Family Weekend 2021

Tentative Schedule

The events noted in GOLD are included the Family Weekend registration fee. Events noted in BLUE are an additional charge. Family Weekend is similar to a conference and allows families to choose what events and activities their family would enjoy. Please note that space for all events is on a first-come, first-served basis for non-ticketed, ticketed or pre-registered events. Email parents@gatech.edu or call 404-385-1396 with any questions.

Friday, October 1, 2021

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  1st Family Weekend Check-In Opportunity
Smithgall Student Services Building, Lobby
Pick up of your Family Weekend materials including nametags, tickets, Family Weekend schedule, Family Weekend souvenir, and t-shirts (if you ordered them or want to buy them on site). Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day and staff are on hand to answer any questions you may have about Family Weekend. NOTE: A 2nd check-in time is available at the College Football Hall of Fame from 7-10pm on Friday night and a 3rd check-in time is available at the Family Weekend Tailgate on Saturday.

11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.  Campus Tours – Session One
Meet in front of Ferst Center, next to Smithgall Student Services Building
If you, another member, or your family have not had a campus tour, this is a perfect time to see our beautiful campus. We have several Tour Guides available to take families on a walking tour. Learn more about Georgia Tech, campus buildings, traditions, and campus life.

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  Yellow Jacket Ed Session I
Select from various staff presentations to learn more about campus life at Georgia Tech. Please note: space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.  Institute Update with President Cabrera
Ferst Center
Join us to meet the President of Georgia Institute of Technology, Dr. Ángel Cabrera. Hear about updates, highlights, and learn more about Georgia Tech’s plans and initiatives.
Lunch on Your Own

1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.  Climb Time! Campus Recreation Center
Fun for the entire family! The indoor rock wall on the first floor of the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is a must see! The 39-foot wall is 2,000 sq. ft. of climbing space under a 100 ft. ceiling. Climbers must be at least 12 and be accompanied by a parent or sibling who is a Georgia Tech student and over 18. Parents must sign a CRC waiver and a climbing wall specific waiver. If a young climber has their own youth-sized equipment, CRC will inspect their equipment for use. Adults must use the climbing equipment provided by the CRC. New and experienced climbers welcome! Climbers should come directly to the wall to check in. Note: An estimated 20-25 climbers per hour may access the wall.

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.  Yellow Jacket Ed Session II
Select from various staff presentations to learn more about campus life at Georgia Tech. Please note: space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

1:30 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.  Campus Tours - Session Two
Meet in front of Ferst Center, next to Smithgall Student Services Building
If you, another member, or your family have not had a campus tour, this is a perfect time to see our beautiful campus. We have several Student Ambassadors available to take families on a walking tour. Learn more about Georgia Tech, campus buildings, traditions, and campus life

2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  Specialized Tours

Robotarium Tours
Van Leer Building, 2nd Floor 261
The Robotarium is a swarm robotic test bed dedicated to democratizing access to research quality robotic hardware. This test bed takes submissions from all over the world and from people of all walks of life. The Robotarium project is expediting research verification as well as generating interest in STEM education. Come and see the Robotarium in action with around 20 robots performing demonstrations while learning about robotics at Georgia Tech. Sessions limited to 25 people and will last around 30 minutes.

Invention Studio
Manufacturing Related Disciplines Complex (MRDC), 2nd floor foyer
The Invention Studio is student-run design-build-play space open to all Georgia Tech students. Come and take a tour of this creative space that has 3D printers, 3D scanners, a laser cutter, various saws, and various other tools used to create and invent prototypes and designs of the future. Session limited to 40 people every 30 minutes.
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. College and School Receptions

Various Locations
Enjoy getting to know faculty and other school administrators in your student’s College or School. Staff will be available to answer your questions about specific programs. NEED DIRECTIONS? Student Leaders will be escorting families from the Ferst Center to each reception. You may also get on the Family Weekend Shuttle that will be running a loop around campus to get to your location. These fill up quickly, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

CoE: Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering
Guggenheim Building, Room 442
Formal presentation will begin at 3:30 P.M. in the Guggenheim Building, Room 442. Students and faculty will conduct presentations. Enter through the Montgomery Knight Building on 270 Ferst Drive and follow signs for Family Weekend reception. Participants will be escorted to the session from the Ferst Center.

Walking from the Ferst Center towards the Clough Building, walk across the right side of the green to Ferst Drive. Turn left when you get to Ferst Drive. Across the street, you will see a sign for the Montgomery Knight Building, 270 Ferst Drive. Follow signs in Montgomery Knight to Guggenheim 442 (the buildings are connected).

CoE: Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering
Whitaker Building, Atrium
Light reception from 3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. in the Whitaker Building, First Floor Atrium. The reception will feature light refreshments and include faculty, staff, and students. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center or you may take the Family Weekend Shuttle to the corner of Ferst Drive/State Street.

CoE: School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Ford Environmental Science and Technology Building, Main Atrium
Drop-in reception with light refreshments from 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Faculty and advisors will be present to speak with parents. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center or you may take the Family Weekend Shuttle to the corner of Ferst Drive/Atlantic Drive. Cross over Ferst Street and turn right. The Ford Environmental Science and Technology Building will be down the street on your left.

CoE: School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Mason Civil Engineering Building, Main Lobby
We have an overview of the school, coursework and the value of a civil and environmental engineering degree beginning at 3:30PM. Faculty, Student Ambassadors, and Advisors will be present to speak with parents.
Participants will be escorted from the Ferst Center. Parking is also available at the Ferst/State Visitor Lot (Area 4).

**CoE: School of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

*Van Leer Building, Room TBA*

Drop-in reception with light refreshments. Info sessions, lab tours, and student panels will run in rotating groups starting at 3:00 pm and ending at 5:00 pm. All guests should go to the 2nd floor of the Van Leer Building in Room TBA. The associate chair of undergraduate affairs along with student leaders and academic advisors will be present to speak with parents and guests. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center.

**CoE: H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering**

*School of Industrial and Systems Engineering Building (Main Building), ISyE Atrium*

Drop-in reception with light refreshments. Reception and program will begin at 4:00 P.M. in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Main Building, Atrium. ISyE Faculty, Academic Advisors and Student Ambassadors will be present to speak with parents. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center.

**CoE: School of Materials Science and Engineering**

*Love Building, 2nd floor Atrium*

Drop by for an informal meet, greet, and learn about all the interesting happenings in MSE. Faculty and advisors will be available to answer your questions and help guide MSE students in their career path. Light refreshments will be served. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center.

**CoE: George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering**

*Manufacturing Related Disciplines Complex, 4th floor*

Drop-in reception starting at 3:00 PM with light refreshments. There will be informational sessions, tours, and displays by student organizations and competition teams. The associate chair of undergraduate programs along with faculty and undergraduate advisors will be present to speak with parents and guests. The first information session will be at 3:15 PM and 4:00 PM. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center.

**College of Design**

*Breezeway, East and West Architecture Buildings*

Please drop by and enjoy light refreshments. Faculty, staff, and students from each of our majors (Architecture, Building Construction, Industrial Design, and Music Technology) will be there to meet you and answer your questions about the College of Design. Student work will be on display in the East and West Architecture buildings. The Dean will give welcoming remarks at 4:00 P.M. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center.
College of Computing (NOTE TIME CHANGE – 5:00 – 7:00PM DINNER)
Klaus Atrium
Join members of the College of Computing, Friday, October 1st from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. for dinner and fun as we welcome our GT Computing families back to campus! (Current students are encouraged to attend with their families.) NOTE: Advance registration is required for this event. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center or you may take the Family Weekend Shuttle to the stop in front of the Klaus Advanced Computing Building on Ferst Drive. Parking is also available at the Ferst/State Visitor Lot (Area 4).

Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
Savant Building, Dean’s Office, First Floor
Please join the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts for a drop-in reception with light refreshments and hors d’oeuvres from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Faculty and advisors will be present to speak with parents, families, and guests. A special welcome from the Dean of Ivan Allen College begins at 4:00 PM. Participants will be escorted to the reception from the Ferst Center.

College of Sciences
Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons, 3rd Floor Gallery
Please drop by the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons, 3rd Floor Gallery and enjoy light refreshments. Undergraduate researchers will present examples of their work, and faculty and student representatives from each major (Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physics, and Psychology) will be there to meet you. The Dean will give welcoming remarks at 3:30 PM. Participants will be escorted to the reception from in front of the Ferst Center.

Scheller College of Business
Scheller College of Business, Outside of Room 300
Participants are invited to a casual drop-in reception. Light refreshments will be provided. College advisors, career staff, and faculty will be present to speak with parents. Program/building tours will also be available for any interested participants. Participants are encouraged to take the Family Weekend Shuttle to the corner of 5th Street and West Peachtree Street - Scheller College of Business will be on the right.

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M       Dinner on Your Own
Various campus dining options will be open or you can choose to take your student off-campus for dinner.
6:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.    Family Fun Night at College Football Hall of Fame

College Football Hall of Fame
Explore the College Football Hall of Fame, located a mile and half from Georgia Tech, and learn more about the history of College Football. Participate with interactive displays, throw a pass, take some pictures, and create fun memories as we close our first day of Family Weekend at Georgia Tech. Buzz will be available to grab a picture and a 360 photo booth will be available for a fun family video picture. **NOTE:** 2nd Family Weekend Check-In Opportunity - For those that were unable to check in earlier in the day, Family Weekend Registration will be moved to the College Football Hall of Fame from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.    Zipline

**Challenge Course located near the corner of Ferst Drive and Hemphill Avenue (down from the CRC)**
The Challenge Course at Georgia Tech is best thought of as a powerful outdoor classroom where students and often-corporate teams learn about leadership and working as a team. On very rare occasions, the CRC opens the Zipline portion just for fun! **Participants must be at least 13 and be accompanied by a parent or sibling who is a Georgia Tech student and over 18.** Parents must sign a CRC waiver and a zipline-specific waiver. No experience necessary. Time ticketed reservations will be available to avoid wait times. The zipline can accommodate about 30 participants per hour. **If there are storms or bad weather, this event will be cancelled.**

2 ½ Hours prior to Game Time    3rd Family Weekend Check-In Opportunity

**Tech Tower Lawn (in front of Tech Tower) - Parent & Family Programs Tent at Tailgate**
If you were unable to check-in on Friday, pick up of your Family Weekend materials including nametags, tickets, Family Weekend schedule, Family Weekend souvenir, and t-shirts (if you ordered them or want to buy them on site.

2 ½ Hours prior to Game Time    Family Weekend Tailgate

**Tech Tower Lawn (in front of Tech Tower)**
It’s TAILGATE time! Join other Georgia Tech families on Saturday for food, student performances, family photos with the Wreck, face-painting, and classic tailgate games. Cheer on the Yellow Jackets with the cheerleaders before heading to the big game. Don’t forget to keep an eye out for Buzz – he may be buzzing by on his way to the game!

Time to be determined    The Walk down Yellow Jacket Alley

**Brittain Drive and 4th Street**
Be the first to greet the team! Two hours and 30 minutes prior to each home game, make your way over to Yellow Jacket Alley (Brittain Drive) to see your favorite players up close and cheer them on as
they march into Bobby Dodd Stadium. Listen for the whistle to blow 15 minutes before the team is to arrive.

**Time to be determined**  
**GT vs. University of Pittsburgh Football Game**  
*Bobby Dodd Stadium*  
Cheer on the Yellow Jackets to victory against Pitt! All tickets are located in sections reserved for Family Weekend guests. Make sure to read the list of prohibited items for Bobby Dodd Stadium. Families are able to purchase tickets their own tickets directly through the Athletics website with the discount and can pick your price/seat section as well. You will also have the ability to have the tickets stored on your mobile device for the day of the game.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021**

**10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**  
**Jazz Brunch with Dean of Students, John Stein**  
Wrap-up Family Weekend with the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, John Stein and a jazz performance by Georgia Tech students. Enjoy a delicious brunch buffet, mingle with other Georgia Tech families and wrap up the weekend with your Georgia Tech student before buzzing home.

**More events, times, locations will be added in August.**

**THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND**

**Visit the Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech Bookstore**  
Grab some Georgia Tech gear and show your Yellow Jacket Pride! While you are in town this weekend, make sure to take your coupon located in your check-in folder and visit Burdell’s or the Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech Bookstore.

**Visit the Campus Recreation Center during Family Weekend**  
**Campus Recreation Center**  
Campus Recreation, also known as the Campus Recreation Complex or CRC, provides a state-of-the-art fitness center, world-class aquatics facilities, and outdoor recreation fields. The department provides a variety of programs and services through aquatics programs, fitness classes and programs, competitive sports, and outdoor recreation. If you would like to exercise FREE while you are on campus for Family Weekend, just head over to the CRC and **bring your Family Weekend Lanyard**.