

# Parents, Expect Packed 3 Days

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Music, fine dining, football and other festivities await interested parents venturing to UNC this weekend for Carolina Family Weekend.

The annual event gives parents a chance to learn about the University and get to know what campus life is like for their Tar Heel son or daughter.

Helen Johnson, interim director of the Carolina Parents' Office, said this weekend's activities will cater to a range of parental needs and questions.

Although Johnson expects several hundred parents to sign up for the scheduled events, she said many more will come to the late-afternoon football game against Marshall, which highlights the weekend's festivities on Saturday.

Johnson said early registration is required for many of the weekend's events, such as the dinner and planetarium show on Friday night at Morehead Planetarium. For those families paying a \$10 registration fee, parking will be provided at the Smith Center.

Sheila Hrdlicka, a member of the Parents' Council that meets twice a year to discuss parental concerns, said the Spectrum of Music Concert has been popular in the past among visiting parents. "The concert usually fills up Memorial Hall," she said. "This weekend is so much fun because parents can meet other parents and spend time with (their kids)."

While paying an admission fee or signing up is required for some events, Johnson said other aspects of Carolina Family Weekend will be free and open to any interested parents.

"You need to preregister for a lot of the events, but that doesn't mean you can't come and enjoy the weekend with your son and daughter," Johnson said.

She said one of the most important items on tap that requires no registration is Saturday morning's Carolina Parents Association meeting, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

"Every parent is automatically a member of the Carolina Parents Association," she said. "I encourage all parents to attend because it is a great way to be in touch with life on campus."

In addition to learning about Greek life, career services and other University-related issues, Johnson said parents who attend the Saturday morning meeting will also be eligible for several door prizes, including a free semester of in-state tuition and football tickets to the UNC-Marshall game.

"I'm impressed at how extraordinary this University is in terms of parental involvement," Johnson said. "I hope parents continue to do things that enhance the life of their students."

## Carolina Family Weekend Events

Below are some of the events planned for Family Weekend. For a complete listing, check out [www.unc.edu/depts/parents](http://www.unc.edu/depts/parents).

### Today

#### 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Registration and Hospitality

Frank Porter Graham Lounge, Student Union. Preregistered families can pick up ticket packets.

#### 4 p.m. — Campus Tours

Carolina Union Patio. Join campus tours gathering in front of the Union near the Pit to see more of the UNC campus and gain special insights into its history.

#### 7:30 p.m. — Dinner & Planetarium Show

Morehead State Dining Room and Planetarium. The Morehead Planetarium Building. After dinner, visitors can watch "Stellar Odyssey," introduced by Planetarium Director, Dr. Lee Shapiro. Tickets are \$40 per person and seating is limited.

#### 8 p.m. — Spectrum of Music Concert

Memorial Hall. As part of the Carolina Union Performing Arts Series, members of the UNC music department will perform. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

### Saturday

#### 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. — Continental Breakfast, Meeting, and Seminars

Carolina Union, Great Hall. Admission is free, but registration is required. Several seminars will be given after breakfast, including "Parents as Partners," and "Greek Life at Carolina."

#### Noon — Tar Heel Barbecue Celebration

Fetzer Gym. The pregame event will include entertainment and door prizes.

#### Kickoff 6 p.m. — Carolina vs. Marshall football game

### Sunday

11:30 a.m. — Carolina Legacy Brunch Enjoy a brunch at the Carolina Club, Hill Alumni Center. Tickets are \$20 per person.

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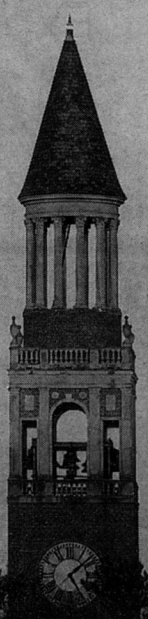


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