



HOST A 2026 SAMFORD SEND OFF

Thank you for your interest in hosting a **Samford Send-Off** Party this summer! These casual gatherings – held **between July 12 and August 2** – are the perfect way to connect with other incoming families in your area and help everyone feel better prepared for the fall.

What is a Send-Off Party?

*Samford Send Offs are hosted by parents, because you are “**sending your students off**” to Samford. These are held in cities around the country where families gather in a home, neighborhood clubhouse, or restaurant.*

We Make Hosting Easy!

You will choose a date, time, and location – we handle the rest!

- **Promotion and Registration:** We manage the RSVP’s and keep you updated.
- **PARTY-IN-A-BOX:** The first 40 hosts receive a box filled with decorations, games, Samford-specific hosting tips, and essential move-in information to share at the party.
- **Support:** We can let you know **how many Samford families live in your city**. For cities with very few incoming freshmen, you may want to include upperclassmen. This helps with attendance and provides some veteran “experts” to answer questions that incoming families may have. You can determine how many guests your home/ venue will accommodate, and we can cut off registration when we reach that number.

Hosting Details:

- **Venue:** Host at home (easy refreshments/desserts) or a local restaurant.
- **Cost:** If hosting at **home**, you may suggest a \$10/per person Venmo fee upon registration to cover costs. For **restaurants**, we will advise families that they are responsible for their own meals. (We recommend choosing a restaurant with no more than \$15/ person plates.)
- **Capacity:** Set your own limit, and we will cap registration accordingly.
- **Perk:** In August, all hosts will be entered into a drawing to win **four Step Sing tickets** to the performance of your choice.

Ready to Host?

Email parents@samford.edu with your preferred date, time, and location to lock in your 2026 Send-Off Party!

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