



# Family Weekend<sup>2026</sup>

September 25 - 27

## Full Weekend Pass Holder Schedule of Events

### Weekend Signature Events



#### Family Welcome Reception

4:30pm-6:30pm, Friday  
Start family weekend with a family-friendly drop-in welcome reception at the Johnson City Visitor Center located downtown at 302 Buffalo Street. Drop-in on your schedule to officially check in, pick up your Family Weekend Bag, and mix n' mingle with other ETSU families and ETSU Administration.



#### Family Weekend Tailgate

12:30pm-3:00pm, Saturday  
Kick off game day at the Family Weekend Tailgate! Enjoy BBQ from The Firehouse, a local favorite, and games with other ETSU families! We'll have fun door prizes, too!

#### Farewell Brunch



10:00am-12:00pm, Sunday  
Enjoy brunch with your student in the ETSU Dining Hall. Complete your Family Weekend experience with this drop-in event.

### Available Weekend-Long

#### Annual Stop & Shop

Explore Johnson City this weekend! Your Family Weekend Pass gets you perks all weekend long! Participating businesses offer special discounts to our ETSU Family Weekend pass holders!



#### Center for Physical Activity (CPA)

Basler Center for Physical Activity (CPA) is the home of Campus Recreation. Feel free to tour and utilize this beautiful facility including the pool and climbing wall (specific hours). Student must be present for family members to attend. Age restrictions may apply, see website for details.



#### ETSU Walking Trails

Experience the beauty of campus along the more than five miles of ETSU walking trails!

*Check Websites for Hours of Operation*

*Schedule is subject to change*

*Pre-Registration Required \**

## Friday, September 25

### Reece Museum

9:00am - 4:30pm Hours of Operation  
363 Stout Drive, ETSU Main Campus  
For more than 50 years the Reece has told stories of Appalachia. Stop in to experience the current art on display

### **Lunch on Own**

11:30am - 1:30pm  
ETSU Dining Hall - Third Floor, DP Culp  
*Enjoy lunch with your Buccaneer in the ETSU Dining Hall at a discounted rate of \$5 per family member.*

### **Campus Tour \***

Two Sessions: 1:00pm **AND** 2:00pm  
Welcome Center - Second Floor DP Culp  
**Pre-registration required.**  
*Take a campus tour with us! Tour includes an information session and a guided walking tour led by a current ETSU student.  
Please allow two hours for the tour.*

### **Bucky's Food Pantry Tour \***

3:00pm  
DP Culp Outside next to Passport Office  
**Pre-registration required.**  
*Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Bucky's Food Pantry!*

### **ETSU Planetarium Show \***

4:30pm  
Hutcheson Hall  
**Pre-registration required.**  
*Catch the amazing show at the ETSU Planetarium! This popular favorite will be featured Friday and Saturday! Guests will meet at Hutcheson Hall to enter the Planetarium. Appx. 1 hour.*

### **Family Welcome Reception**

4:30pm - 6:30pm  
Johnson City Visitors Center  
*Kick off Family Weekend with a drop-in gathering with light refreshments at 302 Main Street in downtown Johnson City*

## Saturday, September 26

### **Martin Center for the Arts Tour \***

10:00am  
ETSU Martin Center  
**Pre-registration required.**  
*Explore ETSU's premier performing arts venue on a guided tour through its stunning performance halls. Learn how performances come to life in this state-of-the-art facility. Appx 1 hour.*

### **ETSU Planetarium Show \***

Three Sessions: 10:00am, 11:00am **AND** 1:00pm  
Hutcheson Hall  
**Pre-registration required.**  
*Catch the amazing show at the ETSU Planetarium! This popular favorite will be featured Friday and Saturday! Guests will meet at Hutcheson Hall to enter the Planetarium.*

### **ETSU Family Tailgate**

12:30pm - 3:00pm  
CPA Field  
*Get ready for kick off with a BBQ from The Firehouse, a local favorite! Yard games, music, BBQ, and door prizes! Come enjoy this signature event while connecting with other ETSU families!*

### **ETSU Buc Walk**

1:15pm  
Line the street with us to cheer on the BUCS! Led by the cheer and dance teams and the Marching Bucs, the football team will parade to William B. Greene Stadium! Gather up and down Jack Vest Drive for this fun ETSU tradition!

### **ETSU Football vs Western Carolina**

Kickoff: 3:30pm  
**Separate Ticket Purchase Required.** Visit [etsutickets.com](http://etsutickets.com)  
*Cheer on the Bucs as they take on the Catamounts in this exciting Southern Conference matchup! Don your blue and gold and be part of the game day energy. Tickets required for entry.*

## Sunday, September 27

### **Farewell Brunch**

10:00am - 12:00pm  
ETSU Dining Hall  
*Goodbyes can be hard. Wrap up a wonderful weekend with a relaxing drop-in brunch in the dining hall. Enjoy a casual meal with your student and other ETSU families.*

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