



Family Weekend²⁰²⁶

September 25 - 27



Campus Map

Full Weekend Pass Holder Schedule of Events

Please have your Family Weekend Pass available for entry into most events.

Weekend Signature Events



Welcome Reception

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



Family 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 during the Annual Stop & Shop tradition! Your Family Weekend Pass gets you perks all weekend long. Participating businesses offer special discounts exclusively to our ETSU Family Weekend pass holders. Check websites for hours of operation.

Center for Physical Activity

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

ETSU Walking Trails

Experience the beauty of campus along the more than five miles of ETSU Walking Trails!

Thursday, September 24

Movies in the Park: "Top Gun"

Some Thursday fun for our early arrivals! Johnson City Parks & Recreation present Movies in the Park: "Top Gun" in partnership with Downtown Johnson City and ETSU with America 250. Grab your blankets or chairs and your favorite snacks and enjoy a movie night in King Commons Park, 112 N. Commerce Street. 6pm games & food trucks. 7:30pm movie time.

Schedule is subject to change

*Pre-Registration Required **

Friday, September 25

Reece Museum

9:00am - 4:30pm

Reece Museum, 363 Stout Drive

For more than 60 years, the Reece has told stories of Appalachia. Stop in to experience the current exhibitions like The Tennessee Frontier Room.

Family Weekend Check-In

11:00am - 2:00pm

DP Culp - Second Floor - Just Outside Carrier Center Doors

Your weekend starts here. Arrive early and skip the evening line. Grab your Family Weekend Pass and Welcome Bag, then enjoy the rest of your afternoon. Includes drop-off location for Career Closet donations.

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.

Robertson Center Tour *

Drop-In Session: 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Robertson Center - Second Floor DP Culp - Carrier Center

Pre-registration required.

Drop-in to see the Robertson Center first-hand! Staff will show you around the space, answer questions, and be open with activities.

Campus Tour *

Two Sessions: 1:00pm & 2:00pm

Welcome Center - First 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 *

Two Sessions: 3:00pm & 4:00pm

DP Culp Outside Entrance - next to Passport Office

Pre-registration required.

Step behind the scenes at Bucky's Food Pantry to see how ETSU supports students facing food insecurity. Meet the staff who keep the shelves stocked and learn how students access the pantry.

Find the Path: Roleplaying Game *

3:00pm

DP Culp, Second Floor, Room 219

Pre-registration required.

Join the ETSU Counseling Center for a brief introduction to therapeutic tabletop role playing. Through a short, collaborative game, participants will explore how the things we love can become meaningful tools for connection, reflection, and personal growth.

Create. Record. Repeat: The Student Media Center Tour *

Three Sessions: 3:00pm, 4:00pm & 5:00pm

Student Media Center, DP Culp, Second Floor

Pre-registration required.

Tour the state-of-the-art ETSU Student Media Center where you will experience the East Tennessean newsroom, studios of The Edge, video recording of the One Button Studio, and the new Podcasting Studio.

Bucky's Career Closet Tour *

Drop-In: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Inside Carrier Center, Second Floor of DP Culp

Pre-registration required.

Drop-in for a tour to see Bucky's Career Closet behind the scenes. For a list of what clothing donations are needed, visit Bucky's Career Closet. Donations will be accepted Friday, 11:00am - 5:00pm.

Tisane Tasting at Philosopher's House *

Drop-In Session: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Philosopher's House at 117 West Fairview Ave

Pre-registration required.

Sample herbal tea blends made from plants grown in the Philosopher's House pollinator garden. Learn what goes into each blend, ask questions, and take your time. Come and go as you please. A \$5 donation supports the Philosopher's House and is gratefully accepted.

ETSU Planetarium Show *

4:30pm

Hutcheson Hall

Pre-registration required.

Catch the amazing show at the ETSU Planetarium! This popular favorite is back. Guests will meet at Hutcheson Hall to enter the Planetarium. Appx. 1 hour.

Welcome Reception

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Johnson City Visitor Center, 302 Buffalo Street

We are kicking off Family Weekend downtown this year. Drop in any time for light refreshments and good conversation, and get to know the city your student now calls home. Check-in available here.

Bucs Under the Stars

5:30pm - 8:30pm

University Commons

Bucs Under the Stars features music, games, and activities on the Commons. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and settle in for the evening.

Get ready for the 8:30pm drone show!

The History of JC at The Generalist *

6:00pm - 7:00pm

The Generalist: General Store & Retail Collective at 248 East Main St.

Pre-registration required.

Spend an hour with local history buff and TEDx speaker Bradley Eshbach learning how Johnson City became the town your student now calls home. Free Johnson City swag for everyone who attends.

New Academic Building Tour *

6:00pm

New Academic Building, 176 Ross Drive

Pre-registration required.

Explore ETSU's newest addition. Built on the site of the former Campus Center Building, it features flexible classrooms, learning laboratories, atriums, and study spaces.

ETSU Women's Soccer (NCAA) vs. TTU

6:00pm

Summers-Taylor Stadium - Jack Vest Drive

Cheer on the Bucs as they host the Tennessee Tech University Golden Eagles.

Admission is free and open to everyone. Parking is available across the street.

Stories & S'mores

7:00pm

West Lawn of Lucille Clement Hall (near the picnic tables)

Join Housing & Residence Life, Dept. of Communication Studies and Storytelling, and Storyteller Collective for Stories and S'mores. The Appalachian region is rooted in the art of storytelling. Come enjoy stories from our own!

Drone Light Show

8:00pm

University Commons

Join us while the sky lights up over campus with ETSU pride and patriotic imagery, part of the university's America 250 celebration. For the best view, join us at the lower end of the Commons, near Bucky's Statue. **Get ready for the show to begin by 8:30pm!**



Saturday, September 26

Johnson City Farmers Market

8:00am - 1:00pm

The Pavilion, 105 West Main Street

Start Saturday downtown at the Johnson City Farmers Market.

Browse local produce, baked goods, and crafts from growers and makers across the region.

UpBeat Pilates with Campus Rec *

9:00am

Center for Physical Activity

Pre-registration required.

Begin your day with Campus Rec and UpBeat Pilates - a high energy mat class that utilizes traditional Pilates elements and equipment in an UpBeat way. All equipment is provided.

Family Bracelet Making

10:00am - 11:30am

Culp Center, Ball Room A, Third Floor

Craft a bracelet to celebrate your Buccaneer bond and create a family weekend memory with Housing & Residence Life and Swift Society ETSU!

Martin Center for the Arts Tour *

10:00am

ETSU Martin Center - 1320 W. State of Franklin Road

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.

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ETSU Men's Basketball Open Practice

11:00am

Brooks Gym

Get an early look at the Bucs! ETSU Men's Basketball will open the doors to Brooks Gym for a special Family Weekend practice. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the defending Southern Conference Regular-Season Champions.

FBLA Accelerate your Career *

11:00am

Lot 21 Tailgate Area - Meet in front of Lucille Clement Steps

Pre-registration required.

Join the ETSU Future Business Leaders of America for light snacks and a conversation about leadership in industry. Gain insight on the value of networking with regional businesses in the East Tennessee area by meeting with CEOs and Senior Executives.

Zipline with Campus Rec *

Two Sessions: 11:00am & 12:00pm

Basler Team Challenge & Aerial Adventure Course

505 Go Bucs Trail

Pre-registration required.

Take your Family Weekend to new heights—literally! Join ETSU's Campus Recreation team for a thrilling ride down the 300-foot zipline at the ETSU Challenge Course. All equipment is provided. For participants ages 12 and up.

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ETSU Family Tailgate

12:30pm - 3:00pm

CPA Field, Jack Vest Drive - across from Tailgate Lot 21

Get ready for kickoff with a BBQ plate from The Firehouse, a local favorite. Yard games, music, BBQ, and door prizes! Drop-in on your own time to enjoy this signature event while connecting with other ETSU families. Then explore the tailgate area in Lot 21. Check-in available here.

ETSU Buc Walk

1:15pm

Jack Vest Drive

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. Line up along Jack Vest Drive for this fun ETSU tradition.

ETSU Football vs. Western Carolina

Kickoff: 3:30pm

William B. Greene Stadium

Separate Ticket Purchase Required. Visit 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.

Vision Board & Bedazzle Night *

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Blues Brews Co. Coffeeshop, 109 Cherry Street, Ste 40

Pre-registration required.

Spend an hour making something with your student. Build a vision board and bedazzle with us at Blues Brews Co. Coffeeshop. All ages welcome and no purchase necessary.

Sunday, September 27

Farewell Brunch

10:00am - 12:00pm

ETSU Dining Hall - Third Floor, DP Culp

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.

Build Your Own Bouquet at 1976 Flowers *

12:00pm - 2:00pm

1976 Flowers - 211 West Walnut Street

Pre-registration required.

Visit this delightful 70s themed flower shop inside an old 1950s garage for a unique experience building your own bouquet in this sweet space. Includes \$20 charge per bouquet, a special ETSU Welcome Offer.

ETSU Men's Soccer (NCAA) vs. VMI

2:00pm

Summers-Taylor Stadium - Jack Vest Drive

Cheer on the Buccaneers as they take on the Virginia Military Institute Keydets in Southern Conference play. Admission is free and open to everyone. Parking is available across the street.

ETSU Men's Club Soccer vs. WKU

3:00pm

Winged Deer Park, Grass Huff A - 4101 Bristol Highway

ETSU's student-run club team hosts the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. A great way to see Buccaneer soccer at the club level and support students who play for the love of the game. Admission is free and open to everyone.



A Message from your Family Council

We hope this weekend is full of good memories with your student.

As ETSU families, we know how much it means to see our students supported, both in and out of the classroom. Each year, the Family Council chooses ways to strengthen the Buc community, and this year we invite you to join us in supporting three causes:



POLO Scholarship Fund, helping us raise \$25,000 so we can award \$1,000 scholarships to ETSU Preview and Orientation Leaders in need. Questions? Email Tyler Parker at parkertj@etsu.edu.



Bucky's Food Pantry, making sure no Buc goes hungry. Your gift helps provide food and essential items to ETSU students in need. Questions? Email Bucky's Food Pantry at foodpantry@etsu.edu.



Bucky's Career Closet, providing free professional clothing for interviews, career fairs, and first jobs. Drop off gently used professional clothing at Family Weekend Check-In on Friday from 11:00am to 2:00pm, or donate anytime throughout the year. Questions? Email Bucky's Career Closet at careers@etsu.edu.

Every gift, large or small, reaches a student directly. Thank you for being part of the Buc family and for helping us care for every ETSU student.

