2021 Family Weekend | Schedule of Events
Saturday, October 2nd through Sunday, October 3rd

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Check-In and Welcome Table for Family Weekend: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Gateway Center Concourse
Check-in at our table to receive your free ESF Family Weekend items and to meet the Division of Student Affairs staff.

Continental Breakfast with College News: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Gateway Center
Come together with College staff, students, families, and others for coffee, conversation, and a review of the day’s schedule. Join College leadership as they offer remarks and campus updates at 10am.

Tie-Dye Your Family Weekend T-Shirt or Mask: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
ESF Quad
We will provide tie-dye materials to help you participate in a long-standing ESF tradition.

What’s Happening with Student Life?: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Gateway Center
Join Dean Anne Lombard, Vice Provost and Dean for Student Affairs, staff from Centennial Hall, Counseling Services staff, and the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (OIDE) as they share resources and trends about our students at ESF to help you, help your student succeed!

ESF Soccer Games: 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.
Tully Field (550 NY-281, Tully, NY 13159)
ESF Alumni Soccer game @ 11am followed by a men’s soccer game vs 5 Townes College @1pm, followed by a women’s game vs 5 Townes College @ 3pm. Come cheer on the ESF Mighty Oak’s Men’s & Women’s Soccer Teams as they play on ESF home field in Tully, NY! Lawn chairs are suggested.

Food Trucks: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
ESF Quad
Enjoy Syracuse Food Trucks Toss and Fire Pizza or Recess Coffee with your family on the Quad and eat under our tent. *Not included in Family Weekend registration fee.*

Trailhead Café Open: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Gateway Center

Birds of Prey: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
5 Illick Hall
Come face-to-face with some exotic birds of prey and learn about the Page Wildlife Center!

Hoverter Historical Walk: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Meet in Bray Hall Rotunda *Rain or Shine!
Join Kevin Reynolds (ESF Hoverter College Archives volunteer) as he leads you on a historical walk around campus. The material you learn on the walk will answer these three questions: Who are the academic buildings named for? Why did the New York State College of Forestry end up at Syracuse University? Why did New York State decide to create a College of Forestry in 1911?

Specialty Tour Sessions: 11:00 a.m.-Noon & 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Wildlife Collection – Join Rebecca Rundell as she takes you through the College’s fascinating collection of wildlife. (Gateway Center) Limited to 12 people
Paper Making – Paper has been handmade for thousands of years. Come try this ancient technique and make a sheet of paper with your own hands! In addition, perform some destructive tests to see how much force it takes to crush, punch a hole into, and pull apart different kinds of paper. (Walters Hall 102)
Greenhouse Tour – Explore the new greenhouses that have been replaced on the rooftop of Illick Hall. The tour will be guided by a knowledgeable member of the Greenhouse team. (Illick Hall 5th Floor)

Walking Tour of the Historic Oakwood Cemetery: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Meet at Gateway, Walk to Sumner Tomb in Sec. 8
Join us as we visit the oldest sections of Oakwood Cemetery with historian Sue Greenhagen of the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Preservation Association (HOCPA). Oakwood was established in 1859, and covers over 160 acres with over 60,000 burials. Remember, not everybody’s famous, but everybody has a story. Oakwood is located directly behind ESF and serves as an unofficial living laboratory for ESF learning.

Study Abroad Information Session: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
12 Illick Hall
Join the Office of International Education for a tea break! Enjoy some tea and snacks, and learn about some of the many study abroad opportunities available to ESF students. Get your questions answered about program options, study locations, financial aid, and more! ESF reusable coffee mugs will be given out to all attendees.

Beak and Skiff Apple Orchard and Cidery Bus Trip: 1:30pm-4pm
Bus Departs Campus at Stadium Place at 1:30pm
Join us as we head over to our beloved Beak and Skiff, established in 1911, located approximately 30 minutes south of campus. Buses depart at 1:30pm from campus and will depart Beak and Skiff at 4pm. Limited bus capacity. Pre-register for the bus here but families may drive separately, driving directions included in Family Weekend packet.

Lafayette Road Experiment Station Tour: Return of the American Chestnut: 2:00 p.m.
Drive yourself, direction provided in Family Weekend packet; approximately 15 minutes from campus
A little over a century ago, the American chestnut tree, once one of the most abundant trees in the eastern forests of the United States, was devastated by the chestnut blight. After 25 years of research at ESF, American chestnut trees with enhanced blight resistance have been developed using the tools of biotechnology. Come out to a walking tour at the Lafayette Road Experiment Station, see the much-expanded plantings, and hear about the exciting journey of the American chestnut.

Night at Salt City Market: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Salt City Market (484 S. Salina Street)
Finish off the day with us as we try foods from different cultures at Syracuse's newest and fastest growing food markets in downtown Syracuse. Stop by the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (OIDE) table to say hello and learn about the programs and resources offered too. We will offer all those in attendance a $5 voucher. Driving directions included in Family Weekend packet.

Sunday, October 3rd
3K Fun Run/Walk: 8:30 a.m. (Registration @ 8 a.m.)
Registration in the Gateway Concourse This is a “rain or shine” event!
Start your day off with a brisk 3K run or walk through Oakwood Cemetery starting outside the Gateway Center. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Gateway Center Concourse. Granola bars and fruit will be available.

Pancake Breakfast: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Gateway Center
Join us for a pancake breakfast featuring ESF’s very own maple syrup! Fill up on pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee as we conclude Family Weekend 2021!

ESF College Bookstore Gateway Center
College sweatshirts, t-shirts, mugs, maple syrup, and more will be available for sale at the ESF College Bookstore.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.