Requirements for Family Weekend event access:

- Your wristband serves as your ticket into all Family Weekend events, so don’t forget it! You must have your wristband to be admitted to the Family Weekend events. Garnet wristbands are for family members and black wristbands are for UofSC students.
- Football tickets are required to enter the stadium, so if you purchased tickets, make sure you have accessed them before heading to the stadium area for the Tailgate Party and the game!
- All family members who are 21 years of age or older received two sets of drink tickets — one for Rock the Roost and one for the Tailgate Party. For those who choose to drink beer and wine at these events, you must bring your drink tickets and proper photo ID if you wish to be served. The drink tickets cannot be replaced. Students, regardless of age, are not permitted to be served alcohol at Family Weekend events. Students will not receive drink tickets for alcoholic beverages.
- Most importantly, have fun and enjoy your time with your student!
Welcome to Family Weekend!

On behalf of the Office of Parent & Family Programs and the Department of Student Life, welcome to the University of South Carolina’s annual Family Weekend!

Wear your wristband. Please wear your wristband to all events. It serves as your admission ticket, and you will not be admitted without it. Your UofSC student also should wear their wristband to gain admission to all events. Family member wristbands are garnet and UofSC student wristbands are black. Please note that individual tickets to our events are not available as these events are exclusive to the Family Weekend package.

Parking. Use your Family Weekend parking pass (yellow), which you will find in your envelope, to park for free in several locations on campus this weekend! More information about these parking options is printed on the parking pass.

Explore Columbia. We encourage you to explore the city while you’re here! Included in this guide is a list of places to visit, restaurants and religious services.

Cameday tips. Be sure to review the “Tips for Gamecock football” in this guide. They will be helpful particularly if Saturday is your first Carolina football game! Please note that a clear bag policy is enforced for Williams-Brice Stadium. Review this information so you are prepared!

Rock the Roost and Tailgate Party. At Rock the Roost and the Tailgate Party, beer and wine are available for family members age 18 and older are invited to use the facility.

Play a round of golf
Oak Hills Golf and Country Club is offering special discounts for Family Weekend participants. All prices are for 18 holes and a golf cart. Tee times must be booked one week in advance; be sure to mention that you are attending the University of South Carolina’s Family Weekend to receive this offer. When you arrive at the golf course, you must present your Family Weekend wristband to get the discount. If you have specific questions, please contact the golf course.

Oak Hills Golf and Country Club
7629 Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC 29203
803.735.9830 • www.oakhillsgolf.com
Friday, Sept. 27: $26 (with cart)
Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29: $31 (with cart)

Download our app!
The Office of Parent & Family Programs has gone mobile!

The Family Weekend 2019 Schedule of Events will be offered through updated app by this year. This tool allows us to keep you instantly updated with any changes to the schedule.

This app was designed for you to have 24/7 access to Parent & Family Programs resources, tips, calendars, and more – right at your fingertips… year-round!

In the app store, search for:
University of South Carolina Parents
or visit: guidebook.com/app/uofscparents

Work out at the Strom
Show your Family Weekend wristband and work out at the university’s premier fitness facility, The Strorn Thumtrum and Fitness Center! All Family Weekend registered participants age 18 and older are invited to use the facility.

Restaurants
American
1801 Crille
700 Lincoln St • 803.777.1801
Tavern inspired, farm-to-table. $-
California Dreaming
403 S. Main St • 803.254.6767
American cuisine. $-
Cola’s Restaurant
1215 Assembly Street • 803.451.0051
Innovative cuisine. $-
Grill Marks
711 Gervais Street • 803.661.8932
Burgers and shakes. $-
Hunter-Gatherer Brewery
900 Main Street • 803.748.0540
Specialty pizzas, American cuisine and microbrews. $-
Liberty Tap Room and Grill
828 Gervais Street • 803.461.4677
Sandwiches, salads, microbrews and more. $-
Motor Supply Co. Bistro
920 Gervais Street • 803.256.6687
Unique menu that changes daily. $-$
Mr. Friendy’s New Southern Cafe
2001-A Greene Street • 803.254.7828
Southern cuisine. Closed Sunday. $-
Saluda’s
751 Saluda Avenue • 803.799.9500
Innovative new American cuisine. Extensive wine menu. Dinner only. $$-
Terra
100 State Street, W. Columbia • 803.791.5445
Menu uses locally grown, seasonal produce and sustainable seafood. $$-
The Gourmet Shop
724 Saluda Avenue • 803.799.3705
Cafe menu. Gourmet food and wine. $-
Yesterday’s
2030 Devine Street • 803.799.0196
Traditional southern cooking. $-
Brunch
Cafe Strudel
300 State Street, W. Columbia • 803.794.6634
Classic breakfast food, omelets, etc. $-
DiPatto’s
342 Pickens Street • 803.779.0606
Egg specials, classic omelets, giddle items, etc. $-
Eggs Up Grill
2930 Devine Street • 803.661.9174
Classic breakfast items plus burgers, sandwiches and wraps. $-
The Gourmet Shop
724 Saluda Avenue • 803.799.5705
Classic breakfast items with full deli menu. $-

Burgers, Wings, Pizza, etc.
Burger Tavern 77
2651 Devine Street • 803.667.9608
Burgers and chicken. $-
Henry’s
2865 Devine Street • 803.708.4705
Burgers and traditional Southern food. $-
Hickory Tavern
907 Senate Street • 803.765.9280
Burgers, wings and salads. $-
Mellow Mushroom
1009 Gervais Street • 803.953.9201
Pizza, calzones and salads. $-
Old Chicago Pizza
802 Gervais Street • 803.252.3100
Pizza, calzones and panini. $-$
Pawleys Front Porch
827 Harden Street • 803.771.8001
Gourmet burgers and chicken. Featured on Food Network’s “Diners, Drive-ins and Dives.” $-
Trinity Fellow
621 Gadsden Street • 803.799.1311
Pizzeria and pub. $-
village Idiot Pizza
2009 Devine Street • 803.252.8846
Local pizza and pub. $-
Zas Brick Oven Pizza
2930 Devine Street • 803.771.5354
Brick oven pizza and Italian cuisine. $-

Greek and Mediterranean
Gennari & Vine
620-A Gervais Street • 803.799.8463
Mediterranean food and tapas bar. $-$
Green Olive
922 Main Street • 803.764.3740
Traditional Mediterranean food. $-

Italian
Ristorante Divino
803 Gervais Street • 803.799.4550
Fine Northern Italian cuisine. $$-
villa Tesoro
1215 Blanding Street • 803.256.7677
Columbia’s oldest Italian restaurant. Closed Sunday. $-

Japanese and Sushi
M Vista
701 Lady Street • 803.255.8878
Fine Shanghai and Szechuan cuisine. $-$
Sakilumi
807 Gervais Street • 803.931.0700
Sushi bar and grill. $-
Tsunami
700 Gervais Street • 803.312.9911
Japanese sushi bar. $-

Mexican and Southwestern
Cantina 76
2901-A Devine Street • 803.708.6004
1301 Main Street • 803.764.1769
4 Tex-Mex, Southern-inspired taco and margarita bar. $-
Publico
2013 Greene Street • 803.567.5738
Fusion cuisine and taco bar. $-

Sandwiches and Deli
Andy’s Deli
2006 Greene Street • 803.799.2639
Deli sandwiches, salads. Closed Sunday. $-$
Beeyer’s Gourmet Sandwich Shop
119 South Carolina • 803.731.7771
4 student favorite for quick sandwiches. $-
DiPatto’s
342 Pickens Street • 803.779.0606
Deli, market-style food. $-

Good Life Cafe
1614 Main Street • 803.726.2310
Plant-based sandwiches, smoothies, vegan power bowls, etc. $-

Grouch’s Deli
611 Harden Street • 803.799.5708
Unique deli sandwiches and salads. $-
Immaculate Consumption
935 Main Street • 803.799.9053
Salads made to order. $-

Steak and Seafood
Blue Marlin
1200 Lincoln Street • 803.799.8588
Southern cuisine, fresh seafood, steak, pork, vegetables and chicken. $-

Longhorn Steakhouse
902 Gervais Street • 803.254.5100
Steak, chicken and seafood. $$-
Pearl Oyster Bar
936 Gervais Street • 803.661.7741
Seafood, specializing in oysters. $-$

Ruth’s Chris Steak House
At the Hilton Hotel
924-A Senate Street • 803.212.6666
Fine steak and seafood dining. $-$

Price key:
$ - average entree < $10
$-$ - average entree $10-$15
$-$ - average entree > $15

This list is not all inclusive and only represents some of the restaurants located near the University of South Carolina’s campus. Restaurant listings are for informational purposes only and are not an endorsement or guarantee of any rate or service by the university.
Places to visit in Columbia

Columbia Museum of Art
1515 Main Street (corner of Main and Hampton Streets)
The Columbia Museum of Art is South Carolina’s premier international art museum and houses an extraordinary collection of European, American and Asian art. For more information, call 803.799.2810 or visit columbiaartmuseum.org.

Columbia SC Visitors Center
1200 Lincoln Street
The Columbia SC Visitors Center is your one-stop shop for information, directions, souvenirs and more! Hours: Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Congaree National Park
100 National Park Road, Hopkins, SC
A great option for outdoor lovers and nature enthusiasts! Activities at Congaree National Park include hiking, primitive camping, bird watching, picnicking, canoeing and kayaking. Admission and all park activities are free. For more information, call 803.776.4396 or visit nps.gov/cong.

EdVenture Children’s Museum
212 Greer Street
Experience the joy of learning and discovery at EdVenture Children’s Museum! A hands-on experience, EdVenture provides children and families with the opportunity to immerse themselves in dynamic, diverse exhibits, programs and events. Admission is $11.95 for adults and children, $10.95 for senior citizens ages 62 and older, and free for children under age two. For more information, call 803.779.8717 or visit edventure.org.

South Carolina State Museum
1515 Main Street (corner of Main and Hampton Streets)
The South Carolina State Museum tells the story of South Carolina through its many exhibits and programs. Enjoy art, cultural history, natural history and science and technology. General admission is $8.95 for adults age 15-61, $7.95 for senior citizens age 62 and over, $6.95 for children ages 3-12 and free for infants under age 2. For more information, call 803.799.6240 or visit scmuseum.org.

Sunflower Weekends at Clinton Sease Farm
382 Olde Farm Road, Lexington, SC
Celebrate the start of fall weather with a trip to the sunflower fields at Clinton Sease Farm. You can pick sunflowers or get lost in the corn maze. Admission to the sunflower fields, a hayride, and one flower is $10. For more information, visit clintonsoffarm.com.

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden
500 Wildlife Way (Greystone Blvd. exit from interstate 126)
Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is one of Columbia’s most popular visitor destinations. With its recent expansion, Riverbanks is now the largest zoo in the southeastern United States. Admission is $19.95 for adults, $17.95 for members of the military and senior citizens age 62 and older, $16.95 for children ages 2-12 and free for children under age two. For more information, call 803.779.8717 or visit riverbanks.org.

Soda City Market
1500 block of Main Street
Visit Columbia’s weekly street market featuring seasonal produce, paintings, eclectic goodies and delicious food vendors. Stop by to experience a relaxing and inspiring morning on Main Street. Parking in the Taylor Street Garage is recommended.

South Carolina Statehouse Tours
Main and Gervais Streets
Take a tour of the beautiful and historic South Carolina Capitol. Enter at the guest entrance (looking at the Statehouse from Gervais Street, to the left of the steps). For more information and to reserve a tour time, call 803.799.6240.

Spirits and Spectres of Columbia
Steps of the Statehouse at Main and Gervais Streets
Spirits and Spectres of Columbia is the city’s original ghost tour! This walking tour of Columbia is full of legends that are sure to keep you entertained. Tours leave from the George Washington Monument on the north side of the Statehouse, and reservations are required. Tickets are $15 for adults; $12 for students, members of the military with ID and senior citizens; $10 for children ages 5-12; and free for children under age 5. For more information and to make reservations, call 803.600.1328.

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Three Rivers Greenway
Take a peaceful walk or go for a run along the 12 1/2 mile riverfront pathways, where the Broad, Saluda and Congaree Rivers meet. The Three Rivers Greenway is dog-friendly and ADA accessible for all to enjoy. For more information and maps, visit riverralliance.org.

Contact each business for additional information.

About Columbia
Welcome to the new, modern South where tradition and tomorrow pair perfectly. When you cross a capital city with the largest university in the state, you get a vibrant city that’s bursting with big ideas, forward thinkers and modern attitudes - all this amidst surrounding natural beauty. The region is flush with regional parks and opportunities for outdoor adventures. It doesn’t take long to get from the middle of town to what seems like the middle of nowhere.

With a never-ending roster of live music events, festivals and sporting events, there are more things to do than there are hours to do them. Definitely fit for foodies, Southern staples like shrimp and grits or chicken and waffles are off the charts. Columbia, SC has become an epicenter for chefs, artists and craftspeople of all stripes with a creative culture that’s palpable.

From Experience Columbia SC’s website, experiencecolumbiasc.com All photos are courtesy of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Go Gamecocks!
Friday, Sept. 27
Womens Volleyball vs. Georgia
Carolina Volleyball Center
Williams-Brice Stadium
Sunday, Sept. 29
Womens Soccer vs. Arkansas
Carolina Volleyball Center
Womens Basketball vs. South Carolina
Williams-Brice Stadium
To Williams-Brice Stadium
From Blossom Street at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, drive south on Assembly Street for 1.8 miles. Refer to the Football Fan Guide for more information.
Campus map
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center:
Rock the Roost
Horseshoe:
Welcome Reception
Russell House:
Check-In & Educational Sessions
Williams-Brice Stadium
Entrance to the Tailgate Party
Tips for Gamecock football

First time at a Carolina football game or tailgate?

Come prepared! Make sure to review these tips and the Football Fan Guide in your packet. The best tailgaters know being prepared is the way to a great day of football. We recommend sunscreen for the afternoon sun. Does it look cloudy outside? Bring your raincoat! Also, you are welcome to bring a blanket to sit on during the Tailgate Party! Get ready for an exciting experience!

Be ready for gameday traffic

Allow plenty of time to get to the stadium, and be prepared for very heavy traffic delays. Have a plan for parking in advance. Parking lots often fill quickly, so if you are planning to drive, you’ll want to leave for the game at least four hours (or more) before kickoff! Want to make sure you know where you’re going? Drive around the stadium area Friday so you can become familiar with the roads and parking lots.

Wear your Gamecock gear.

Make sure to wear garnet and black! Stop by the University Bookstore at the Russell House to pick up some new gear. Make sure to wear garnet and black! Stop by the University Bookstore at the Russell House to pick up some new gear.

Do I need to bring food and drinks?

No! Plenty of food and drinks will be available at the Family Weekend Tailgate Party. Come prepared to enjoy a traditional Tailgate Party!

Where do we park? And is there a shuttle?

Public pay lots are limited around the stadium and vary in price depending on the distance to the stadium. Refer to the Football Fan Guide for more information about traffic flow before and after the game. Starting three hours before kickoff, the university offers a shuttle that picks up at Colonial Life Arena/Coliseum Parking Lot B and the Russell House and drops off on Rosewood Drive, east of the Main Gate to the State Fairgrounds. Use of gameday shuttles is complimentary for Family Weekend. Shuttles run until 1.5 hours after the game.

How do we get out of here?

When the game is over, all traffic on Assembly Street will be directed toward campus. If you are on Bluff Road, you may be forced to travel south, away from Columbia. Simply get on I-77 directed toward campus. If you are on Bluff Road, you may be forced to travel south, away from Columbia. Simply get on I-77 directed toward campus.

Gamecock Village

Stop by the Gamecock Village, Springs Brooks Plaza and the cockabooses! If you get to the stadium area early for the Tailgate Party, make sure to stop by the Gamecock Village, located at the front of Gamecock Park across from Williams-Brice Stadium. Also, explore the Springs Brooks Plaza around the stadium! Check out the cockabooses: famous tailgating spots on the south side of the stadium. See how the die-hard fans take tailgating to another level. Please note that there is no waiting space available at the entrance to the Tailgate Party, so we encourage you to explore the area and enjoy the tailgate festivities in the Gamecock Village before the Tailgate Party starts.

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Please Note: Clear Bag Policy for Williams-Brice Stadium

To provide a safer environment and more expedited entry for fans, South Carolina Athletics implemented a clear bag policy beginning with the 2016-17 season for all ticketed athletic events that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the venues.

Approved bags include:

- Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed 12” x 6” x 12”.
- A logo no larger than 4.5” x 3.4” can be displayed on one side of a permissible clear bag.
- One gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Gallon bag or similar).
- Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5” x 6.5”, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap.
- Medically-necessary items (see website for details).

For more information on approved and prohibited bags, please visit gamecocksonline.com/clearbag.

Terms and Definitions

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Cocky

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Southeastern Conference (SEC)

The University of South Carolina, Auburn, and Arkansas are the only SEC schools that have played in the national championship game. The University of South Carolina has been to the national championship game six times, in 1980, 1996, 2003, and 2008. The University of South Carolina has won the national championship three times, in 1980, 2003, and 2008.

Football fun facts

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The University of South Carolina accepted an invitation to become the 12th member of the Southeastern Conference (SEC) on Sept. 25, 1990. A member of the SEC’s eastern division, the university regularly competes with some of the nation’s toughest athletic programs. Other schools in the SEC include: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas A&M and Vanderbilt.

Fight Song

Hey, let’s give a cheer, Carolina is here, The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way. When it is rough, that’s when the ‘Cocks get going.

Hail to our colors of garnet and black, In Carolina pride have we.

So, go Gamecocks go - FIGHT! Drive for the goal - FIGHT! USC will win today - GO COCKS!!

“Let’s all give a cheer, Carolina is here, The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way.”
Religious services

Baptist
Brookland Baptist Church
1066 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia • 803.796.7525
8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
First Baptist Church
1306 Hampton Street • 803.256.4251
10:30 a.m.
First Nazareth Baptist Church
2351 Cervais Street • 803.254.6232
7:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Shandon Baptist Church
5250 Forest Drive • 803.782.1300
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Catholic
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
3512 Devine Street • 803.254.7646
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
1529 Assembly Street • 803.779.0036
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (in Spanish) and 5:30 p.m.
St. Thomas More at USC
1610 Greene Street • 803.799.5870
Saturday 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Episcopal
St. John's Episcopal Church
2827 Wheat Street • 803.799.4767
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sunter Street • 803.771.7300
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Hindu
Hindu Temple of South Carolina
5703 Kiawah Road • 803.772.9650
Open Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 5-8:30 p.m.;
Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-8:30 p.m.

Islam
Islamic Center of Columbia
1929 Cervais Street • 803.254.7242
(call for times)

Jewish
Beth Shalom Synagogue
5827 North Trenholm Road • 803.782.2500
Friday 6:30 p.m. Saturday 9:45 a.m.
Tree of Life Congregation
6719 North Trenholm Road • 803.787.2182
Friday 7:30 p.m.

All services listed are on Sunday unless otherwise noted.

Methodist
Greene Street United Methodist Church
1106 Greene Street • 803.799.6268
9 a.m.
Methodist Student Network (at Carolina)
728 Pickens Street • 803.779.7363
6 p.m.
Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street • 803.256.8383
8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Non-Denominational
Columbia Evangelical Church
1015 Barnwell Street • 803.799.1628
10:45 a.m.
Midtown Fellowship
1800 Blanding Street • 803.851.4599
9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
2440 Atlas Road • 803.776.1238
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Presbyterian
Eastminster Presbyterian Church (USA)
3200 Trenholm Road • 803.256.1654
9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church (ARP)
1324 Marion Street • 803.799.9062
8:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Shandon Presbyterian Church (USA)
607 Woodrow Street • 803.771.4408
10:30 a.m.

Sikh
Sikh Religious Society of South Carolina
11419 Broad River Road • 803.261.2619
(call for times)

Notes from Family Weekend

Want to attend a local religious service this weekend? Here are some options located close to campus. More options available at sciway.net/org/religcolumbia.html
Family Weekend Survey
We'll send you a survey via email to evaluate Family Weekend. Please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts about the weekend so we can make Family Weekend 2020 even better!