



# Family WEEKEND

2018 EVENT CONFIRMATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**ALABAMA**

Division of  
Student Life  
Parent & Family Programs



## PARENTS & FAMILIES,

We are excited to welcome you to campus for Family Weekend 2018! We know your student is looking forward to showing you their home away from home. This year, we have a multitude of events and programs planned for the whole family.

Your package for Family Weekend includes access to exclusive events, which are highlighted in this confirmation. There are many more events around campus that you will want to take advantage of during your weekend. For a full schedule of events, visit the Family Weekend schedule page at [parents.ua.edu/family-weekend/schedule/](http://parents.ua.edu/family-weekend/schedule/). This website includes our most up-to-date Family Weekend information.

Again, we are pleased to have you on campus for Family Weekend, and we hope you have a wonderful experience during your time at The University of Alabama!

### **Roll Tide! Parent & Family Programs**



Connect with us online! Use the hashtag #BamaFW18 on Twitter and visit [facebook.com/bamaparents](http://facebook.com/bamaparents) to share stories about your Family Weekend experience!

# WHAT TO EXPECT

**Below you will find helpful information in preparing for your visit.**

**Please email us at [parents@ua.edu](mailto:parents@ua.edu) or call us at 800-392-2777 with any questions.**

## Friday

When you arrive on campus, you will park at the East Perimeter Parking Lot (see Directions and Parking on page 5 for details). This lot is reserved all day on Friday for Family Weekend guests. Check-In will take place from 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Friday. If you are arriving late on Friday and are going straight to the Family Weekend Kickoff at Government Plaza, we will have our Check-In materials there for you to check in starting at 6:30 p.m. Each family who has purchased Family Weekend packages will receive a ticket for a picnic blanket to use at the Friday event (1 per family for the first 1,000). The Family Weekend Kickoff will begin at 7 p.m. *See page 7 for detailed information on this new event.*

## Check-In

Check in early Friday to take advantage of a variety of events hosted by campus offices and colleges for you Friday afternoon. See the **Family Weekend Schedule page** for more information on weekend events.

When you arrive at Check-In, please go to the table that corresponds **alphabetically** with your last name.

*\*No items will be available for purchase at Check-In.*

## Signature Events

All signature events (Family Weekend Kickoff, Tailgate, and Student Life Brunch) are come and go to allow you time to enjoy the city and campus life. Please stick to your chosen event seating time on Sunday to ensure shorter lines and a good time for all. Anyone attending the Tailgate or Brunch will need to wear a wristband, including UA students.

We enjoy greeting thousands of family members at Family Weekend each year. With that does come some lines. Come expecting some type of wait at events as well as getting into the stadium for the ballgame. Rest assured that UA staff will do anything they can to make the experience speedy and enjoyable!

## Saturday

There is no Family Weekend reserved parking on Saturday (see Directions and Parking on page 5 for details).

- **Family Weekend Tailgate Location:** The Tailgate will be held at Presidential Park. To get to the Tailgate from the Quad, take University Boulevard, and head towards the stadium. Turn right onto Stadium Drive (across from Bryant Denny Stadium), and the Tailgate will be a short block up on the left hand side. You will find a map in your Check-In packet.

- **Football Tickets:** Remember to **print your football tickets before you come**. Your tickets were purchased separately from your Family Weekend packages and must be printed in order to enter the stadium.

## Sunday

Head to the Fresh Food Company for the Student Life Brunch during your chosen seating time.

*UA is playing Florida in an afternoon Volleyball match. Use promo code FAMWEEKVB at the Foster Auditorium box office for the Family Weekend rate of \$3.*

# PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## Friday, Sept. 28

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### 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Family Weekend Check-In**

\*The Family Weekend shuttle stops here.

Registered Family Weekend participants should check in to pick up their Family Weekend packets that include a Family Weekend guide and event wristbands/tickets.

**Location:** Ferguson Student Center Great Hall

### 7-9:30 p.m.

### **Family Weekend Kickoff** (*weather permitting*)

Families will experience an evening in downtown Tuscaloosa. This non-ticketed event will take place at the beautiful Government Plaza and will include musical entertainment and charming southern ambiance. Enjoy one of our many surrounding restaurant or food truck options and join us for a taste of life in Tuscaloosa. See page 7 for more details on this new event. Late Check-In will be available at Government Plaza starting at 6:30 p.m. in the event that you arrive after 5:30 p.m. Bring the ticket from your Check-In packet for a free picnic blanket (1 per family for the first 1,000).

**Location:** Government Plaza

## Saturday, Sept. 29

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### 8 a.m.

### **Family Weekend Tailgate** (*Family Weekend wristband required*)

Join Parent & Family Programs for a tailgate with BBQ, family fun, and Crimson Tide tradition and pride! For those unable to check in on Friday, late Check-In will be available at Presidential Park starting 30 minutes before the Tailgate begins.

**Location:** Presidential Park (Between Bryant-Denny Stadium and the ten Hoor Parking Deck)

## Sunday, Sept. 30

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### 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Student Life Brunch** (*Family Weekend wristband required*)

Enjoy brunch with your UA family and Student Life representatives at one of our amazing dining locations, Fresh Food Company. A great way to cap off your weekend on campus! Your scheduled arrival time will be listed on your Family Weekend Check-In packet.

**Location:** Fresh Food Company on Margaret Drive

***T-shirts purchased when registering for Family Weekend will be shipped to your preferred address.***

***No t-shirts will be available on campus at any time.***

## DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

### **Friday (Day):**

On Friday, parking is available in the East Perimeter Parking Lot behind the Capstone College of Nursing. For accessible parking on campus on Friday, the East Perimeter Lot will have spaces available. Also, a visitor's pass can be purchased from **Parking Services** for Friday, which will allow for accessible parking in many lots on campus. A Family Weekend shuttle (a chartered Crimson Ride bus) will be making stops at the lot, the Ferguson Student Center, and the President's Mansion to help you get around campus. Family Weekend shuttle buses will run from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.

### **To East Perimeter Parking Lot (see map on next page):**

From McFarland Boulevard going west, take the University Boulevard exit. Turn right onto University Boulevard. At the second light, take a right onto 5th Avenue East followed by a right onto Stallings Drive at the stop sign. The parking lot will be ahead once you pass the Capstone College of Nursing.

From McFarland Boulevard going north, pass the University Boulevard exit and take the Campus Drive Exit. Turn left on to Campus Drive East followed by a left on to 5th Avenue East. Take a final left on to Stallings Drive and the parking lot will be ahead after you pass the Capstone College of Nursing.

### **Friday Evening (see map on next page):**

Park in any open space in downtown Tuscaloosa (non tow-away zones). There is a free parking deck adjacent to Government Plaza as well. Some other large parking lots near Government Plaza that you can feel free to use are the First United Methodist Church lot and the First Presbyterian Church lot. Government Plaza is walking distance from downtown hotels and their parking lots. Check out [visittuscaloosa.com/transportation/](http://visittuscaloosa.com/transportation/) for information on in-town transportation.

### **Address to Government Plaza: 2106 6<sup>th</sup> Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35401**

**Note:** You may leave your car at the East Perimeter Lot until after the Kickoff event, but there will be **no shuttle** running from campus to the event. Gameday parking goes into effect on Saturday, so be sure to move your car from the East Perimeter Lot on Friday night after the Family Weekend Kickoff.

### **Saturday:**

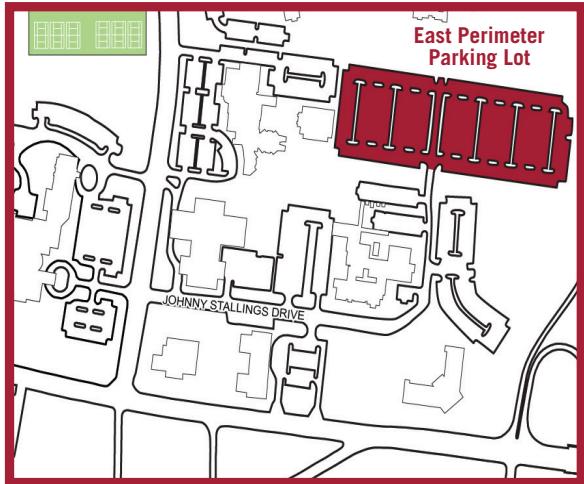
On Saturday, gameday parking will be enforced. Visit [uagameday.com/football](http://uagameday.com/football) to learn more about gameday parking and to purchase advance parking passes. The site also contains information on accessible parking information for Saturday and information regarding wheelchair accessibility in Bryant-Denny Stadium.

### **Sunday (see map on next page):**

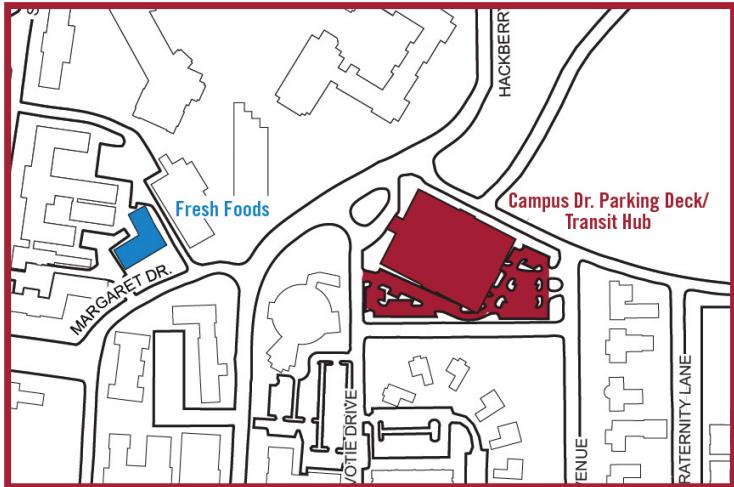
Parking is available at the Transit Hub Parking Deck across from the Fresh Food Company on Hackberry Lane. You may also park in any available, legal space on campus.

# MAPS

## FRIDAY CHECK-IN East Perimeter Parking Lot



## SUNDAY BRUNCH Fresh Foods/Transit Hub



## FRIDAY KICKOFF Downtown Tuscaloosa

**WELCOME  
UA  
FAMILY**

**DOWNTOWN  
Tuscaloosa**

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1. 301 Bistro	1. Harrison Galleries
2. Ajian Sushi	2. O'Connor Art Studios
3. Animal Butter	3. Paul R. Jones
4. Avenue Pub	4. Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center
5. Central Mesa	
6. Chuck's Fish	
7. Cravings	
8. DePalma's	
9. Don Tono's	
10. Dobson's	
11. Edelweiss	
12. FIVE Bar	
13. Fuzzy's	
14. Heat Pizza	
15. Innisfree	
16. Jim N Nick's	
17. Mo's Barbecue	
18. Mugshots	
19. R. Davidson Chophouse	
20. Rock N Roll Sushi	
21. Side by Side	
22. Steel City Pops	
23. Subs 'N You	
24. Sweet Home Food Bar	
25. Taco Mama	
26. Wilhagan's	

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A map of downtown Tuscaloosa with numbered pins indicating the locations of various establishments. The map shows a grid of streets including University Blvd, 6th St, 7th St, 8th St, 9th St, 12th Ave, 13th Ave, 14th Ave, 15th Ave, 16th Ave, 17th Ave, 18th Ave, 19th Ave, 20th Ave, 21st Ave, 22nd Ave, and 23rd Ave. A green box labeled "Government Plaza" is located near 6th St and 12th Ave. A legend on the left identifies the symbols for Restaurants (red circle), Galleries (blue square), and Parking Lots (blue circle).

# FAMILY WEEKEND KICKOFF DETAILS

Join us for the Family Weekend Kickoff on Friday evening (weather permitting)! Families will experience an evening in downtown Tuscaloosa with Parent & Family Programs, other families, and members of the Tuscaloosa community. This new event will be a great chance to get a taste of Tuscaloosa culture and all that our downtown area has to offer! This event will include live entertainment in the beautiful Government Plaza. This is not a ticketed event and is open to the Tuscaloosa community.

## FOOD

Grab some delicious food and drink from a local food truck or one of the many dining establishments located just steps from Government Plaza.

## ENTERTAINMENT

We are pleased to have some amazing entertainment on stage for the Kickoff! Enjoy some tunes from The JayStorm Project as you relax with your family.

## PARKING

Parking is available in any open space in downtown Tuscaloosa (see pages 5 and 6 for parking details and map). Government Plaza Address: 2106 6<sup>th</sup> Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35401



Redeem the ticket from your Check-In packet for a free picnic blanket (1 per family for the first 1,000)