Family Weekend 2016
September 16-18
(check frequently for updates!)

The Family Weekend Registration and Official Welcome Center in the University Union Tillman Lobby will be open from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. Friday Sept.16, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. Make this your first stop on campus!

*Location “UU” indicates a University Union room
** Green balloon symbol indicates a “Fun for the Family” event

Friday evening, Sept. 16

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Visit the University Bookstore
University Bookstore, first floor UUW next to Marketplace
Visit the University Bookstore and pick up some Binghamton spirit for you and your student. Don’t forget to use the 25% off coupon you receive at registration!

4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Family Weekend Registration and Welcome Center
University Union-Tillman Lobby
Check your family in for the weekend and pick up your tote bag, umbrella, passes, and updated schedule.

3 p.m.- 1 a.m.
Bowling
University Union, Bowling Alley (downstairs of Tillman Lobby)
Take the whole family bowling! All registered families get a pass to bowl for free.
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Workout with Campus Rec!
Recreation Center, East Gym
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6:30 p.m.
Shabbat Services with Hillel
Reform in UUW-301, Conservative in UUW-324, Orthodox in UUW-325
Enjoy Friday night services with Hillel.

6:30pm
Shabbat Services with Chabad
Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life (420 Murray Hill Rd. Vestal)
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7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Dinner With Hillel
Location TBD
Enjoy a delicious free Shabbat dinner with Hillel.

7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Family Fun Bonfire
Newing College Fire Pit, behind C4 Dining Hall
Enjoy your first night at Binghamton with fun for the whole family at the Bonfire! Make s’mores and memories!

7:45 p.m.
Full Moon Evening Walk in the Nature Preserve
Nature Preserve-Meet Guide in Upper End of Lot M
The full moon is always a good reason for an evening walk. Maybe we’ll hear some early owl calls. We’ll have a bat detector to see if there are any bats still around.

8 p.m.- Midnight
Late Nite Binghamton!
Old Union Hall
Come have fun for the whole family!

Saturday morning, Sept. 17

9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Family Weekend Registration and Welcome Center
University Union-Tillman Lobby
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9 a.m.- 11 a.m.
Morning hospitality
*University Union, Mandela Room*
Enjoy complimentary coffee and light refreshments

9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Vendor Hall-Meet the Family Weekend Sponsors!
*In front of the Marketplace, UUW*
Come meet the local sponsors of Family Weekend where you can ask questions about off campus housing options, transportation home, and hotel reservations in the future.

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Shabbat Services with Hillel
*Orthodox (OU-JLIC) services in UUW 324*
Enjoy Shabbat morning services with Hillel

9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services with Chabad
*Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student Life (420 Murray Hill Rd. Vestal)*
Enjoy warm, easy to follow services with Chabad

9:30 a.m.- 10 a.m.
Welcome to Family Weekend!
*University Union-Mandela Room*
Join us for an informal opening session as President Stenger and our Parents Leadership Council chair, Harry Sharlach, welcome families to Binghamton University. This session will provide helpful hints about how to get the most out of your Family Weekend experience.

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Zoo to you!
*University Union, Exact Room TBD*
A fun for all ages experience where you can touch, play with, and learn about exotic animals at our local zoo!

Time TBD
The Graduate School presents: Accelerate Your Education-5 Years, 2 Degrees
*University Union, Exact Room TBD*
Binghamton undergraduate students can combine their bachelor’s degree with a master’s degree and finish both in five fast years. This session will provide an overview of the 50+ accelerated degree options and highlight the advantages of this unique opportunity.
10 a.m.- 11 a.m.
Career-Ready by Graduation!
Meaningful and Exciting Ways to Develop Career Readiness Skills through High-Impact Learning

*University Union, Exact Room TBD*

Getting involved helps students get ahead! In addition to a strong academic program, Binghamton University also offers an outstanding array of high-impact, out-of-classroom opportunities that can help students identify their passions, globalize their perspectives, gain experience, and cultivate skills—all of which are important components of achieving career success. Join us for a panel discussion with Binghamton students and professionals to learn how fun and engaging high-impact learning experiences—such as internships, study abroad, service learning and research—can play a pivotal role in any student’s career success.

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.
What You Need to Know About Fraternity and Sorority Life

*University Union, Exact Room TBD*

Come meet Lester Coghill, the director of Fraternity and Sorority Life as he explains what Greek Life is like at Binghamton, and what to expect if your student is interested. Offered again at 11 a.m. and Noon.

10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Services with Hillel

*Conservative in UUW-301*

Enjoy Shabbat morning services with Hillel.

10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Harpur Edge Open House

*Library North LN 1105 (Across from the elevators)*

Find out about this new initiative and how your student can take charge of their Liberal Arts education! Light refreshments will be served.

10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Hinman Coffee Hour Social

*Hinman Success Center*

Meet Hinman Faculty Master Al Vos and the Residential Life staff as we welcome you to join us for coffee, tea, and pastries.

10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

McNair Scholars Poster Presentation

*University Union, Exact Room TBD*

See what types of research our McNair Scholars are participating in. More information regarding the McNair program can be found on their website here.

11 a.m.- Noon

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Study Abroad: Why, When, Where and How?

*University Union, Exact Room TBD*

Attend this session to find out everything you need to know about study-abroad opportunities for students at Binghamton University! The Office of International Programs (OIP) will present general information on study-abroad programming and include topics such as: the benefits of study abroad, how to finance study abroad, meeting academic requirements, how to choose a program and more! Also offered at Noon.
Dickinson Days
*Dickinson Community Quad*
Join us for outdoor activities, food, and fun for everyone!

Drive the BAJA & Electric Formula Cars
*Lots M3 & M4*
Have a good time driving the Baja off-road car, which is a rear wheel drive car built by senior mechanical engineering students last year (The car is SAE safety certified). Must have a valid drivers license.

Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17

Family Portraits
*University Union, Exact Room TBD*
Capture your visit with a free family portrait by a professional photographer, with a Binghamton University backdrop. Your photo will be uploaded onto our Family Weekend website that weekend so you will have access to the original file. Use the pass from your registration packet to get into this event! Also offered Sunday 9/18 from 10am-1pm.

Explore the Art Museum!
*Fine Arts Building, Room 213*
Explore all the Art Museum has to offer for free! Siblings, students and parents will all enjoy the variety and uniqueness of this gallery. Baseball fans-there will be a Cuban baseball exhibit. Shakespeare fans-there will be a Shakespearian poster exhibit celebrating his 400th birthday.

Fun in the Woods- CIW Fall Festival
*College in the Woods Courtyard*
Enjoy fall games, activities and snacks! Bring the entire family to experiment with caramel apples, compete against other families with pumpkin painting, and enjoy our Fall Photo Booth. Head up to the CIW Courtyard to find out what other great activities are going on!

Build-a-Buddy!
*University Union West patio (outside next to the clocktower)*
Join the Offices of the Dean of Students staff for our version of Build-a-Bear. We have pink ponies, giraffes, spotted leopards and more! Make a furry friend while learning about how your Bearcat family can help towards student success at Binghamton University. One “buddy” per family, while supplies last.

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12:00pm
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1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Family Weekend BBQ
Peace Quad
Enjoy a delicious BBQ on the Peace Quad with the whole family! Listen to music, play trivia, win prizes! The menu for the barbeque buffet includes tossed salad, pasta salad, fruit, fried chicken, Italian sausage, hamburgers, garden burgers, dessert and soft drinks. Tickets are $10 per person, Binghamton student is free. Pre-registration required. Register during Family Weekend registration or call 607-777-5711 to register.

Noon
Shabbat Lunch with Hillel
Location TBD
Enjoy a delicious free Shabbat lunch with Hillel.

1 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Nature Preserve Tour, sponsored by Friends of the Nature Preserve
Meet guide in upper end of Lot M
Take a guided tour through the hills covered in beautiful foliage in the Binghamton University Nature Preserve. Many kinds of wildlife might be seen on this tour. Also offered at 10 a.m. Sunday.

1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Open House at Newman House, Catholic Church at Binghamton University
Newman House, 400 Murray Hill Road, Vestal NY
Come learn about Newman House, meet other families interested in Catholic life at Binghamton University, and meet Sister Rose.

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Mountainview Family Weekend Culinary Challenge!
Appalachin Dining Hall
Come join us at the Mountainview Family Weekend Culinary Challenge! Watch as families make their master creations, delight in the judges reactions, or compete! teams need to have at least two people but no more than five people. Each team will receive a mystery basket of ingredients to include in their dishes. For more information and to register: http://bit.ly/29fNbQx

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4 p.m.
Catholic Liturgy
St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church, Catholic 465 Clubhouse Rd, Vestal, NY
Learn more at the Newman House website here.
Saturday evening, Sept. 17

Dinner on your own.
Have dinner with your son or daughter in one of our residential dining halls or at a local restaurant.

5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Alumni Legacy Family Reception
Alumni Center Lounge, Old O’Connor Hall
If you are a Binghamton University graduate, and also the mother, father, aunt, uncle or sibling of a current student, your Alumni Association welcomes you to join us at the new Alumni Center in Old O’Connor Hall. We will be providing tours of the Alumni Center as well as hors d’oeuvres before you head out for dinner with your student. Registration available soon, or call 607-777-5711 with questions.

5:30 p.m.
Seudat Shlishit with Hillel
UUW 301
A light dairy dinner followed by singing and Havdalah

6:45 p.m.
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7 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Absolutely A Cappella
Anderson Center, Chamber Hall
Enjoy this outstanding performance as all 9 of the Binghamton a cappella groups come together to give you one spectacular show! One of the most popular Family Weekend traditions, this show is fun for everyone. Admission is free. Seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

8 p.m.
Family Weekend Comedian
Events Center
Comedian to be announced soon! Past performers include Lewis Black, Nick Offerman, Demetri Martin and John Mulaney! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Events Center website.

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University Union-everywhere!
Major fun for the whole family!

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10 a.m.- Noon
Apple Picking at Lone Maple Farm
Busses will leave from the terminal outside of Tillman Lobby-University Union
Enjoy the local fall flavor with a trip to Lone Maple Farm! Pick apples, take a hay ride, enjoy cider, home baked goods, and hydroponic produce! Check out the Lone Maple Farm website to see what's in season. Busses will leave from the University Union every 20 minutes, with the last bus leaving at Noon, and then only doing return trips.

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10 a.m.- 11 a.m.
9 Things You Didn’t Know About Binghamton Research
University Union, Exact Room TBD
As Binghamton’s portfolio of research and creative activity continues to grow, faculty members are making vital contributions to disciplines ranging from neuroscience to electrical engineering. In this presentation, you'll hear a few stories about current projects and learn how today’s students benefit from the campus’ culture of innovation.
Speaker: Rachel Coker, editor of the Discover-e newsletter and Binghamton Research magazine

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11 a.m. (check-in beginning at 10:15 a.m.)

5th Annual Running with the Goats Fun Run

Meet in Tillman Lobby, University Union to check-in

The 5th Annual Running With the Goats Run raises funds to purchase Galla goats, a more profitable and nourishing breed, for the Maasai, an impoverished tribe in Kenya. Join us in inspiring the Binghamton community as we get fit and have fun in this walk/run around the brain while supporting a good cause! Open to all skill levels! Course is 2.6 miles. Register by Sept. 2 to ensure your T-shirt. The cost to participate is $15 for family members and $10 for current Binghamton students and includes a T-shirt, light refreshments, and a donation. Register your family here today!

11 a.m.

Bagel Brunch with Hillel

Location TBD

Enjoy a Bagel Brunch with Hillel before saying good-bye to your student.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18

Noon

Women’s NCAA Division I Soccer

Bearcat Sports Complex

Come cheer on your Bearcats against Cornell. Advanced price tickets are $3 per person and available with Family Weekend registration. Advanced purchased tickets can be picked up at Events Center ticket booth. Your $3 ticket will get you into this game, as well as the Men’s game at 2:30 p.m. Binghamton students are free with ID.

2 p.m. (check-in beginning at 1pm)

CHOW Hunger Walk

Behind East Gym

CHOW feeds about 3,000 people each month in Broome County through its network of food pantries and supplies more than 20,000 meals monthly to the area’s community meal sites. For every dollar donated to the CHOW Hunger Walk, CHOW can purchase $7 worth of food or provide four additional meals. Sign up ahead of time, or decide to join that day. More information will be posted on the Center for Civic Engagement website.

2:30 p.m.

Men’s NCAA Division I Soccer

Bearcat Sports Complex

Come cheer on your Bearcats against Columbia University. Advanced price tickets are $3 per person and available with Family Weekend registration. Advanced purchased tickets can be picked up at Events Center ticket booth. Your $3 ticket will get you into this game, as well as the Women’s game at Noon. Binghamton students are free with ID.