

UF

# *Family Weekend*

FALL 2024



[welcome.ufl.edu/families/family-weekend](https://welcome.ufl.edu/families/family-weekend)



**@NewUFGators**

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Connect with us online! Use the hashtag **#FFW24** 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 schedule is available digitally through GatorWay, a free mobile application, courtesy of New Student and Family Programs.

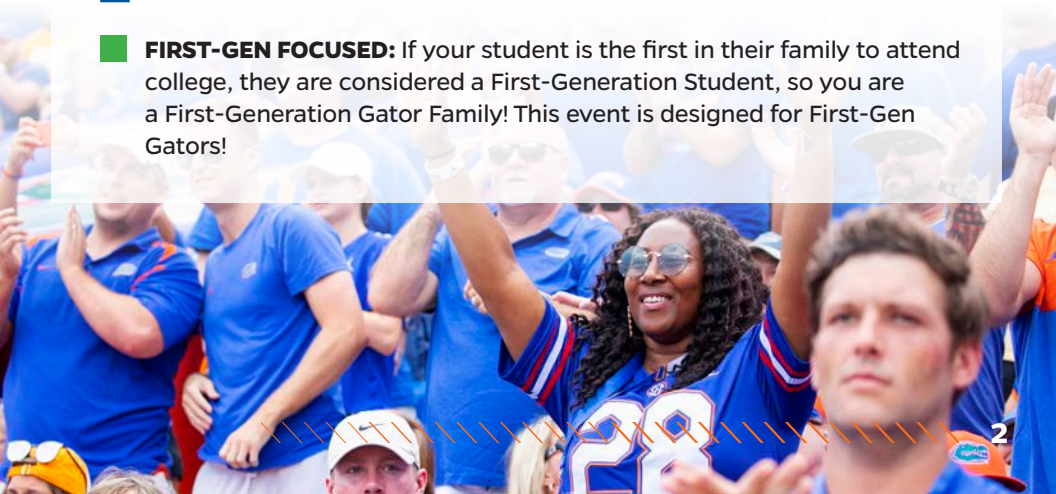
To download, visit your device's app store and search GATORWAY.

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

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

## 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!
-  **FIRST-GEN FOCUSED:** If your student is the first in their family to attend college, they are considered a First-Generation Student, so you are a First-Generation Gator Family! This event is designed for First-Gen Gators!





Events that happen at various times and locations that you can attend without your Gator, or “while they are sleeping”.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Reitz Union, Room 2340

Meet leadership from the Dean of Students Office for donuts, coffee, and conversation! Ask questions about student life, on campus resources, anything UF, and Gainesville related.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m | Reitz Union, Room 2335

A First-Generation college student is defined as “a student whose parent(s) did not complete a four-year college or university degree”. Come engage with other first-generation college students and families to learn how MFOS supports first-generation college students.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Reitz Union, Room 2320

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.

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. | Southwest Rec, 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 Danielle, this engaging dance course will be sure to get every member of your family up and moving to the beat. **Class fits 50 people, so please show up at least 15 mins early. \*ATTENDEES MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND.**

LUNCH

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | *On Your Own*

The Reitz Union Food Court has a variety of eateries that can help curb any lunch cravings!

TEACHING KITCHEN STUDIO WITH FLORIDA FRESH DINING

12:00 p.m, 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m | *The Food Hall at Gator Corner*

The first 30 people pre-registered per class, please join Florida Fresh Dining for a unique cooking class where participants will build their own salad shaker. 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

1:00 - 6:30 p.m. | *Reitz Union – Ground Level, Room G330*



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. The event will be held on the ground floor of the Reitz Union in G330. While supplies last so, additional registration is required. Each registered guest may paint their own custom wood gator or choose to paint as a family. If there is space available, day of, you can add your family via the QR code!

TRADITION KEEPER TRAIL WITH THE UF CICERONES

1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. | *Reitz Union, Room 2340*

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.

WHILE MY STUDENT IS IN CLASS

These interactive lectures and presentations are designed to give Family Members a first look into the in-classroom experience. Full descriptions and any reading material are available digitally through GatorWay.

1:05 - 1:55 p.m. | **Block 1**


- Amanda Janner, Psy.D | **Wired for Reward: Cravings, Compulsions, and Behavioral Addictions** | *Reitz Union, Room 2315*
- Dr. Rachel J.C. Fu, Alice Norsworthy & Prof. Joe Norsworthy | **Careers in Hospitality Businesses - from AI to Space Tourism** | *Reitz Union, Room 2320*
- Prof. Kathryn McGill | **Helping Your Student Manage Their Emotions While Learning Physics** | *Reitz Union, Room 2325*
- Gregory David & Alicia Steffy | **First Year Florida: Showing Your Gator Spirit** | *Reitz Union, Room 2335*

## WHILE MY STUDENT IS IN CLASS (CONTINUED)

2:05 - 2:55 p.m. | **Block 2**

 Amanda Janner, Psy.D | **Wired for Reward: Cravings, Compulsions, and Behavioral Addictions** | *Reitz Union, Room 2315*

 Dr. Rachel J.C. Fu, Alice Norsworthy & Prof. Joe Norsworthy | **Careers in Hospitality Businesses - from AI to Space Tourism** | *Reitz Union, Room 2320*

 Prof. Kathryn McGill | **Helping Your Student Manage Their Emotions While Learning Physics** | *Reitz Union, Room 2325*

 Dr. Gayle Evans | **STEM Education as a Steppingstone to Career Success** | *Room, 2330*

### **\*HUMAN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING LAB/DRIVING SIMULATOR**

1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m | Meet at Reitz Union Lobby (1st level, near the Information Desk)

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering invites engineering students and their families to join us for a tour of the Human Systems Engineering Lab. Here you can see firsthand research using a driving simulator that focuses on improving road safety for drivers and vulnerable road users in a wide variety of contexts including roadway design, smart infrastructure and messaging, distracted driving, and human-autonomous vehicle interaction. **Space in the lab is limited, so pre-registration was required. \*16 & UP TO USE.**

### **GATOR RESOURCE FAIR**

2:30 - 3:30 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. Visit all the tables and for a chance to win a prize! Fill up the "passport" located in your check-in folder with their initials to enter.

### **DINNER**

4:00 - 6:00 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 WELCOME**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | *Flavet Field*

Serving as an official welcome for parents, families, and supporters! Here families will be able to mix and mingle with other Gator families. Snacks, inflatables, and various games will be offered. This family-filled event will set the tone for this spectacular weekend.

### **JUMP INTO FUN WITH FAMILY WEEKEND & GATORNIGHTS**

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. | *Flavet Field*

Family Weekend is bringing GatorNights to you! Join your student at the leading late-night program in the Southeast! Gator Nights offers the latest movies, arts and crafts, activities, and more with this one tailored for Family Weekend. Experience a night full of fun and play games, win prizes, enjoy refreshments, and more!



# Saturday, September 14

## ☐ DALE K COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Reitz Union, Grand Ballroom  
Doors Open 10:30 a.m. | Show Runs 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

He has hypnotized over one million people worldwide; for one night only, you will get the chance to be hypnotized by Dale K "Almost Evil Comedy Hypnotist." Volunteers will take an exciting journey through their imagination experiencing the impossible and audience members will be shocked, amazed and consumed with laughter as they witness the unthinkable!

## ☐ LATER GATOR CHECK-IN

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Reitz Union, North Lawn Terrace

Family members will check into Fall Family Weekend outside at the Reitz Union Tabling Area. 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.

## ☐ FAMILY TAILGATE

12:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Reitz Union, North Lawn

Prior to attending the UF vs. Texas A&M football game, families and students will have access to the Family Tailgate for food and fun! All guests must **bring their tailgate tickets and be wearing their Fall Family Weekend wristbands** for access to catering, seating, and any other entertainment at the tailgate.

**Families will be responsible for finding parking on their own for this event. Football tickets (for those who purchased them) will be available via the Florida Gators app.**

## ☐ FOOTBALL GAME: GATORS VS TEXAS A&M AGGIES

3:30 p.m. | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

Sport your Blue Gator Spirit attire with pride as our Florida Gators play the Texas A&M Aggies in the Swamp! Make sure to arrive at least 30 minutes early to watch the pregame show!

### FAMILY WEEKEND REMINDER

In order to participate in Family Weekend events, you must wear your Family Weekend wristbands!

# Sunday, September 15

## □ BYE-BYE BREAKFAST

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | The Food Hall at Gator Corner or Broward Dining Hall

Before saying goodbye to your Gator, wrap up your Fall Family Weekend experience with an all you can eat breakfast buffet at one of our on-campus dining locations. **Please use Meal Vouchers located in your check-in packet for free entry.**

## ■ PINNING CEREMONY

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Reitz Union, Grand Ballroom

Come and enjoy a classy brunch dressed in your Gator Best! This Fall Family Weekend exclusive event is a reception where you get to pin your legacy gator and celebrate their accomplishments.

**Attire:** Gator Best / Brunch Formal



# Choose Your Own Adventure

## PUBLIC NIGHTS: ASTRONOMY VIEWING

**Friday: 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; 7:45 - 8:15 p.m. (sunset)** | *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. 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

- Open for reservations only.

**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. **Game Room is closed on Saturday, September 14th.**

## 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+)**

## TRIVI AT V PIZZA + SIDECAR (\$ - \$\$)



📍 115 SE 1st St, Gainesville, FL 32601  
September 12th | 7:00 p.m.

At V Pizza, we're all about quality food and quality time with family and friends. That's why we host original events every week, from Music Bingo, Team Trivia nights to live music and more. Kick back by our fire and stay awhile.

## KANAPAH 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.

## PICK ORGANIC MUSCADINE GRAPES IN ALACHUA (\$)



📍 Deep Spring Farm  
September 14th | 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- Supreme muscadine grapes, deep red, organic, are ready to pick \$10 half/\$15 gallon.
- Book at <https://www.deepspringfarm.com/blueberry-booking/>

## UF FAMILY FISHING DAY



📍 7922 NW 71st St., Gainesville, FL 32653  
Saturday, September 14th | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and family for a fun morning of catch-and-release fishing with UF Fishing for Success. All are welcome, especially novice anglers. Use our poles and tackle, or bring your own. Catch bass, catfish, bluegill, and more!

## HAILE FARMERS MARKET

📍 5213 SW 91st Terrace, Gainesville, FL

Every Saturday | 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.

## TROUT LAKE LITTER CLEANUP AT PAYNES PRAIRIE STATE PARK



📍 2315 SE 35th St., Gainesville, FL 32641  
September 14th | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This is a great chance to see an area of the park that is not typically open to the public. Please be sure to wear long pants, and close-toed shoes that may get muddy and wet. Make sure to bring bug spray, sunscreen, and a water bottle. We will see you there!

## 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

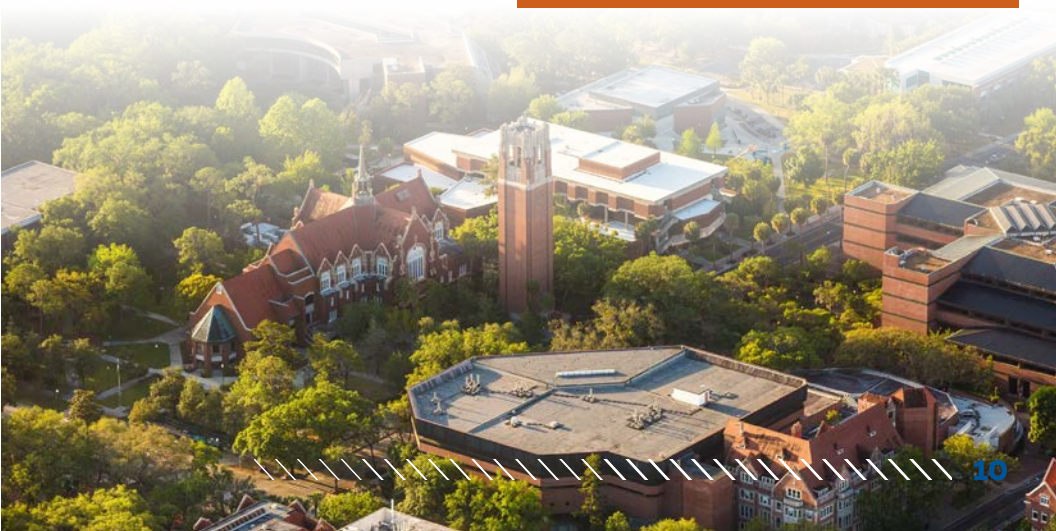
## SANTA FE TEACHING ZOO (\$)

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 Fall Family Weekend. Please reference QR codes/websites for more information on events.





## THINGS TO NOTE

1. In the case of rain, outdoor locations may be updated via GatorWay.
2. Events that are not hosted by New Student & Family Programs may require additional entry fees.
3. 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.
4. Meal vouchers located in the your check-in packet were given to be used during the "Bye Bye Breakfast" event taking place on Sunday, September 15th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. If vouchers were used earlier in the weekend at any other UF dining or retail location, another voucher will not be provided for the breakfast on Sunday.

## CAMPUS



**Parking** is extremely limited throughout campus, so please plan accordingly. Upon request families can receive one parking pass at check-in to be used in designated lots on the thurs-fri of Family Weekend. Most 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 OR code to view a campus map.**

**GAMEDAY**

**Gameday parking** is very limited, but not impossible! No parking pass is needed for Saturday, as all parking restrictions are lifted. **Use the QR code to get a digital version of the map that is located on pg 13-14.** Whether or not you decide to drive is up to you, but we recommend using the Regional Transit System (RTS) or Ride Sharing instead of parking on Saturday. Please do not park in reserved spaces or service drives.

# 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"x3.4" 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
- ✗ Ice chests or bags
- ✗ Strollers
- ✗ Tobacco products (including e-cigarettes, vapor pens, and chewing tobacco)
- ✗ Umbrellas
- ✗ Video cameras/cases
- ✗ Weapons
- ✗ Artificial Noise Makers
- ✗ Personal seatbacks

# Game Day Parking Map

