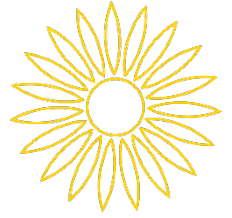


Family Weekend 2026 Schedule



Friday, October 2, 2026

Check-In

10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Jayhawk Ink, Kansas Union, 2nd level

Pick up your welcome materials, ask questions, and get everything you need for a fun-filled weekend.

*Only registered families and guests will receive the Family Weekend badge and giveaways

Jayhawk Fridays

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Ascher Plaza, Kansas Union, Outside 4th Level

Discover local businesses and vendors at the Jayhawk Friday Marketplace outside the Kansas Union.

Browse and shop for a variety of products and services while supporting the local community.

KU Bookstore's 80th Birthday Party

KU Bookstore celebrates 80 years as the store that gives back to the campus. KU Bookstore will be pressing shirts on Ascher Plaza as part of Jayhawk Fridays. Stop by the store and get a free shirt with a purchase over \$50.

The Jayhawk Adventure 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | Various Campus Locations

Explore KU at your own pace during the Jayhawk Adventure! Enjoy family-friendly activities, visit open houses across campus, and discover the people, places, and resources that make KU a special part of your student's experience

Museum Magic: A Highlights Tour | Dyche Hall, 1345 Jayhawk Blvd.

In this 30-minute highlights tour, learn about some of the most iconic exhibits and specimens at the KU Natural History Museum from our Visitor Experience staff. See the Panorama, Comanche, the Bunker Mosasaur, and more! After the tour, feel free to explore the galleries on your own.

*Admission to the KU Natural History Museum is a suggested contribution of \$7 per adult and \$4 per child. KU students and members are free. All proceeds support the museum.

Presented by: KU Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum



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Allen Fieldhouse Complimentary Tour | 1:00 P.M.-1:45 P.M. | 1651 Naismith Drive

A 45-minute tour of the most essential and iconic KU athletic venues, including stops at the Booth Family Hall of Athletics, Allen Fieldhouse, Dr. Naismith's Original "Rules of Basketball", and more!

Registration in advance is required. This tour is currently sold out; however, you can email kansasathletics-tour@ku.edu with your name, email, contact number, and group size to be added to the waitlist.

Presented by: KU Athletics

Paint, Twist & Smile! | Ascher Plaza, KS Union, Outside 4th Level

Enjoy a fun-filled stop for face painting and balloon twisting! Choose from a variety of colorful designs and balloon creations while making lasting Family Weekend memories with family and friends.

Presented by: Face Paint by Eni

Paws, Play and the HERO way! | Ascher Plaza, KS Union, Outside 4th Level

Stop by KU HERO's interactive booth to play games, win prizes, and learn how to celebrate safely at KU and in Lawrence. Families can also enjoy visits with Loving Paws therapy dogs as part of the beloved Pause 4 Pups experience.

Presented by: Health Education Resource Office

Tech, Treats & Tips! | Ascher Plaza, KS Union, Outside 4th Level

Stop by the KU IT information table to learn about technology services and resources available to students. In recognition of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, we'll also share tips for staying safe online through interactive activities and games. Pick up KU IT swag, connect with staff, and discover how KU IT supports student success throughout the year

Presented by: KU Information Technology

Banking on Your Success | Ascher Plaza, KS Union, Outside 4th Level

Visit the Central Bank table for interactive games, activities, and giveaways, and learn about financial resources available to students and families

Presented by: Central Bank

Chill with CAPS | HOPE @CAPS Peer Community Space, KS Union, 4th Level

Drop by the CAPS Community Space to explore the opportunities we offer for students to relax, build community, and build their self-care regimen.

Presented by: Counseling Psychological Services

What Were You Wearing? Survivor Art Installation Reception | KS Union Gallery, 4th Level. The internationally renowned "What Were You Wearing?" Survivor Art Installation challenges participants to engage with the universal connection we have with clothing and reflect on what gives this specific rape culture myth so much power. If only ending sexual violence were as easy as changing our clothes. Experience the exhibit and engage with content area experts; light refreshments provided

Presented by: Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Center

Picture Perfect Jayhawks | 6th Level, Kansas Union

Say “Rock Chalk!” and gather for a family photo in our custom balloon frame. With a Jayhawk-inspired backdrop, you’ll have the perfect setting to celebrate your KU connection and make lasting memories featuring a special guest.

Family & Friends Paint and Sip | Terrace, Kansas Union, Level 1

Celebrate Family Weekend by designing a one-of-a-kind KU-themed masterpiece. Unleash your creativity while enjoying a refreshing mocktail in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Presented by: Student Union Activities

SFL Family Gathering | Hawk’s Nest, KS Union, Level 1 *1:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

Join KU Sorority & Fraternity Life for a fun and interactive Family Weekend event! Meet SFL staff, learn about the sorority and fraternity experience at KU, and test your knowledge with SFL Trivia. Enjoy light refreshments, compete for prizes, and discover fun facts about the community, KU traditions, and campus involvement. Whether you’re already connected to SFL or simply curious to learn more, all are welcome.

Family Weekend Open House at Spencer | 1301 Mississippi St.

Explore the Spencer your way! Use our gallery scavenger hunt and family activity guides and stop by the Goddard Study Center to view works on paper at Open Friday.

Presented by: Spencer Art Museum

Jayhawks Abroad: Global Opportunities at KU | Watson Library Rm 450, 1425 Jayhawk Blvd.

Join us for a short info session to learn how the study abroad process works at KU and the opportunities available to students. Then stick around for fun global activities, including trivia, an interactive map, and a photo booth!

Presented by: Study Abroad & Global Engagement

Discover ABSO | Fraiser Lawn, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd.

Stop by to learn about our new student organization and explore ways to get involved. Meet club members, learn about upcoming opportunities, and find out how the club supports students on campus. Families and students can also enjoy interactive games and activities while getting to know our organization in a fun and welcoming environment.

Presented by: Applied Science Behavioral Science Undergraduate Student Organization

All About Psi Chi! | Fraiser Lawn, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd.

Learn about Psi Chi, upcoming opportunities, and ways to get involved in psychology at KU. Meet current members, explore membership pathways, and enjoy interactive psychology-themed games and activities with your family.

Presented by: Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society

**Putt Among the Pages: Discover KU Libraries with a One-of-a-Kind Round of Mini Golf
Kenneth Spencer Research Library, 1450 Poplar Lane (located behind Strong Hall)**

Play your way through Spencer Research Library's North Gallery with handmade, library-inspired mini golf holes and sweeping views of the KU campus. Putt through a miniature Campanile, avoid the book snakes, and travel through recreated pages of classic and historic works. Join us to create magnets and buttons inspired by University Archives and special collections and enjoy snacks.

ArcD Open House | Marvin Hall, 1465 Jayhawk Blvd.

Families and friends of ArcD are invited to explore the KU School of Architecture & Design during this special open house. Tour studios, labs, and maker spaces, see demonstrations in the Digital Fabrication and RISO Labs, and explore at your own pace. Stop by the photo booth, enjoy refreshments, and experience the creativity of the ArcD community.

[*RSVP HERE](#)

KU Social Welfare Open House | Green Hall 3rd Floor, 1535 West 15th Street

Join the KU School of Social Welfare for a Social Work Open House. Tour our recently renovated space in Green Hall and learn more about KU social work programs.

Behind the Doors of Allen Fieldhouse: Discover the Naismith| 1651 Naismith Drive

Step inside one of college basketball's most iconic venues and discover The Naismith Club, the premier private club located inside Allen Fieldhouse. Enjoy a guided tour as you explore the Club's chef-driven dining, premium coworking spaces, exclusive member experiences, and private event opportunities. Learn how alumni, fans, faculty, families, and the Lawrence community use the Club year-round—not just on game days. Whether you're a lifelong Jayhawk or visiting campus for the first time, this is a unique opportunity to experience Allen Fieldhouse from a whole new perspective.

[*RSVP HERE](#)

KU TPE Family & Friends Friday | Joseph R. Pearson Hall, 1122 W Campus Rd.| 2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

Families and friends of current TPE students are invited to our drop-in Open House from 2-5 p.m. Meet staff and other families, learn about student experiences and achievements, and explore campus locations. Enjoy games, photo slideshows, and light refreshments throughout the afternoon. An optional Family Dinner at Mrs. E's Dining Hall will follow at 5 p.m.

Attendees who want to eat dinner with their students at Mrs. E's Dining Hall will pay for their own meal (about \$14 per person).

[*RSVP HERE](#)

Presented by: KU Transition Postsecondary Education

Dole Discoveries | 2350 Pete Fish Drive

Explore the life and legacies of Senators Bob and Elizabeth Dole through interactive exhibits, archival footage, and the world's largest stained-glass American flag window. Learn about opportunities for KU students through the Dole Institute's Student Advisory Board and enjoy family-friendly gallery activities for younger visitors. Discover how the Dole Institute inspires leadership and civic engagement.

Presented by: The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics

Jayhawk Family Climb | 1740 Watkins Center Dr., 3:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M

Join Recreation Services for open rock climbing with your family from 3- 6 p.m. Whether you're a first-time climber or an experienced adventurer, all skill levels are welcome. All equipment will be provided.

*A parent or guardian must be present to complete required waivers for minors. Come climb together and reach new heights as a family!

Presented by: Recreation Services

Meet & Greet with University Leadership | Hawk's Nest, KS Union 1st Level | 4:30 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

Join us for a Meet and Greet with University Leadership, an informal event that welcomes parents, families, and guests to campus and offers a unique opportunity to engage with university leaders.

Presented by: The Office of Family Engagement

Cardboard Boat Regatta | Potter Lake | 5:00 P.M.

Have you ever wanted to row a boat on Potter Lake? Now is your chance! Join SUA in a cardboard boat race on Oct. 2 starting at 5 pm. Sign up your team on the form at suaevents.ku.edu/cardboard-boat-regatta

Need supplies to build your boat? Attend the CBBR Build Night on Wednesday, September 30 from 6 to 8 PM in the Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union, Level 5. Contact us at sua@ku.edu with any questions.

Not interested in rowing? Come watch others race their boat, cheer for your favorite team, or enjoy light refreshments near a KU landmark.

Presented by: Student Union Activities

Family Fitness with KU Fit | 1740 Watkins Center Dr.

Join KU Fit for a weekend of group fitness classes for all experience levels. Start your day with Shapes, a lightweight, high-repetition mind-body workout; build strength and balance in Barre + Pilates; or unwind with Power Yoga, a strength-focused yoga class. Come move, stretch, and recharge with your family during Family Weekend!

Class Schedule

- **Friday, 7:00-7:45 a.m.** – Shapes
- **Saturday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.** – Barre + Pilates

- **Sunday, 4:00-4:45 p.m.** – Power Yoga

Presented by: Recreation Services

Saturday, October 3, 2026

The Jayhawk Family Huddle | David Booth Memorial Stadium (Outside on the Hill)

Where Jayhawk families come together! Join the Office of Family Engagement for a Family Weekend tailgate filled with laughter, connections, and KU spirit!

* The time of the tailgate will be announced once the football game kickoff is released

Presented by: The Office of Family Engagement

KU Alumni Family Weekend Tailgate | Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave.

It's Family Weekend, and we're opening our pregame tailgate to all KU alumni! Join fellow Jayhawks at the Jayhawk Welcome Center and Adams Alumni Center for food, drinks, and the traditions that make gameday in Lawrence unforgettable — a great way to introduce your family to the KU Alumni community.

Doors open three hours before kickoff and close one hour prior to kickoff. Held inside the Adams Alumni Center.

*Space is limited — RSVP is required. [RSVP HERE.](#)

Presented by: KU Alumni Association

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Rock Chalk Run | KU Edwards Campus, 12604 Quivira Rd. Overland Park | 8:00 A.M.

Join the Rock Chalk Run and support scholarships for KU Edwards Campus students! With race options for all ages and abilities, everyone can participate. Enjoy the Family Fun Zone featuring activities, sponsoring booths, giveaways, food trucks, and a special visit from Baby Jay.

Use Code: Parents2026 for a 10% discount on any registration.

Visit <https://www.rockchalkrun.com/> for details!

Presented by: Community Engagement at Edwards Campus

Blues & Brunch | Kansas Union Ballroom, 5th floor | 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Join us for brunch and live jazz music to conclude your Family & Friends 2026 weekend. Receive the Family Weekend departure gift.

RSVP in advance is required. This event is currently sold out; however, you can join the waitlist.

[Blues & Brunch Wait List](#)

Presented by: The Office of Family Engagement

David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium Tour | 1:00 P.M.-1:45 P.M.

Experience the newly reimagined home of Kansas Football! This outdoor walking tour is a 30-minute experience that takes you through the stadium's key spaces and shares the history, traditions, and unforgettable moments that have shaped Kansas Football.

Registration in advance is required. This tour is currently sold out; however, you can email kansasathletics-tour@ku.edu with your name, email, contact number, and group size to be added to the waitlist.

Presented by: KU Athletics

Thank you for attending Family Weekend 2026!

Stay updated by visiting the Office of Family Engagement website, family.ku.edu, for the latest schedule updates, accommodations information, and event details.

Follow us on social media: [@kufamilyengagement!](#)

We look forward to celebrating with you and your Jayhawk! If you have any questions, please email family@ku.edu.

**The Office of Family Engagement reserves the right to modify the schedule of events or cancel specific events due to circumstances beyond our control. If cancellations occur, we will communicate them to the email used to register.*