Cyclone Family Weekend 2024

Schedule of Events

*Schedule is subject to change

Please note that families may only select one ticketed tour or event out of the following: Jack Trice Stadium Tour, ISU Dining Coffee Class, Horticulture Hall Greenhouses Tour, ISU Horse Barns Tour, ISU Creamery Tour, Punch & Paint

Friday, September 13, 2024

Check-in
Oak Room of the Memorial Union | 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Join us for a warm welcome to ISU! Registered family and friends will receive their registration packet at check-in. Staff will also be available to answer any questions you may have about the weekend, ISU or the Ames community.

Cyclone Family Weekend Welcome Reception
Featured Event – Wristband Required $
Great Hall of the Memorial Union | 4:00pm – 6:00pm

After checking in, head to the Great Hall to kick off Cyclone Family Weekend with our Welcome Reception! Enjoy a variety of refreshments, capture fun memories at the photo booth, and hear a heartfelt greeting from ISU administrators. This is a perfect opportunity to reunite with your student, meet other Cyclone families, and start the weekend festivities. We look forward to seeing you there!

CyBowl & Billiards
Lower Level of the Memorial Union | 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Ready to roll some strikes and show off your bowling skills or rack ‘em up in a game of pool? Look no further than CyBowl and Billiards, conveniently located right here on campus. CyBowl and Billiards will be available for Cyclone Family Weekend participants so stop by anytime to play a game as long as there are lanes or billiards tables open.
Family Craft at the Workspace  
*East Basement of the Memorial Union | 6:00pm – 9:00pm*

Channel your Cyclone spirit into your creations with a family craft at the Workspace. You'll take home unique keepsakes that capture the memories made during Cyclone Family Weekend. Seating in the Workspace is limited and is first come, first served. If the room is full, check back later or try again tomorrow!

Bingo  
*Sun Room and South Ballroom of the Memorial Union | 6:30pm – 8:30pm*

Get ready to bring out your competitive side at the ISU family edition of a classic: Bingo! Grab your lucky charms and prepare to claim victory in a game that's fun for all ages. Be sure to come early to grab a seat or join at any time if a seat is open!

P.S. - Be on the lookout for our celebrity caller!

Cyclone Cinema  
*Room 101, Carver Hall | 7:00pm*

Presented by the Student Union Board. Wrap up your first night of Cyclone Family Weekend by enjoying a recently released movie. Concessions will be available for purchase. Seating is limited to first come, first served. Open caption is available by letting the staff know before the movie starts.

Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos  
*Great Hall of the Memorial Union | 9:00pm*

Get ready to experience an unforgettable night of music, laughter, and interactive fun with Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos! Join us for a high-energy show where talent meets comedy, and the audience becomes part of the spectacle. These world-class entertainers will dazzle you, playing everything from classic hits to modern chart-toppers. The performance will last approximately 2 hours, and seating is first-come, first-served.
Saturday, September 14, 2024

Check-in
First-floor lobby of the Student Services Building | 8:00am – 10:00am

Can't arrive until Saturday? We will be here to greet you! Registered family and friends will receive their registration packet and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the weekend, ISU or the Ames community. Short-term parking is available in Lot 4.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Family Reception
Ticketed Event – through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Reiman Gardens | 8:00am – 10:00am

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is excited to invite the newest Cyclones and their families to a free reception. There will be refreshments provided and a short program at 9:00am along with door prizes, so be sure to brush up on your ISU trivia. At the reception, students will be able to introduce their guests to advisors in their major and interact with college leadership. Following the reception, families and guests will be able to tour the gardens. There are lots of exciting opportunities at Iowa State. Cyclone Family Weekend is a great chance to check in and see the start of some amazing adventures. Advanced registration is required – a link will be provided in the registration page. Please note that this event is for new freshman and transfer students into the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

ISU Research Park Open House
ISU Economic Development Core Facility, 1805 Collaboration Place | 8:30am – 10:00am

Join us for breakfast and learn about opportunities for your students to be involved with cutting edge technology, research, and entrepreneurship! Light breakfast will be provided as well as drawings for Research Park swag. This is a come-and-go open house with a short program at 9:00am.

ISU Dining Coffee Class
Ticketed Event
The Roasterie, The Hub | 9:00am – 10:30am
Indulge your senses and expand your knowledge with an immersive coffee experience. Dive deep into the fascinating world of coffee with our expert guides and learn about the secrets behind creating that perfect cup, the art of coffee pouring, and the rich history and passion that fuels The Roasterie – founded by ISU Alum Danny O’Neill out of Kansas City. Enjoy a complimentary cup of freshly brewed coffee paired with a delectable pastry, perfectly complementing your tasting experience.

Horticulture Hall Greenhouses Tour
*Ticketed Event*

*Horticulture Hall Greenhouses | 9:00am – 9:30am or 9:30am – 10:00am*

Discover the magic of our horticulture program firsthand with an exclusive tour of our breathtaking greenhouses. With towering glass walls that let in ample sunlight, our greenhouses provide the perfect environment for plants to thrive. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or a budding enthusiast, there’s something here for everyone to enjoy.

Kid Power

*Northeast Campanile Lawn | 9:00am – 11:00am*

Join us for a morning of fun for all! This child-centered event will support connections between students who have families, creating peer support and community building and relationships that are crucial for success in higher education and in childrearing. Activities include yard games, child-friendly crafts, and more! Light snacks will be provided. Hosted by the ISU Office of Childcare and Family Services, International Student and Scholar Office, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equity.

Bacon Expo

*Hansen Agricultural Student Learning Center | 11:00am – 2:00pm*

Tickets available for purchase at entrance.

Bacon Expo is Iowa State’s largest student run philanthropy! Every year we host a one-day celebration of bacon, allowing student organizations and outside vendors to make a wide variety of bacon dishes. For $5, visitors will walk the event trying all the dishes, participating in contest, have access to education stations and games surrounding the pork and agriculture industry, attend various entertainment events, and have the opportunity to interact with live pigs! The Bacon Expo Exec Team and Brigade would love to host you and your family from 10am - 2pm on Saturday 14, sharing our love of all things pig, agriculture, and most importantly, bacon related. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact isubaconexpo@gmail.com. To stay up to date with our event, follow our Facebook and Instagram @isubaconexpo. Thank you and hope to see you there!
**Jack Trice Stadium Tour**

*Ticketed Event*

*Jack Trice Stadium, meet at South End of Stadium | 10:00am – 4:00pm (tours each hour)*

Join Iowa State Athletics for a tour of Jack Trice Stadium to learn about the magic that goes into Cyclone Nation. Please note this is a walking tour and will be mostly outdoors.

**Graduate College Reception**

*Pearson Hall | 10:00am – 12:00pm*

Is a master’s or doctorate degree in your future? Graduate students at Iowa State University are part of a community of adventurous minds, connecting through research, discovery, and intellectual growth. If this is the kind of education and excitement you are looking for, then the Graduate College is the perfect place for you! Visit the home of the Graduate College, Pearson Hall, for free giveaways, snacks, and information on Iowa State’s graduate programs. Staff will be available to answer your questions.

**College of Engineering Open House**

*Student Innovation Center Main Floor | 10:00am – 1:00pm*

With more than fifty student clubs associated with the College of Engineering, there is something for everyone. Stop by to explore ISU’s engineering clubs, see live glass blowing, and play engineering trivia! Show off your engineering knowledge and grab a snack!

**Campanile-Carillon Model Open House**

*Sukup Atrium of the Biorenewables Complex | 10:00am – 12:00pm*

Step into a world of musical wonder and architectural splendor when you visit the Sukup Atrium to explore the 3,000-pound, 1:5 scale replica of the ISU Campanile and 27-bell Carillon Model hosted by ISU’s Student Carillonneur Leadership Council. This open house includes concert performances at 10:00am and 11:00am and hands-on activities.

**Parks Library Archives Open House**

*Room 405, Parks Library (the Special Collections classroom) | 11:00am – 1:00pm*
Step back in time as you browse the Parks Library archives' collections. Experience the sights and sounds of yesteryears and ISU history through manuscripts, media, and historical documents that offer glimpses into bygone eras. Please note that food and drinks are not permitted on the 4th floor of the library.

Ivy College of Business Open House
Granite Hallway, Gerdin Business Building | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Visit the home of the Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business, where world-class faculty, staff, programs, and facilities are brought together to deliver business education for a rapidly changing world. Stop by for coffee, juice, and donuts (while supplies last) and a guided tour. Tour is first come, first served. Entry to Gerdin Business Building will be through the west doors.

ISU Horse Barns Tour
Ticketed Event
Horse Barns (meet in Parking Lot 79) | 10:00am – 2:00pm (tours each hour)

Discover the rich history and educational opportunities at the ISU Department of Animal Science’s historic horse barns! These iconic facilities offer students hands-on learning experiences in a unique setting. Explore the barns that house two student apartments, an office, a reproduction lab, an equine treadmill, and a classroom. Gain insights into our breeding program and the thriving horse industry in Iowa.

Late Check-in
Sukup End Zone Club, Jack Trice Stadium | 11:00am – 1:00pm

Arriving later Saturday? We will still be here to greet you! Registered family and friends can pick up their registration packet and wristbands and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the weekend, ISU or the Ames community.

Lunch at the Sukup End Zone Club · $
Ticketed Event
Sukup End Zone Club (First Floor), Jack Trice Stadium | 11:00am – 2:00pm (tickets each hour)

You can’t visit Iowa State University without experiencing the Sukup End Zone Club. Join us for a game day lunch spread featuring a nacho bar with all your favorite toppings. The cost per person is $26 for ages 9 and up, $21 for ages 3-8, 2 and under are free. Parking is available in lot S2 and S3.
Cyclone Family Social

**Featured Event – Wristband Required** $

*Sukup End Zone Club (Second Floor), Jack Trice Stadium | 11:00am – 2:00pm*

Ever dreamed of stepping into the iconic Jack Trice Stadium, the battleground where our Cyclones pour their passion into every game? Now’s your chance! Gather your loved ones for an unforgettable family day and immerse yourselves in the Sukup End Zone Club, boasting a panoramic view of the field. Descend into the heart of the stadium and capture your moment with a stadium selfie.

Delve into the legacy of Jack Trice with a special traveling exhibit courtesy of the Ames History Museum. Engage with Sharron Evans, our esteemed Dean of Students, and forge new connections with fellow families through interactive group activities. Plus, enjoy the convenience of a cash bar.

**Martial Arts Club Demonstration**

*South Campanile Lawn | 12:00pm – 2:00pm*

ISU’s very own Martial Arts Club will be completing demonstrations of Judo, Hapkido, and Taekwondo. Witness the precision and power of throws, joint-locks, kicking techniques, self-defense maneuvers, and the impressive art of board breaking!

**Rock Climbing Wall**

*State Gym | 12:00pm – 4:00pm*

Try your hand...s and feet at our two rock climbing walls, top rope wall and bouldering wall. Climbing walls will be reserved for Cyclone Family Weekend participants and will be first come, first served. Climbing equipment will be provided at no cost. Participants will sign a waiver prior to this activity.

**Family Craft at the Workspace**

*East Basement of the Memorial Union | 12:00pm – 4:00pm*

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ISU Creamery Tour

Ticketed Event
Food Sciences Building (meet at the East Entrance by the Soybean) | 12:00pm – 5:15pm (tours every 45 minutes)

Calling all cheese and ice cream enthusiasts! Experience the magic behind the scenes at the Iowa State University Creamery, where dairy dreams come true. Our experiential learning fully prepares dairy food science students for the most skilled positions in the fast-paced and competitive dairy processing industry. Join us for a tour of the facility and see the process involved in making the delicious cheese and ice cream offered at the Creamery! Don't forget to visit the retail store, where you'll have the opportunity to purchase freshly made dairy delights.

University Museums Open Houses

Farm House Museum (601 Farm House Ln), Christian Petersen Art Museum (1017 Morrill Hall), Brunnier Art Museum (Scheman Building) | 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Embark on a journey to explore our campus's diverse array of artistic treasures, from the masterpieces housed within the Christian Petersen Art Museum to the charming exhibits at the Farm House Museum and the Brunnier Art Museum. Grab a self-guided tour map and set off on foot to discover selected works from the ISU Public Art Collection, strategically placed throughout our campus.

Please note that food and drinks are not permitted in the museum galleries, but fear not – the Farm House Museum awaits you with complimentary cookies to sweeten your visit! Various University Museums publications will be for sale, as well as magnets and postcards that showcase the Art on Campus Collection.

College of Human Sciences Reception

Room 118, MacKay Hall | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

The College of Human Sciences has a passion for people and a commitment to expanding human potential. This long history of serving sweet treats to Cyclones and their families dates back to 1920 when the student-run bake sale by the ISU Department of Hotel, Restaurant, and Institution Management served about 2,000 people. The cherry filling was first selected to commemorate George Washington's birthday. The ISU Creamery even named a flavor after them: Human Sci Sweet Cherry Pie!

This year is no exception to that College of Human Sciences hospitality. Visit room 118 in MacKay Hall to enjoy ice cream and cookies while supplies last!
Student Innovation Center Showcase

*Featured Event – Wristband Required*

*Student Innovation Center, Floors 0, 1, and 2 | 5:00pm – 8:00pm*

Your students are invited to acquaint themselves with a wide range of innovative technologies, systems, and activities through the Student Innovation Center (SIC) – and now, so are you! New to Cyclone Family Weekend this year, families can engage with the Makerspaces in the SIC to see all of the opportunities available to your student, including the Metal and Wood Shop; the Electronics, Textiles, and 3D Printing Shop; and the Digital Media Studio. Cars designed and created by various student organizations will be on display, and the student-run store, Innovate 1858, will be open.

Don’t just stop by for demos and viewings – join us at 6:30pm for a game of trivia using the state-of-the-art Jumbotron and sound system! Bring your competitive side and vie for a chance at a grand prize! Light snacks will be provided.

**Punch & Paint**

*Ticketed Event*

*Student Innovation Center – Basement Atrium | 5:00pm – 6:30pm*

Spend time with your family while unleashing your artistic flair! Visit the Student Innovation Center to create an acrylic painting of ISU’s campanile under the guidance of Assistant Dean of Students and renowned artist, Jordan Brooks. With easy-to-follow instructions, everyone can participate regardless of their skill level, plus Cyclone Punch is included!

**Cyclone Cinema**

*Room 101, Carver Hall | 7:00pm*

Presented by the Student Union Board. Unwind with your family after a day of exploring campus and the community by watching a recently released movie. Concessions will be available for purchase. Seating is limited to first come, first served. Open caption is available by letting the staff know before the movie starts.

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Sunday, September 15, 2024

**Friley Windows Brunch $  
*Ticketed Event*  
Friley Windows  | 8:00am – 11:00am (tickets each hour)**

Wrap up your Cyclone Family Weekend with a delicious family brunch at Windows Dining in Friley Residence Hall, brought to you by ISU Dining! This menu will include options for those with dietary restrictions. The cost per person is $19.50 for ages 9 and up, $14.75 for ages 3-8, and 2 and under are free; ISU students with a current meal plan can use their ISU dining card to swipe-in to the facility. Please note, this facility will only be open to Cyclone Family Weekend participants and will not be able to serve students that are not registered.

**ISU Women’s Soccer Game  
*Cyclone Sports Complex*  | 1:00pm**

Show your Cyclone pride and support the Iowa State University Women's Soccer Team as they storm the field for an exciting Cy-Hawk Series match against the University of Iowa! Bring your loudest cheers and join us for an afternoon of high-energy action.

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Paint the Park with Chad Elliot

Ticketed Event – through Reiman Gardens
Reiman Gardens | 10:00am – 5:00pm

Tickets available for purchase at entrance
Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to blend art, music, and nature at Reiman Gardens. Immerse yourself in the stunning landscapes of Reiman Gardens and watch Chad Elliot capture the vibrant colors and intricate details as he paints en plein air from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the gardens. Stay for the 3:30pm live concert and performance by Chad Elliot as he takes the stage against the backdrop of the gardens.

This event is included with the purchase of general admission.

125th Anniversary of the Iowa State Bells
Central Campus | 2:00pm

Celebrate this historic anniversary of the Iowa State Campanile/Carillon with this special concert on central campus featuring musical collaborations between the carillon, the Iowa State Singers, and the ISU Brass Ensemble as well as a tribute to the tower’s founders.

Collage of Choirs Concert
Ticketed Event – through Stephens Auditorium
Stephens Auditorium | 4:00 pm

Prepare to be swept away by the captivating performances of four Iowa State University choirs: the Iowa State Singers, Iowa Statesmen, Cantamus, and Lyrica. This extraordinary event promises to be a celebration of vocal artistry that will leave you spellbound. We invite you to indulge in a musical journey that traverses a wide spectrum of choral styles and genres, from classical masterpieces to contemporary arrangements. Get ready to be moved, uplifted, and inspired. Admission is $10 for general admission or $5 for children 18 and under, ISU students, and seniors ages 65 and older. Tickets can be purchased at the door prior to the performance or ahead of time through the Ticket Office at Stephens Auditorium.

Cyclone Cinema
Room 101, Carver Hall | 7:00 pm

Presented by the Student Union Board. Wrap up the fun-filled weekend by taking in a recently released movie. Concessions will be available for purchase. Seating is limited to first come, first served. This showing will be in open caption format.
Ames Community Events

Food Truck Frenzy & Market
Campustown | Saturday, September 14 | 3:00pm – 6:30pm

Indulge your taste buds, shop for unique items, and groove to the rhythm of live music at the Food Truck & Market Frenzy. Explore the vibrant market area, where local vendors will showcase fresh produce, handcrafted goods, and unique artisanal products, all taking place in the center of Campustown.

Other Things to Do in and around Ames

- Ames Main Street Farmers’ Market
  *Downtown Ames | 8:00am – 12:30pm*

- Ledges State Park
  *Madrid, IA*

- Ada Hayden Heritage Park
  *5205 Grand, Ames, IA*

- Veenker Memorial Golf Course
  *2916 Veenker Dr, Ames, IA*

- High Trestle Trail