Family Weekend at Georgia Tech, virtually or in person, is a special time to connect with your student, learn more about campus life, and create special memories!

We are excited that your family has chosen to be a part of Spring Family Weekend 2021. Enclosed is information you will need to help make the weekend a special one – Yellow Jacket-style! Please read it thoroughly.

**COVID-19 Specific Procedures:**
If you come to campus, please remember that face-coverings must be worn in public spaces, office areas, and common areas in residence halls, apartments, Greek Housing, and small gatherings of people. We also encourage you to wear them while outside around campus. Your students are excellent role models for keeping the GT community safe with wearing their masks. Housing and Residence Life currently has a ‘no-guest policy’ for all the campus residences. We also encourage you to social distance when possible. For more information about campus guidelines visit [https://health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/campus-guidelines](https://health.gatech.edu/coronavirus/campus-guidelines) and [https://housing.gatech.edu/covid-19-changes-faqs](https://housing.gatech.edu/covid-19-changes-faqs)

**Spring Family Weekend Schedule**

*All times listed below are Eastern Standard Time.*

**Friday, March 12 to Tuesday, March 16**

**Virtual Pi Day 5K**
The Campus Recreation Center will host Georgia Tech’s Annual Pi Day 5K from Friday, March 12 – Tuesday, March 16. Students, parents, and family members can run/walk a 5k virtually wherever they choose from Friday, March 12 through
Tuesday, March 16 at midnight. All participants will need to use an app to record their race time and race distance (3.14 miles). Upon completion participants will need to submit their recorded run/walk to be in the running for prizes. For more on the history of Pi Day click here. For information about this year and to register, visit this link: https://crc.gatech.edu/piday

Saturday, March 13, 2021 – Welcome to Campus – 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Welcome/Information Tent
Parents and families can stop by the outdoor behind the Smithgall Student Services Building to pick up a campus map, pre-ordered shirts, and a coupon for the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and a giveaway. These same items will also be at the Zoo on Saturday, so you can also pick them up there.

Saturday, March 13, 2021 – 11 A.M. – 5 P.M.

GT Day at Zoo Atlanta
The reserved tickets for Spring Family Weekend are now SOLD OUT. If you were unable to secure tickets to Zoo Atlanta through our process, you may still purchase tickets directly with Zoo Atlanta using their TIMED TICKET SYSTEM. Visit https://zooatlanta.org/

The Student Center Programs Council & Parent and Family Programs presents GT Day at Zoo Atlanta, an awesome opportunity to visit the zoo with other GT students, families, and loved ones. Tickets should have been purchased in advance for this event. Time tickets will be strictly enforced, so please visit the zoo only during your ticket time. When arriving at Zoo Atlanta, visit the Student Center Programs Council table (look for the purple table cloth) located outside Savannah Hall to show your ticket. Although the last entry ticket is 3:00pm, the zoo will be open until 5:00pm, so guests will have plenty of time to visit. Parking is located in the lot at 800 Cherokee Avenue, S.E. and in the Grant Park Gateway parking facility at 759 Boulevard S.E. These parking lots are managed by the City of Atlanta and parking rates are $3 an hour for a maximum of $12 a day.

Parent & Family Programs will have a table set up at the entrance for you to pick up a campus map, pre-ordered shirts, and a coupon for the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and a giveaway.
Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Welcome/Information Tent
Parents and families can stop by the outdoor behind the Smithgall Student Services Building to pick up a campus map, pre-ordered shirts, coupon for the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and a couple of giveaways.

Monday, March 15, 2021
College and School Webinars
The following Colleges and Schools will host virtual sessions on Monday, March 15. Colleges and Schools will share more information about what they are doing and how they are supporting your students.

School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Monday, March 15 from 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
The ECE Ambassadors will host a live panel discussion. Parents and students will be able to ask questions and get to know more about the ECE student life on this panel.
Blue Jeans Events Link: https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/zqkpzxth.

H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Monday, March 15 from 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
On March 15, 2021, ISyE’s Academic Advisors and student Ambassadors will host virtual information sessions at 11 am and 4 pm. Topics covered will be student life as a Georgia Tech Industrial Engineer including curriculum, study abroad and work experiences. Also, we will highlight achievements of our ISyE faculty and students.
Blue Jeans Link (11:00 am): https://bluejeans.com/710611978
Blue Jeans Link (4:00 pm) https://bluejeans.com/803549937

School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Monday, March 15 from 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
School Chair David Sholl and Associate Chair for UG Studies Victor Breedveld giving a brief overview of the school, any current accomplishments/ events, and answering any questions.
Blue Jeans Link:
School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Monday, March 15 from 4:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.
CEE's student ambassadors and academic advisors will host a virtual information session at 4:00pm. Our Associate Chair will join the session with a brief overview of the school.
Blue Jeans Link: https://bluejeans.com/795976116

Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
Academic Experience Town Hall
Georgia Tech leaders will provide an overview of the classroom experience in Spring 2021, sharing what they’ve learned from student and faculty feedback. They’ll also talk about plans for Fall 2021 and increased opportunities for student engagement in and out of the classroom within safety protocols. The session will include plenty of time for questions and discussion.
Speakers include Kyla Ross, Assistant Vice Provost for Advocacy and Conflict Resolution; Larry Jacobs, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Engineering; and John Stein, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Spend the Day with your GT Student
Georgia Tech students do not have class on this day, so if possible, we recommend families pick up their student to take them off-campus for shopping, a good meal, and a fun activity off-campus. If you are not coming to campus, then encourage your student to rest, get outside, and have some fun! Please encourage your student to test on campus before your arrival.

Planning to Come to Campus?
Welcome/Information Tables:
You may stop by and pick up your Family Weekend materials, giveaways, and t-shirts, at the times and locations listed below:

Saturday, March 13: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 14: 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Open air tent located in grassy area behind Smithgall Student Services Building Lobby (353 Ferst Drive NW, Atlanta, GA)

Saturday, March 13: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Zoo Atlanta Entrance
Testing:
We encourage your student to get tested on campus prior to your arrival. We also encourage our families to get tested, if you choose to visit campus. Your students are doing a great job getting tested weekly to keep everyone in our community safe.

Self-Guided Tours:
Campus maps will be provided to students and families for GT students to take their families on a tour of campus, showing them their favorite spots. (There is also a virtual tour available for families that are not able to be here physically).  https://admission.gatech.edu/virtual-visit

Photo Stops:
Families are encouraged to stop at the designated GT landmarks on campus to take some selfies with their families. Stops include Tech Tower, the Rooftop Garden on top of Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons, and Einstein Statue near Tech Green.

Hotel:
For anyone coming to visit in person, please note that reservations are available on a first come, first served basis at Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. The hotel completed a multi-million dollar room renovation in September 2020 and the rooms look fabulous. Check out the gallery photos along with the best room pricing options for reservations by going to their webpage: https://www.gatechhotel.com/ and rest assured they are taking all of the necessary precautions to keep your family safe! For any other requests or inquiries, please enter this information within the appropriate request boxes during the reservations process or reach the hotel directly by calling (404) 347-9440 (and connect to the front desk as hotel on-site reservations hours are subject to change at this time due to COVID-19). For those attendees driving to the hotel, overnight parking is $18 per night or $21 for unlimited in and out access to the garage.

Parking/Transportation:
Parents will need to pay for their parking on campus in any of the visitor lots throughout campus. No campus transportation will be provided, you must use your own transportation or rideshare service. The best place to park to access our welcome tent will be the Student Center parking deck (W02) or the surface lot next to the parking deck. You can enter this address to locate the parking lot 353 Ferst Drive NW, Atlanta, GA. You will need a credit card for both parking locations to pay for parking.

Dress: The weather looks nice for the weekend, but we will have rain ponchos just in case. We also recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes for the weekend. School-spirited wear is always welcome!
**Social Media:**
Are you on Social Media? Follow us on Facebook at Georgia Tech Parents Program or on Instagram @gtfamilies and use the #GTSpringFamilyWeekend21 if you are posting pictures from this 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.

**Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech Hours are:**
- **March 13 and 14:** 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- **March 15:** 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.
Always open 24/7 at shopgatech.com

All online orders placed from 3/14-3/16 will not be available to process until 3/17. If an order is placed before 3/13, we will be able to have it left in the Starbucks Café, attached to Barnes & Noble, for pick up on the 16th. For the safety and health of everyone, we are cash less and bathroom less and masks are required to be worn at all times in the store.

**NEED ASSISTANCE?**

Prior to Spring Family Weekend, you can email parents@gatech.edu or call 404-385-1396

During Spring Family Weekend, please call the Parent & Family Programs Special Events Cell Phone:

**404-210-8094**

Please call or text the number listed above throughout the weekend for assistance.