FAMILY WEEKEND
October 21-23, 2016

Schedule Overview
This overview is provided to give parents and families a glimpse of plans for Family Weekend. As events become final in early September, a formal printable schedule will be made available on our website.
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FRIDAY

Morning
Visit the Family Weekend hospitality suite, pick up your schedule of events, and spend the morning exploring campus. The museum and botanic garden are both open, and there are additional exhibits in the Campus Center and the third floor of the library. In addition, the open class schedule, available at registration, will list student classes that welcome family attendance for the day.

Afternoon
Official events begin Friday afternoon. Smith Family College, a collection of small seminars for families, starts at 2 p.m. and there are a number of offices that hold open houses including the Lazarus Center, Global Studies Center, and the class deans office. The afternoon will wrap up with the already scheduled tea in the student houses.

Evening
Enjoy Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling, directed by Jennifer Sturley ’17J in our theater facilities, or take in a cultural dinner and show. There’s also a movie, or just hanging out by a campfire and eating S’mores with the Outing Club.

SATURDAY

Morning
Arriving late? An abbreviated hospitality suite is still open for picking up the final schedule. Don’t miss the President’s Welcome and Reception at 10:30 am in the Campus Center Carroll Room. There’s also apple cider pressing and the traditional Family Weekend hike, as well as the Volley Ball Invitational.

Afternoon
At 1 pm Smith Family College is offered with opportunities at the museum or a chance to hear Residence Life discuss common developmental experiences for college students. Families can join in a Smith Family Weekend tradition: Montage, a concert combining the Glee Club, Chorus, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, and the Smith a cappella groups. Don’t forget the ever popular live chess match!

Evening
There’s a second chance at Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling at Theater 14. Looking for some culture? There’s always a cultural event sponsored by our UNITY organizations, or you can simply take in a film sponsored by the SEC. Finish off the night with homemade ice cream as part of the Smith To Do series.

SUNDAY

Morning
Brunch will be held in the student dining rooms and the families of Smith students are invited, just make sure to let us know you’ll be attending on your registration form! After brunch, families have more opportunities to take in the campus or explore the facilities. Looking for music? The talents of the faculty have their own chance to shine in the annual chamber music concert.

Afternoon
As Family Weekend events come to an end, families are encouraged to explore the available exhibits on campus. The botanic garden is always free, though a $2 donation is encouraged. The museum will be open until 4 pm and admission is free for Family Weekend. Don’t forget the exhibits in the library and the Nolen Art Lounge. Finally, the Bike Kitchen will be holding open hours in the afternoon.

OPEN DAILY

Campus Center Cafe, Campus Center
Official Smith Ring Sales, Campus Center
Botanic Garden, Lyman Plant House & Conservatory
Nolen Art Lounge, Campus Center
Smith College Museum of Art
Neilson Library (exhibits are on the third floor)

When possible, we encourage families to arrive in the evening on Thursday, since this allows the fullest participation in events. However, we understand some families may need to schedule carefully. The first scheduled events start at 1 pm on Friday (though this means missing opportunities to attend open classes). While families are welcome to stay into the evening on Sunday, the scheduled events come to an end shortly after lunch.

Please be aware that some shows and events do charge an admission fee and some tickets must be ordered in advance. Where possible information on ordering tickets will be on the final schedule. A complete and easily printable copy of the schedule will be available as a download in early September at:
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