



FAMILY WEEKEND

September 26 – 27, 2009



Georgia State
University

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS
& PARENT RELATIONS

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

HELLO PANTHER FAMILIES!



We would like to invite all Panther Families to campus for the annual Georgia State University Family Weekend, September 26 – 27, 2009. We have an exciting day planned for you and your student on our beautiful urban campus in historic downtown Atlanta.

From the moment you check in, you will be wrapped in blue and white. As the weekend unfolds, there are activities for the whole family to enjoy – everything from a real-life classroom experience to a special day trip to a GSU sporting event – with plenty of free time built in for you and your student to explore the city on your own.

As you register you will notice that Georgia State University Parents Association members receive a discount for Family Weekend registration plus free parking. If you are not yet a member, you may use the enclosed registration form to join and take advantage of the Family Weekend savings, along with the many other benefits that come with Parents Association membership.

To reserve your place for this fun-filled event, complete and return the enclosed registration form. Do not delay! Due to limited space, reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We will only be able to accept a check or money order for payment – no cash or credit cards. For more information, please call the Office of New Student Programs & Parent Relations at 404/413-1570.

We look forward to having you join us for Family Weekend 2009.

GO PANTHERS!

Matthew K. Robison
Director of New Student Programs & Parent Relations

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Saturday, September 26

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| 8 – 9 a.m. | Family Weekend Check-In |
| 9 – 10 a.m. | Blue & White Welcome Breakfast |
| 10 – 10:50 a.m. | Session One: Information Sessions for Parents and Families
<i>The Future of Georgia State University: What lies ahead for the Panther Community?</i>
OR <i>Parents Panel</i> |
| 11 – 11:50 a.m. | Classes for Parents and Families
<i>Infectious Diseases, Immunities and Vaccines</i> OR <i>Economics and Choices</i> |
| Noon – 1 p.m. | Family Weekend BBQ |
| 1:10 – 2 p.m. | Session Two: Information Session for Parents and Families
<i>I Want You to Graduate: What Every Parent Needs to Know About Academic Success in College</i> OR <i>A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Career Planning and Development: Helping to Ease the Transition</i> |
| 2:15 p.m. | Family Weekend Day Trip: Georgia Aquarium
OR Other Family Weekend Options |
| 7 p.m. | Men's Soccer Game: GSU vs. Hofstra |

Sunday, September 27

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| All day | Out and About in the City |
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THE DETAILS



Visit the Family Weekend Web site at
www2.gsu.edu/~wwwnew

SATURDAY

Family Weekend Check-In

8 – 9 a.m.

Student Center Lobby

Let the fun begin! Enjoy fresh coffee as you pick up your Family Weekend welcome packet, which will give you all the info you need to have a successful weekend here at Georgia State. Also, have a special Family Weekend photo taken next to the Panther in Unity Plaza!

Blue & White Welcome Breakfast WITH GSU HEAD FOOTBALL COACH BILL CURRY

9 – 10 a.m.

State Ballroom—Student Center

What better way to catch the Panther spirit than by hearing from Head Football Coach Bill Curry, who will be on hand to update you on our football kick-off – now less than 365 days away! As Coach Curry speaks, you'll enjoy a breakfast of fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns served with fresh biscuits and toast.



Session One: Information Sessions for Parents and Families

10 – 10:50 a.m.

Want to know more about issues affecting parents, families and college students? Choose one of these interactive information sessions and leave with some interesting and fresh ideas. (Select one session.)

The Future of Georgia State University: What lies ahead for the Panther community?

What will the Georgia State campus look like in two years, five years, or even 10 years from now? Join Dr. Douglass Covey, Vice President for Student Affairs, as he leads a dynamic discussion on the exciting future and direction of Georgia State University.

Parents Panel

Join us for an open discussion on being a Georgia State parent. The Georgia State Parents Association has assembled a panel of current Panther parents who will answer any questions you may have about the Panther parent experience and share ways to become involved with the Parents Association.

Classes for Parents and Families

11 – 11:50 a.m.

Have you wondered what it's like to be a scholar at Georgia State University? Here's your chance to find out! You'll attend a lecture by a distinguished Georgia State faculty member and experience a real classroom and a real-life classroom connection.

(Select one class.)

Infectious Diseases, Immunity and Vaccines

Infectious diseases are among the major challenges to human progress and survival. The global burden of infections is high, and epidemics of new and old infectious diseases emerge periodically. This class explores concepts related to our immune response, focusing on how the immune response can be manipulated through the use of vaccines to protect us from infectious diseases.
Presenter: Dr. Roberta Attanasio, College of Arts and Sciences

Economics and Choices

Economics at its core is about making choices. Economists believe that all decisions involve costs — called opportunity costs — which should be weighed against relevant benefits when making choices. This class explores the concept of opportunity costs within the context of the production possibilities frontier — a tool economists use to analyze the tradeoffs people make in deciding how to use society's scarce resources. Presenter: Dr. Shelby Frost, School of Policy Studies

GSU Family Weekend BBQ SPONSORED BY THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Noon – 1 p.m.

Urban Life Plaza

Join us for food, fun and BBQ! Students and their families will have an opportunity to kick back and relax as they feast on hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad and more. We'll also have interactive games and activities for the whole family. And, of course, we can't forget school spirit! The Georgia State University cheerleaders will treat you to a special pep rally complete with a guest appearance by Pounce, the Georgia State mascot.

Session Two: Information Sessions for Parents and Families

1:10 – 2 p.m.

Want to know more about issues affecting parents, families and college students? Choose one of our interactive information sessions and leave with some interesting and fresh ideas. (Select one session.)

I Want You to Graduate: What Every Parent Needs to Know about Academic Success in College

One of the major objectives of going to college is to graduate from it. While doing well in school is something that your student must accomplish, having good information will help you support them. Attend this session and learn keys to academic success in college including what (and when) you can share with your student to assist them in getting the best grades possible.



THE DETAILS



A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Career Planning and Development: Helping to Ease the Transition

Understand the parent's role in the success of a child's career development. Learn the essential career development steps your child will be participating in throughout his/her college experience and how you can reinforce and support their learning. Become familiar with what employers state are the Top 10 Qualities/Skills they seek in college graduates. Time for Q/A will be available.

Family Weekend Day Trip – The Georgia Aquarium! 2 p.m.

Georgia State University has some interesting and inviting neighbors in the downtown Atlanta area, and Family Weekend is taking you to meet one of them! We've planned a day trip to one of Atlanta's hottest destinations, the Georgia Aquarium.

With eight million gallons of fresh and marine water, and more aquatic life than any other aquarium in the world, the Georgia Aquarium is sure to entertain and educate you with things you've never seen before! Visit www.georgiaaquarium.org for more information.

A shuttle will be provided to take you to and from campus. There is an additional per person cost for the Family Weekend Day Trip — \$23.50 (children 5 and under free).

Other Family Weekend Options 2 p.m.

For families who choose to forego the Georgia Aquarium visit, there are several afternoon events and activities to enjoy on campus, many offered free or at discounted rates:

Women's Volleyball Game: Show your Georgia State spirit and cheer the Panthers to victory in our Family Weekend women's volleyball against UNC—Wilmington! The game starts at 2 p.m. in the Sports Arena. Admission is FREE!

Shuttle Bus City Tour: Take a guided bus tour of downtown Atlanta. Tour takes approximately 45 minutes.

Rialto Center for the Arts Tour: Take a tour of this legendary arts facility, which was reclaimed by Georgia State as one of its first contributions to Atlanta's downtown renaissance. Tour takes approximately 45 minutes.

University Library Tour: Meet in the library lobby for a guided tour of this newly renovated campus resource.

Family Feud at University Commons: All Commons residents' families are invited to play the Family Feud – housing style! Does your family have what it takes to match wits against other Georgia State University families? All participants will get a prize.

Student Recreation Center: Feeling like you need to work off a few pounds after pigging out at the BBQ? Spend the afternoon pumping iron, swimming laps, hitting the track or more in our Student Recreation Center! Bring the whole family to enjoy our state-of-the-art facility at a discounted rate. Adults \$3/Children \$2.

Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design Gallery: Established in 1970, this gallery is one of the most dynamic visual arts spaces in downtown Atlanta. It offers aesthetically strong and intellectually challenging exhibitions and events, with a particular emphasis on projects that reflect an awareness of contemporary cultural issues.

Men's Soccer Game: GSU vs. Hofstra 7 p.m.

Panthersville Soccer Complex

What better way to cap off this year's Family Weekend than with an exciting soccer showdown? Cheer the Panthers to victory against Hofstra University. Admission is FREE, and all individuals registered for Family Weekend will receive a free hotdog and soda. Remember, the game will be at the Panthersville Soccer Complex.

SUNDAY

Out and About in the City All day

The Office of New Student Programs & Parent Relations encourages Georgia State families to take advantage of all there is to see and do in the city of Atlanta. We have put together a list of options that your family might want to check-out on your own on Sunday. You can also go to www.atlanta.net for more events and activities!

- World of Coke • Underground Atlanta • Braves Game • MLK Museum
- Georgia Aquarium • Fernbank Museum • CNN Center • Margaret Mitchell House
- Atlantic Station • Zoo Atlanta • Cyclorama • Atlanta Opera • Fabulous Fox Theatre
- Atlanta Ballet • High Museum of Art





PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Sharing • Connecting • Involving

What is the Georgia State University Parents Association?

The Georgia State Parents Association provides parents of Georgia State students with a stronger connection to the University and helps them share in the lives of their students. Parents who join have a special opportunity to access Georgia State and its exciting campus!

How much is it to join?

One-time payment of \$50.

Advantages of membership:

- Connection to your student's collegiate experience and to the Georgia State community.
- Special on-campus incentives at the Bookstore, Dining Services, Panther basketball games, Rialto Center for the Arts and the Georgia State University Federal Credit Union.
- Special Parents Association socials throughout the year.
- A Parents Association newsletter.
- Access to the Parents Hotline (for questions and/or concerns).
- Access to the Parents Association listserv.
- Discounts for Family Weekend registration.



Visit the Parents Association Web site at www2.gsu.edu/~wwwnew/parentsAssociation.htm



LOGISTICAL DETAILS

Visit the Family Weekend Web site at
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DIRECTIONS

From I-75/85 Northbound

Exit #246 (Central Avenue/Fulton Street). Follow the signs to Fulton Street. At the light at the end of the ramp, turn right onto Fulton. At the next light, turn left onto Capitol Avenue. After crossing MLK Jr. Drive, Capitol Avenue becomes Piedmont Avenue, which passes through campus.

From I-75/85 Northbound H.O.V. Lane

Exit at Memorial Drive. At the first light, go straight and you will be on Central Avenue, which leads to campus.

From I-75/85 Southbound

Exit #249A (Courtland Street/Georgia State University), a one-way street that leads to campus.

From I-20 Eastbound

Exit #56B (Windsor/Spring Street), go straight to the third traffic light. Take a left onto Central Avenue, which leads to campus.

From I-20 Westbound

Exit #58A (Capitol Avenue) and turn right at the light. Stay on Capitol Avenue, which changes into Piedmont Avenue and leads to campus.

MARTA

Take the East/West Rapid Rail line to the Georgia State Station (E1). Exit the station onto Piedmont Avenue and turn right.

PARKING

Special parking has been reserved for Family Weekend attendees in M deck, located at 33 Auditorium Place (at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Auditorium Place). There will be a parking rate of \$6 per day; however, members of the Parents Association park for FREE! Once parked, follow the signs to the Student Center for check-in. For more information on parking at Georgia State go to www2.gsu.edu/~wwwaux.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Located across from the University Commons residence hall, the Baymont Inn and Suites and Wyndam Hotel are the official Family Weekend hotel sites. A block of rooms has been reserved at both locations with special Family Weekend rates. Just let them know you are with Georgia State Family Weekend. See below for hotel contact information and room rates. Please note, these blocked rooms and special rates are on a first-come, first-served basis ... so book now!

For booking assistance at either location, please call Yvonne Sapp at 404-659-7777, ext. 358.

Baymont Inn and Suites
175 Piedmont Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404/659-7777
Rate: \$79 a night

Wyndam Hotel
175 Piedmont Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404/659-2727
Rate: \$89 a night

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please make check or money order for Family Weekend registration payable to Georgia State University. The registration form should be completed and mailed with payment to:

Office of New Student Programs & Parent Relations
Georgia State University
P.O. Box 4047
Atlanta, GA 30302-4047

The registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 23. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be granted on partial or full cancellations after Thursday, Sept. 24. Entire refund policy is posted on the Office of New Student Programs & Parent Relations Web site.

Questions/Concerns: Contact Sylvia Crawford at 404/413-1574 or scrawford9@gsu.edu.

Check out the Family Weekend Web site at:
www2.gsu.edu/~wwwnew



REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____
 (Name that registration is to be made under)

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Georgia State Student Name and Birthday:

 Name Date of Birth

Names of family members/guests who will attend:

Please note special needs of anyone in your party:



Family Weekend 2009 Registration Fees

Remember to include your Georgia State student in the number of attendees. Registration fees cover all Family Weekend food and activities except for the Georgia Aquarium Day Trip and a few Saturday afternoon entertainment options as indicated in the program.

If you take this opportunity to join the Parents Association, you can take advantage of a special discounted Family Weekend rate, plus free parking in M Deck for the day! You must write a separate check for Parents Association membership, made payable to: GSU Foundation.

Tickets and passes for all events can be picked up at Family Weekend check-in.

PART A (payment one)	Number	Amount
Adult(s)—Parents Association members	_____ x \$20	_____
Adult(s)—Non Parents Association members	_____ x \$30	_____
Georgia State University Student	_____ x \$15	_____
Georgia Aquarium (children under 4 FREE)	_____ x \$23.50	_____

Total: _____

PART B (payment two, if applicable)
 Parents Association Membership \$50 (lifetime)
 (Membership cost includes entire family.)

Remember, if you join the Parents Association, you must write a separate check made payable to the GSU Foundation.





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