - 25th | Various Times

Use this "All Sports Calender" to help you identify the sporting events taking place during the weekend. Links to prices and where to purchase tickets are provided.

KANAPAHA BOTANICAL GARDENS (\$)



📍 4700 SW 58th Dr. Gainesville, FL 32608

- **Friday** - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** - 9:00 a.m. to the earlier of 7:00 p.m. or dusk
- **Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. to the earlier of 7:00 p.m. or dusk

DEVILS MILLHOPPER GEOLOGICAL STATE PARK (\$)



📍 4732 Millhopper Rd. Gainesville, FL 32653

8:00 a.m. to Sundown, seven days a week, 365 days a year

- \$4 per vehicle, up to 8 visitors.
- \$2 pedestrians and bicyclists.

HEARTWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$ - \$\$)



📍 619 South Main St. Gainesville, FL 32601
February 23rd - 25th | Various Times

- Free to students - must show their student ID at the door in order to redeem their free entry.
- Tickets will be available for individual days, as well as a weekend pass.

NMRA SPRING BREAK SHOOTOUT (\$\$ - \$\$\$)



📍 Gainesville Raceway
February 23rd - 25th | Various Times

This event kicks-off Ford Mustang's 60th anniversary celebration. From turbocharged Renegades to wheel-standing Coyote Stockers, the Drag Strip's gonna get wild as NMRA drag racing combines with specialty shootouts & special True Street categories.

ART & MINDFULNESS



Harn Museum of Art
Saturday, February 24th | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Take a break from your regular schedule to slow down, experience stillness, and re-charge. Forty minutes of guided meditation is followed by an art spotlight tour. Register to hold a space!

HAILE FARMERS MARKET

5213 SW 91st Terrace, Gainesville, FL
Saturday, February 24th | 8:30 a.m. - Noon

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 shopping or brunching at the Village Center's locally-owned shops and restaurants.

MUSEUMS

Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd | Gainesville, FL 32611

- **Mon - Sun:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun:** 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Harn Museum of Art
3259 Hull Rd | Gainesville, FL 32608

Cade Museum
811 S Main St | Gainesville, FL 32601

Matheson History Museum
513 E University Ave | Gainesville, FL 32601

DEPOT PARK

Saturday, November 4 | 7:30 a.m.

874 SE 4 St. | Gainesville, FL 32601

SANTA FE TEACHING ZOO (\$)

Friday - Sunday | 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3000 NW 83 St | Gainesville, FL 32606

FAMILY WEEKEND REMINDER
None of these events are associated with New Student & Family Programs or Spring Family Weekend. Please reference QR codes/ websites for more information on events.





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FAMILY WEEKEND TIP

In the case of rain, outdoor locations may be updated via GatorWay. RSVP (optional) for any event by utilizing the Check-In feature on GatorWay. Events that are not hosted by New Student & Family Programs may require additional

RELAX

Family Weekend can be both physically and mentally draining, so use this time to not only connect and engage with your student and your fellow Gator families, but to also take a step back, when needed, and enjoy your visit. With your self care in mind, we have set up a **"Quiet Room" in the Reitz Union, Room 2340**. In this room you will find a place for you and your family to recoop and take advantage of mind stimulating activities before heading back to take on the rest of the family weekend activities!

CAMPUS PARKING



Parking is extremely limited throughout campus, so please plan accordingly. Each family will receive one parking pass at check-in to be used in designated lots throughout Family Weekend. All Parking restrictions are lifted daily at 4:30 p.m. and all-day Saturday - Sunday. Guests who utilize handicap accessible parking will need the family weekend parking pass as well as their state issued Disabled Persons Parking Placard. **Scan this QR code to view a campus map.**

GAMEDAY



PARKING: General Parking is available in the Condrion Family Ballpark baseball lot and the Fifield parking lot located directly across Hull Road. Disabled parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Florida Ballpark west lot with a valid Disabled Placard. **Please do not park on grass or in No Parking Zones.** **Scan this QR code to view a pdf of gameday parking locations.**



CLEAR BAG POLICY: Don't worry, the clear bag you got at Family Weekend check-in is useable for the game!



APPROVED BAGS

- ✓ Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed 12"x6"x12"
 - A logo no larger than 4.5"x 3.4" can be displayed on one side of a permissible clear bag.
 - A clear bag shall be clear from top-to-bottom and up to a 2" trim/border on the bag is generally acceptable.
- ✓ One-gallon clear, re-sealable plastic storage bag
- ✓ Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5"x6.5", approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap
- ✓ Medically necessary items (after proper inspection)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✗ Outside food or drink (including alcoholic beverages)
 - Fans are permitted to bring one commercially branded (i.e.: Aquafina) empty plastic water bottles, no larger than 20 oz., in to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
- ✗ Artificial Noise Makers
- ✗ Personal seatbacks
- ✗ Ice chests or bags
- ✗ Strollers
- ✗ Tobacco products (including e-cigarettes, vapor pens, and chewing tobacco)
- ✗ Umbrellas
- ✗ Video cameras/cases
- ✗ Weapons

