



WELCOME

to FAMILY WEEKEND

2018



WELCOME FROM FAMILY WEEKEND COMMITTEE

HOWDY! On behalf of Family Weekend Committee and Texas A&M University, welcome to Aggieland for Family Weekend 2018! This year we are celebrating our 99th annual Family Weekend, and we are so excited to share our amazing university with you, family, and friends. This weekend we are taking the opportunity to show gratitude for the values you have instilled in us, the encouragement you have provided, and the love you shared with us. It is this support and encouragement that makes us successful as Aggies. We hope that through the many events offered this weekend, you are able to experience the traditions and Spirit that are at the heart of every Aggie. Thank you for spending your weekend with us, and enjoy this time with your own family as well as our Aggie Family!

Thanks & Gig 'Em,

Katherine Fulbright

Katherine Fulbright '18
Family Weekend Director



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Family Weekend Committee to serve the students as well as the families of Texas A&M by providing a weekend of appreciation. Family Weekend allows students to express their gratitude to those whom have impacted their lives. This is done through a number of events which show the families of Texas A&M the essence of the Aggie family.

FAMILY WEEKEND ONLINE

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FAMILY WEEKEND ENDOWMENT

To ensure the tradition of Family Weekend remains successful and continues to grow in the future, Family Weekend Committee has created an endowment fund. With your help by contributing to this worthwhile cause, the committee can continue to preserve one of Texas A&M's oldest and finest traditions.

Contributions should be made payable to the Texas A&M Foundation, Family Weekend Endowed Operating Fund, and sent to:

Texas A&M Foundation
401 George Bush Drive
College Station, TX 77840-2811

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For questions about giving please call the Texas A&M Foundation at: 979.458.1689



REMINDERS

Family Weekend 2018 Official T-Shirts

T-shirts are available at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Texas A&M University (inside the Memorial Student Center). The Bookstore will be open Friday 8 AM-10 PM, Saturday 8 AM-6 PM, and Sunday 10 AM-6 PM.

Save the Date!

- Family Weekend 2019: April 12-14
- Family Weekend 2020: April 17-19
- Family Weekend 2021: April 9-11



HISTORY OF FAMILY WEEKEND



Family Weekend is a tradition that has existed at Texas A&M University since 1919. Texas A&M University prides itself on making its visitors feel welcome. The University has given parents and guests a special time to feel this warm greeting. Family Weekend has become our official "HOWDY!"

In the early 1900s when membership in the Corps of Cadets was mandatory, mothers often found themselves worrying about the welfare of their sons. A federation known as the Aggie Mother's Club was formed by these mothers, whose main goal was to help their sons through their difficult "fish" and underclassmen years. A program similar to open house was held on Mother's Day. However, in 1969 graduation was changed to early May and the program was moved to April.

This cherished A&M tradition has been previously designated Mother's Day, Mother and Dad's Day, Parent Appreciation, Open House, and Parents' Weekend. Presently, it is called Family Weekend. Until 1974, an Aggie Mother of the Year was selected. Recently, the students began selecting an outstanding couple to honor as the Aggie Parents of the Year.

Corps flower pinning, chapel services, military reviews, Parents of the Year receptions, campus tours and outfit award presentations have been part of the weekend since its beginning. New activities are continually being added to include a wider variety of students. Some of these new activities have included traditions program, concerts, barbecues, Maroon and White Football Game, award ceremonies, and 'Ol Army Yell Practice.

The Office of New Student & Family Programs sponsors the student committee which organizes and coordinates Family Weekend. This special time is dedicated to Aggie parents and family, and gives Aggie students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives.





Parents of the Year 2018-2019 Brett and Courtney Turner

Brett and Courtney Turner are the 43rd couple to be named Texas A&M Parents of the Year. Residing in Houston, Texas, this couple is raising four children: Lexi, Zane, Kylee '21, and Will who was recently married to wife Caitlyn. Brett works as a Systems Engineering Manager while Courtney is a kindergarten teacher. Aside from their busy careers they have managed to raise many children of God while serving as youth pastors for 16 years.

Although the Turners are not graduates of Texas A&M, the selflessness and leadership skills that Mr. & Mrs. Turner possess exhibits what it truly means to be an Aggie. Their passion for Texas A&M becomes evident any time an Aggie sporting event is taking place, where you can hear the entire family cheering on as the 12th Man. In an excerpt from their nomination, Kylee states that her parents "...have shown us the importance of family and true unity with one another, something that cannot be manufactured. This unity is what they showed me was different about Texas A&M."



Indicates event hosted by Family Weekend Committee.
Corps of Cadets events can be found on page 10 of the schedule.
All events are free unless noted with a \$.
Athletics tickets, if available, may be purchased at 12thMan.com.
An online version of the schedule is available through the TAMUMobile App.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Aggie Ring Day.....10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center

Over 6,200 excited Aggies will receive their Aggie Rings. Activities include: The Career Center polishing Aggie Rings; Benjamin Knox '90 signing prints; free samples from Slovacek's Sausage; the MSC Book Store selling official Aggie Ring Day T-shirts; and many photo opportunities including Bus 12 and the Spirit of '02 Cannon. Visit AggieNetwork.com/Ring.

Aggie Moms' Boutique.....10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

2nd Floor Memorial Student Center

Aggie Gift and Craft Fair presented by the Aggie Moms' Clubs.

Men's Tennis.....6:00 PM

Mitchell Tennis Center, Mississippi State, \$



Family Fun Night.....6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Memorial Student Center, Respect Lounge

Family Weekend Committee and Barnes and Noble Bookstore are excited to invite you to Family Game Night. This event will feature board games, bingo, Aggie trivia, prizes and much more! Join us for a night of family fun!

Softball.....6:30 PM

Aggie Softball Complex, Kentucky, \$

Baseball.....6:30 PM

Blue Bell Park, Alabama, \$

Music Activities Women's Chorus.....7:30 PM

Rudder Theatre

Texas A&M Women's Chorus Spring Concert, Friday April 13, 7:30 pm, Rudder Theatre, General Admission Tickets \$10, A&M students free with ID



Yell Practice.....10:00 PM

Kyle Field, (Gates open at 8:30 PM)

Join the Yell Leaders and Fightin' Texas Aggie Band as you experience a Fightin' Texas Aggie Yell Practice!

-----SATURDAY, APRIL 14-----

Campus Walking Tours 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Appelt Aggieland Visitor Center, Rudder Tower

Journey through main campus on our 45-minute campus walking tour, which is the heart of every campus visit. You will receive an overview of academics, history, traditions, athletics and campus life at Texas A&M. Tours will begin at the Appelt Aggieland Visitor Center in Rudder Tower, and depart every 30 minutes. Please register here: <http://tx.ag/FamilyWeekendTours>

Aggies Abroad Breakfast.....8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (ILSB)

Study Abroad Programs Office sponsors a breakfast each year designed to provide students and parents with the opportunity to speak with advising staff during breakfast then view a presentation and hear from a student panel. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. RSVP required.

Aggie Ring Day.....9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Aggie Moms' Boutique.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

2nd Floor Memorial Student Center

Aggie Gift and Craft Fair presented by the Aggie Moms' Clubs.

Mays Business School Open House.....9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wehner Building (WCBA) Lobby

Families of Mays Business School and Texas A&M University are invited to attend an open house showcasing the opportunities offered by Mays Business School. Beverages and refreshments will be provided.



----- SATURDAY, APRIL 14 -----

Kappa Alpha Theta's Rock the Casa 5K..... 9:00 AM

1503 Athens Drive, College Station, \$

Join Kappa Alpha Theta for the 33rd Annual Rock the Casa 5K and Silent Auction! All proceeds benefit: CASA - Voices for Children, Scotty's House, and Theta Foundation. Registration can be done at https://thedriven.net/event.race_reg/eid/9554034567



Family Weekend Carnival..... 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Student Recreation Center, Terrace

Family Weekend Committee and Texas A&M Rec Sports are excited to invite you to Family Weekend Carnival. This event will feature carnival games, giant size jenga, food and much more! Join us Saturday morning for family fun!

Vice President's Open House..... 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hosted By: The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Throckmorton Street, across from Sanders Corps Center

The Vice President's Residence will be open to campus visitors. Light refreshments will be served.

Downtown Street & Art Fair.....10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Downtown Bryan

The Street & Art Fair will feature artists and artisans from across Texas demonstrating and selling artwork. Drawings, paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass and metal art create an eclectic mix of offerings seldom seen in one exhibition. Live music will be played throughout the day.

Black Aggie Family BBQ.....1:00 - 4:00 PM

Lincoln Recreational Center

An event where the families of Black Aggies can come together for fun, food and fellowship and experience the vibrant Black Aggie community.

Baseball.....1:00 PM

Blue Bell Park, Alabama, \$

Softball2:00 PM

Aggie Softball Compex, Kentucky, \$



Un Fin de Semana con su Aggie3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building

Come join the Hispanic Presidents' Council to celebrate the Hispanic/Latino/a Familia with light refreshments, a bilingual panel of Texas A&M faculty, and Lotería!

Football.....4:00 PM

Kyle Field, 2018 Spring Game

The 2018 Spring Game will be treated like a regular season game. Admission will be FREE, with no tickets required for entry, please remember only clear bags are allowed in Kyle Field (www.12thman.com/beclear)

Freudian Slip Improv Show.....7:00 PM

Rudder Forum, \$

Freudian Slip Improvisation Comedy Troupe is putting on a Family Weekend-themed Improv Show! Tickets are \$6 at the MSC Box Office.

Texas A&M Singing Cadets Spring Concert.....7:30 PM

Rudder Auditorium, \$

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets, internationally known as the "Voice of Aggieland", will be performing at their Annual Spring Concert. For tickets contact the MSC Box Office at 979.845.1234 or visit boxoffice.tamu.edu. Now in their 115th touring season and performing over 100 concerts this year throughout Texas and the United States, we are honored to bring it back to Aggieland for Family Weekend!

†-----SUNDAY, APRIL 15-----†
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Buck Weirus Spirit Award Ceremony 11:00 AM

Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center

The Buck Weirus Spirit Award recognizes students who make contributions to the university through participation in student organizations, Aggie traditions and university events. The ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the award recipients' achievements with their friends, family, and the Aggie Network. Students receiving this award have received prior notification.

Men's Tennis.....12:00 PM

Mitchell Tennis Center, Auburn, \$

Softball2:00 PM

Aggie Softball Complex, Kentucky, \$



CORPS OF CADETS EVENTS

These events will celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and groups within the Corps of Cadets.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Corps of Cadets Run.....6:00 AM

Simpson Drill Field

The Corps will conduct a run across campus beginning and ending at the Quad.

Corps of Cadets Unit Awards and Corps Review5:30 PM

Simpson Drill Field

The Corps of Cadets honors those units which excelled as a result of their skill, discipline, and teamwork during the year. Following the Unit Awards, the Corps of Cadets will conduct a pass in review.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Aggie Band Awards Ceremony 8:30 AM

Rudder Auditorium

Leadership Certificate Awards Ceremony 10:00 AM

Rudder Theatre

Individual Awards Ceremony 11:15 AM

Rudder Auditorium

Fish Drill Team Ceremony.....12:45 PM

Simpson Drill Field

Ross Volunteer Company Ceremony1:30 PM

Simpson Drill Field

Parsons Mounted Cavalry Review2:00 PM

Fiddlers Green (Freeman Arena in case of inclement weather)



FAMILY WEEKEND COMMITTEE

2017-2018

Executive Team

Katherine Fulbright '18 - Director
Haylee Whitworth '18 - Events Co-Chair
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Family Weekend Committee is a sponsored student organization through New Student & Family Programs in the Offices of the Dean of Student Life within the Division of Student Affairs. If you have questions regarding Family Weekend, please e-mail us at

familyweekendcommittee@gmail.com.



PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES

As part of the Aggie family, the Office of New Student & Family Programs wants to be your partner in supporting your student(s) at Texas A&M. Your roles as parents and mentors are as important as ever. Studies show that parental involvement increases the chances that a college student will be successful on campus and improves graduation rates.

New Student & Family Programs, in the Offices of the Dean Student Life, provides resources for parents to partner in supporting student development and encouraging student responsibility. Our department values the opportunity to observe and be a part of students' personal growth and development.



Our website, aggiefamilies.tamu.edu is meant to be a one-stop shop of resources and information which will help you support your students throughout their entire time here in Aggieland. You may also want to sign up for our monthly Parent/Family Newsletter, which provides you with the most current information on a regular basis and notifications about current campus issues from the Office of New Student & Family Programs and the Offices of the Dean of Student Life.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact New Student & Family Programs at 979.845.5826 or at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu. Like us on Facebook at: [facebook.com/aggieparentsandfamily](https://www.facebook.com/aggieparentsandfamily).





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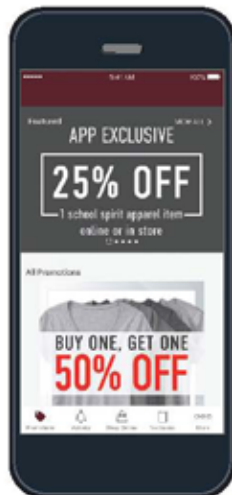
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