Family Weekend 2021

The events noted in **GOLD** are included in 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). 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.

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
**Welcome Lounge and Game Tent**  
*Grassy Area behind Smithgall Student Services Building*  
Stop by The Home Depot Welcome Lounge and Game Tent to have a little fun and enjoy some light refreshments throughout the day on Friday.

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. See below for listings for this session. **Please note:** space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Supporting First-Year and Second-Year Student Success @ Georgia Tech**  
*Exhibition Hall, Midtown II*  
The first two years at Georgia Tech establish the foundation for a successful undergraduate experience. This panel will include faculty and administrators from across the campus who will share
insights and strategies for succeeding (and thriving) during this important period. Panelists will highlight resources that help support student success. Dr. Carrie Shepler, Assistant Dean for Teaching Effectiveness, College of Sciences, will serve as moderator.

Panelists:
Dr. Beth Spencer, Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising and Transition, Office of Undergraduate Education
Dr. Colleen Riggle, Associate Dean of Students, Division of Student Engagement and Well-Being
Dr. Enid Steinbart, Director of Undergraduate Advising and Assessment, School of Mathematics
Mr. Justin Boone, Assistant Director, Tutoring and Academic Support
Mr. Richard Landry, Lecturer, College of Computing

What is Well-Being and Why is it Important?
Exhibition Hall, Centennial
This session will be an overview of well-being and why it is important for first year college students to engage in resources and practices that support their own well-being. We will discuss the benefits of self-care and resources that are available on campus for students to succeed at Georgia Tech academically and personally. The goal of the session is to empower families to encourage students to utilize the resources on campus to promote well-being and to identify strategies that should be utilized to promote lifelong well-being.
Presented by: Joi Alexander, Director, Health Initiatives

Connecting with First-Generation Student Programs
Exhibition Hall, Buckhead
Are you or your student the first in your family to attend Georgia Tech? You are invited to come learn more about the inaugural First-Generation Student Programs at Georgia Tech. First-Generation Student Programs advances first-generation and limited income student success through partnerships that build community, strengthen well-being, develop leadership, cultivate academic success, and foster retention and graduation among Georgia Tech’s first-generation and limited income students. Join us at this session to learn more about our programs geared to our first-generation Jackets! We look forward to seeing you there!
Presented by: Dr. Charmaine Troy, First-Generation and Limited Income Program and Operations Manager, Office of Undergraduate Education

Global Opportunities at Tech
Exhibition Hall, Home Park
You are invited to come learn about global opportunities at Georgia Tech. Did you know that in a normal year about 56% of Tech undergraduates have an international experience? Tech students can study, research, or intern abroad, participate in service abroad, or get involved with many international activities on-campus while interacting with our diverse student body. This session will be informative and we look forward to seeing you there!
Presented by: Meg Sonstroem, Exchange Advisor, Office of International Education

Urban Honey Bee Class

Kendeda Building Lobby
The Georgia Tech Urban Honey Bee Project is an interdisciplinary education, research, and service program for undergraduates. We have hives on the roof of Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons and the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design. This class will introduce you to our project and the importance of honeybees. Participants will have the opportunity to view apiary and garden on the roof of Kendeda.

Presented by: Jennifer Kraft Leavey, Ph.D., Integrated Science Curriculum Coordinator, College of Sciences

Student Center Renovation Hard Hat Tour

Student Center Construction Site
Join us to get an inside look at the exciting expansion and renovation of the Student Center - now in the final year of construction! Members of the Student Center team will be present to walk participants through the building and discuss the services and activities being built out. Closed-toed shoes are a requirement to participate, but hard hats will be provided. This tour is limited to the 30 people.

Georgia Tech Library Tour

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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. – 2:15 P.M.  Campus Tours - Session Two
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Connecting Students to Alumni: How Students Begin Building Their Networks Now
*Exhibition Hall, Midtown II*
The Georgia Tech Alumni Association supports over 170,000+ alumni and we are here to help create intentional relationships amongst those alumni and our current students! The Student Alumni Association is a student organization, sponsored by the Alumni Association that hosts programs and events that introduce our students to our Georgia Tech Alumni Network. Our signature program, Mentor Jackets, gives current Tech students the opportunity to be paired with Tech alumni for an academic year to work on personal and professional development. Join us at this seminar to learn more about how the Alumni Association is here for students from their first day on campus to beyond graduation through programs like Mentor Jackets!
**Presented by:** Emily Laurence, Manager, Student Engagement and Savannah Lockman, Student Organizations Coordinator
**Sessions limited to 25 people and will last around 30 minutes.**

“Progress and Service” through Civic Engagement
*Exhibition Hall, Centennial*
Civic Engagement, an office within the Center for Student Engagement, helps students live out Georgia Tech’s motto of "Progress and Service" every day! Through programming, resources, and
support of our 70+ registered service-themed student organizations, the office strives to remove barriers for students to plan and participate in meaningful service experiences. Civic Engagement provides direct advisement to four service organizations or programs - Alternative Service Breaks (ASB), Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteer Experiences (MOVE), First-Year Servant Leadership Organization (FSLO), and Jumpstart - each offering a range of ways for students to serve locally and globally. We look forward to sharing more about these four Civic Engagement supported organizations and ways that students can get involved in the service community at Georgia Tech this year! 

**Presented by:** Sarah Strohmenger, Director for Civic Engagement

**Sessions limited to 25 people and will last around 30 minutes.**

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**The Lego Brick – More Than a Toy**

*Exhibition Hall, Home Park*

The quintessential LEGO brick is a 4x2 brick. Eight of these bricks can combine in 915,103,765 ways. But, did you know that building with LEGO bricks can unleash the imagination and potential that is normally untapped by the logical mind? Through a hands-on, interactive group play approach, participants in this session will unlock their potential, enhance communication and collaboration skills, and have a little fun in the process.

**Presented by:** Stacey Doremus, Assistant Director of LEAD Programs and Systems

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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**

*Exhibition Hall, Home Park Room*
Drop-in reception with light refreshments. Reception and program will begin at 4:00 P.M. in Exhibition Hall. ISyE Faculty, Academic Advisors and Student Ambassadors will be present to speak with parents.

**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
Parent & Family Programs secured the entire the College Football Hall of Fame venue for Friday night for our GT families to explore. Located a mile and half from Georgia Tech, you can learn more about the history of College Football, participate with interactive displays, throw a pass, and create fun memories as we close our first day of Family Weekend. Buzz will be available to grab a picture and a 360 degree 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.

8:00 P.M. Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre: InterActions

Ferst Center
In what Georgia Tech Arts and Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre (TMBT) have dubbed the “Grand Neuroethics Challenge,” the two companies are bringing to life through dance the fast-evolving and merging fields of neuroscience, technology, and A.I. Join New York City-based choreographer, dancer, and director Troy Schumacher, in collaboration with leading scientists from Georgia Tech and Emory University, as he and TMBT explore the fascinating and consequential possibilities in the advancement of neuroscience.

InterActions | Boundaries of Sensory Experience brings forth the neuroethical questions at play in an intimate evening of world class dance at the leading edge of neuroscience. Enjoy this look into the creative process as artists, research scientists, and you, the audience, dive into discussions about our
sensory experience and AI and its ethical frontiers, accompanied by live performance excerpts from the dancers of TMBT.

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, a DJ, family photos with the Wreck, giveaways for the game, 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**

8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.  **Sunrise Breakfast**  
*Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel* - 866 W. Peachtree, NW, Atlanta, GA  
Join us for a delicious breakfast with Division of Student Engagement & Well-Being staff and student leaders before you hit the road or catch that flight. Connect with other Georgia Tech families, too!

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  **Jazz Brunch with Dean of Students, John Stein**  
*Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center*  
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.

**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**.
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