

Hello, my friends, HAPPY (Almost) MAROON FRIDAY!

We hope you are getting excited because we absolutely cannot wait for you to arrive for Bulldog Family Weekend. We just wanted to give y'all a few reminders/notes to help you prepare for your visit. Lots of folks are coming so we hope you will kick back, relax, enjoy meeting other families, and let your student guide the weekend. It will be so much fun to see the campus and community through their eyes!

We need to apologize right off the bat for the amount of information in here, but PLEASE READ IT ALL. (Insert smiling emoji.) We are finalizing details now, however, knock on wood, our plan is to spread out during the BAMA Watch Party. The main event will take place outside the Colvard Student Union, weather permitting. There will also be several viewing opportunities throughout the Colvard Student Union, in case you're chilly or just prefer being inside. (More details coming next week. Be sure to check your email.)

Important Stuff:

Remember your cowbells, tailgating chair/s and/or blankets. Don't fret if you can't haul a chair here; we will have plenty of seating. (But who doesn't love their own tailgating chair?)

Schedule attached. (You DO NOT need to print this. You will be provided a printed guidebook during check-in. Plus, we may change a thing or two before next Friday, nothing drastic.)

EARLY ARRIVALS

Arriving early? Check out the following:

Thursday, October 20

6:30 PM Women's Soccer v. Alabama

7 PM – 8 PM Dawg Talk featuring MSU Head Football Coach Mike Leach - Lafayette Street downtown

CHECK-IN & WELCOME RECEPTION

Check-in will be at the Hunter Henry Center beginning at 5 PM on Friday, October 21. You can check-in anytime between 5 PM and 7 PM and mingle with other students and their families. We have folks coming in from 25 different states! There will be TWO special guests there and you may want to grab a picture in our photobooth.

You will receive the following during check-in:

- A Printed Guidebook of Weekend Activities
- Downtown Dinner Vouchers
- Shopping Voucher
- Watch Party Passes
- Campus Map
- Marvel's Black Widow Movie Passes
- Sunday Breakfast Meal Passes
- T-shirts, if ordered

DINNER VOUCHERS

We are providing each paid guest with a meal voucher to try out one of our local faves after check-in or sometime during the weekend. Participating restaurants will be:

Arepas	Harvey's	Restaurant Tyler
Bin 612	Humble Taco	Rosey Baby
Bulldog Burger Company	The Little Dooney	Starkville Café
The Camphouse	Lost Pizza Company	Sweet Peppers
Central Station Grill	Moe's Original BBQ	TASTE
Dave's Dark Horse Tavern	Oby's	Walk On's
Firehouse Subs	Pita Pit	

LATE ARRIVALS

If you plan on arriving late, your student is welcome (and encouraged!) to drop by the Hunter Henry Center on Friday, October 21 between 5 PM and 7 PM to check your family in and enjoy a quick bite of yummy MSU cheese & ice cream. If for some reason you or your student are unable to secure your check-in materials Friday, we will have it with us at the watch party Saturday. (Call my cell if you have any problems and I will be more than happy to assist you. 662.418.2441.)

DIRECTIONS

Click [here](#) for directions to the Hunter Henry Center. (Advice - If you are not familiar with campus, please print the directions out for your reference. The last thing we want is to have you frustrated before the weekend even starts.) Campus maps will be available during check-in if you need one, but your student should be a pro by now and able to get you around campus with ease.

BULLY'S CLOSET & PANTRY

We wanted to give you an opportunity to participate in a "giving" event. We have attached a list of "needs" for our Bully's Closet and Pantry (BCP), a resource on campus that assists food insecure students. If you are interested in helping us stock the pantry, we will be accepting donations outside the front of the Colvard Student Union during the BAMA watch party. We are in particular need of personal care items.

ATHLETIC TOURS

We are offering athletic tours on a first come, first served basis. You must sign-up [here](#). (Please cancel if you are unable to attend a tour; space is limited.)

RACES

HALLOWEEN DOG JOG (Separate Ticket Required) Register [here](#).

TRICK OR TROT: T.K. MARTIN CENTER FUN RUN (Same day registration at 9 AM, Separate Ticket Required) Register [here](#).

MSU ALUMNI APP

STUDENTS! START EARNING YOUR TRUE MAROON TRADITIONS - The Mississippi State University Alumni Association now offers a new app for students to engage with their university and alumni association. Download it now and get started this weekend. Just search “Mississippi State Alumni Association” in your app store, download the app and follow the prompts to register your identity. Then start working towards your #TrueMaroonTradition by completing must-do activities as a student at State. A Tradition Keeper medallion will be awarded to students based on the number of traditions completed through the app. (This app is for everyone!)

WATCH PARTY - MSU v. BAMA (Begins at 5:30 PM, kick-off at 6:00 PM)

The watch party will begin 30 minutes before kick-off. The festivities will take place outside the Colvard Student Union, weather permitting. Again, if you want to bring your own chairs, blankets, etc. you are more than welcome to, but it's not necessary. We will have inside viewing at the Union (Fowlkes Auditorium and the Dawghouse) if you get a little chilly.

PARKING

Friday evening through Sunday, you may park anywhere on campus as long as you do not park in any of the following without proper authorization: Gated, Handicap, Service, Reserved or Exclusive Service Parking. [STUDENT AFFAIRS OP 95.501: Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations](#). We have a beautiful campus that is very walkable and knock on wood, the weather looks gorgeous. If you arrive early you may want to get a visitor's pass (parkingservices.msstate.edu/visitor-parking) or park in metered parking.

CAMERAS

Please do not forget your camera! There will be a ton of different opportunities to make and capture memories. You never know what special guests may show up at an event. Also, make sure to use our hashtag #MSStateFamily if you are posting to social media.

NAME TAG

You should wear your name tag to all events. You must have this on to attend the BAMA Watch Party.

WEATHER

Weather is unpredictable, particularly in the 'Sip. Check the weather before you head this way and layer up in case the temp drops during our Watch Party. Of course, our fingers are crossed for good weather! We will give y'all a better idea of what we are seeing on the radar closer to the main event or you can always check the forecast [here](#). MSU also has an amazing weather page, weather.msstate.edu.

Here are map links to some of the event locations:

[Hunter Henry Center](#)
[Colvard Student Union](#)
[McCool Hall, Taylor Auditorium](#)
[Fresh Food Company](#)

General Map: map.msstate.edu

BARNES & NOBLE

Be sure to pop by MSU Barnes & Noble to take advantage of 10% off your entire purchase. (You must have your nametag.)

UNABLE TO ATTEND?

Boo! If you cannot make it, please let us know to set aside your t-shirts (if ordered) and your student can swing by the 1st floor of the YMCA Building to pick them up at a later date, to be determined. We will send an email the week after the event with details.

CHANGES

During the event, we will communicate changes via social media and email. (Facebook #MSStateFamily)

As always, please call us if you have any questions. We are all so very excited to welcome you on campus next weekend, October 21-23, 2022. (And please forgive any little errors; we may be running on fumes.)

See you soon, sweet Bulldogs! Hail State, Go Dawgs, and safe travels!