

Family Weekend Schedule

Friday, September 25

2-4 p.m. Hodges Chapel Tours, [Hodges Chapel](#)

2-5 p.m. Samford Abroad Fair, Ben Brown Plaza

2-5 p.m. "Birmingham CANnected - 2 Schools 1 City" Service Project, Brock Commons
Join the office of Community Engagement for a service project involving the whole family. Students and parents can sign up for a 20-minute shift of sorting canned goods and playing an important role in creating an incredible structure. In partnership with University of Alabama at Birmingham, donations will benefit the Community Food Bank and the Samford Food Pantry. [Register Online](#)

2-6 p.m. Art Exhibit, [Art Gallery](#)

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2-7 p.m. Check In and Meal Ticket Pickup, First Floor Lobby of the University Center

3 p.m. Carillon Bells Concert, Davis Library

Enjoy a mini concert featuring the bells of the Rushton Memorial Carillon, performed by our new University Carillonneur, Dr. Jonathan Rodgers. Rodgers was recently appointed following the retirement of Steve Knight, who faithfully served in the role for 50 years. Gather across the Quad for this open-air performance of familiar songs played on Alabama's only 60-bell "grand" carillon.

3:30 p.m. Sibling Tour, [Registration Required](#)

This tour is full, but a waiting list is enabled.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Pops with the Prez, Brewer Plaza

Join President and Mrs. Taylor for music, family photos, and a sweet treat from Son's Popsicles for the first 1,500 guests!

4 p.m. Planetarium Show, [Christenberry Planetarium](#)

"The Red Planet"

Shown in 8K resolution, fly with us through chasms larger than the Grand Canyon, and soar over humongous mountains and towering volcanoes that tell the amazing story of Mars. Ride along with real rovers aiming to answer questions about ancient lakebeds and ice-capped poles — and explore the parameters for soon becoming a two-planet species. Born of war, built of wonder, and sooner than we think, inhabited by us.

Doors open 20 minutes before showtime. Please arrive early, as we can't guarantee admission once the show begins. Estimated run time: 50 minutes.

4-5:30 p.m. School of the Arts New Parent Reception, Buchanan Hall
New School of the Arts students and their families are invited to meet the dean at this come and go reception.

5-8:30 p.m. Food Trucks/ Yard Games/ Concert, Buck Plaza

- The following food trucks are **pre-order only**. Each restaurant will offer two meal options, which can be purchased via [Family Weekend registration](#).
*Students WILL need a purchased ticket to enjoy this dinner as their Samford meal cards will not be accepted at Food Trucks.

[View food truck menus and prices.](#)

Meal prices include tax and gratuity.

- Eugene's Hot Chicken
- Full Circle
- Gus's Hot Dogs
- Salice Pizza
- Sweet Claire's Caboose
- Crumbl Cookie will accept walk-up payments.

5:30 A Capella Choir Vespers, Reid Chapel

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6 p.m. Soccer vs. Mercer, Track & Soccer Field (tickets not required)

6:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. ETSU ([Purchase Volleyball Tickets](#) or [Purchase Family Weekend Package Tickets](#)), Pete Hanna Center

6:30 p.m. Concert, Buck Plaza

- Bring your blankets and tailgate chairs and enjoy a night of live music with student band, Green Eggs and Sam, followed by [Act of Congress](#).
- This event is free for students and families and is sponsored by Samford Parents Association.

8:15 p.m. Pep Rally, Buck Plaza

Saturday, September 26

6:45 a.m. Prayer Walk, Mr. Beeson's Statue

7:10 - 7:50 a.m. Student-Led Worship Service, The Quad

7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Check In and Meal Ticket Pickup, First Floor Lobby of the University Center

8 - 9:30 a.m. Samford Parents Association Annual Meeting, Seibert Addition

Parents are invited to this annual meeting and breakfast. Hear a state of the university address by President Taylor, learn about ways Parents Association supports students, and vote on special projects through the Good Measure Fund. **Tickets are required** and can be purchased via [Family Weekend registration](#).

Breakfast includes fruit, cage-free scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes with peppers and onions, bacon and sausage patties, grits, biscuits, juice, water, coffee, and tea.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Art Exhibit, [Art Gallery](#)

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9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Magic City Pop-up Market](#), Ben Brown Plaza

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tailgate, The Quad

- "Taste of the States" Parent Tents -[Volunteer Online](#)
- "New Dogs on the Block" Freshmen and Transfer Tent
- Brock School of Business Tent
Barbecue served to business school students and families - first come, first served
- [Student Organization Tents & Greek Life Tents](#)
Several of the student tents will feature a painted banner, highlighting [Magic City landmarks](#). These banners will be judged by faculty from School of the Arts and winners will be announced during the football game.
Some student groups will also sell cold drinks, with proceeds benefitting their organization or philanthropy. So stop by the tents to support these students!
- Water Station, sponsored by Samford Dining
- Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q tent, Brewer Plaza

Tailgate lunch is available from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Tickets are required** and can be

purchased via [Family Weekend registration](#). Discounted tickets can be purchased for children ages 3-6. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available.

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Lunch includes chicken or pork bbq

mac & cheese - gluten and dairy

baked beans - meat

cole slaw - dairy

cheese biscuits - gluten and dairy

buns - gluten

tea, and water

Sauces - gluten and dairy free; white sauce contains mayo

Individual salads available for gluten-free and vegetarian options.

12:20 p.m. Bulldog Walk, through Ben Brown Plaza into quad in front of University Center

2:30 p.m. Football Game ([Purchase Football Tickets](#)) Bobby Bowden Field at Pete Hanna Stadium

Family Weekend Seating Options:

There are two options to sit with your student on gamedays:

- Reserved Seating – Purchase reserved seats for yourself and your student so your whole family can sit together in section 103 which is reserved seating.

- General Admission – Purchase general admission tickets for your family, and your student can join you using their student ID to enter the stadium and sit with you in general admission seating.

General Admission sections are: 101, 102, 104, 105, and 110.

Football FAQs: <https://samfordtickets.vivenushop.com/p/faq>

*Please note: The stadium will enforce a clear bag policy this season.

Sunday, September 27

Attend church with your son or daughter.

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2 p.m. Hymn Sing, Reid Chapel

Hymn Sing is a beloved Samford tradition that brings the community together in song. Lift your voice as we celebrate the richness of our shared musical heritage through timeless hymns in a spirit of fellowship and joy.

2 p.m. School of Nursing White Coat Ceremony, Wright Center

The Undergraduate Nursing White Coat Ceremony is a milestone event celebrating students as they transition into the clinical phase of their nursing education.

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