



Family Weekend²⁰²⁶

September 25 - 27

OPEN-TO-ALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

These events are open to everyone. No Family Weekend Pass required.

All Weekend Long

Center for Physical Activity

Check Hours of Operation

CPA, 1244 Jack Vest Drive

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. Check website for open hours.

ETSU Walking Trails

Lot 13 off Southwest Avenue

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.



A Message from your Family Council

We hope your family has a wonderful time at Family Weekend and that you enjoy making memories together. This year, we invite families to make a donation of gently used career clothes to Bucky's Career Closet, an effort that directly supports ETSU students. A donation drop box will be available on Friday, September 25 from 11am to 2pm on the second floor of the DP Culp Center, just outside the Carrier Center doors. Thank you for being part of the ETSU Family.

Please visit Bucky's Career Closet page for more information.

Schedule is subject to change

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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.

Bucky's Career Closet

Drop-off: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Carrier Center, Second Floor of DP Culp

Donations of gently used career clothes accepted. For a list of what clothing donations are needed, visit Bucky's Career Closet.

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!

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. 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.

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!

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.

Robertson Center Open

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

Robertson Center - Second Floor DP Culp - Carrier Center

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

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

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.

Sunday, September 27

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. 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.