October 21, 2019

We cannot wait to see you all this weekend! Most importantly, we hope you have a great weekend with your student. Here are some important final updates for you prior to your arrival.

**Weekend activity information**

**Parent & Family Weekend Program** - Your family will receive a copy of the program for the weekend at check in. You may also take a look at the [e-version of the program here](#) in advance. The program includes event times and descriptions, a map and highlighted optional activities.

**Parent & Family Weekend Guidebook App** - We strongly recommend also using the PFW Guidebook App. It includes event descriptions in addition to times and locations. If we have to make any changes, we'll share that information via the App.

Use the PFW Guidebook App for the most updated and complete information about weekend activities.
Begin by downloading U Minnesota to your device. Go to your app store, or visit guidebook.com/app/umn. Then open the app and follow these instructions:

- iOS Users: Search in the "Find a guide..." field or search under "Public Guides"
- Android Users: Tap the downward arrow to access Browse Guides

No passphrase is needed, just use the search icon to search for the guide called Parent & Family Guide 2019

Check in Information- Be sure to Check-in for the weekend at Coffman Memorial Union. We strongly recommend that you check on Friday. If timing is a challenge, please send your student to check-in for you! At check in, you will pick-up a program, your clear Gopher Family game bag and silicone Parent & Family Weekend bracelets for each registered member of your group.

- Friday 11:30am-6pm: Coffman Memorial Union, Theater (1st floor)
- Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm: Coffman Memorial Union, Theater (1st floor)

Parking and Transportation Information- Parking on campus can be challenging and it will be especially challenging for the Saturday Football game. On Friday, some convenient parking locations include East River Road Garage, Washington Avenue Ramp, etc. On Saturday, we strongly encourage families to avoid parking on campus if at all possible. Use the Light Rail, MetroTransit busses or an app based ride service when possible. If you decide to park on campus on Saturday, the East River Road Garage is a good option. The earlier you arrive, the easier it will be to park. For visiting the Bell Museum and Planetarium, the paid surface lot (2088 Larpenteur Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55113) will be available for families who wish to drive. Please click on this link for more information regarding parking and transportation services during Game Day.

Event Updates

All family registrations include:
Educational Sessions
Family Tailgate
Sunday Morning at the Rec
RecWell access to work out for the weekend (wear your PFW bracelet)

Educational Sessions
Check out some of the great options available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All families are encouraged to attend the sessions and your student is welcome to join you if they wish!

Family Tailgate- Dress in your best Gopher Gear (layers, too!) and get ready to cheer on the Golden Gophers. Be sure to wear your Parent & Family Weekend bracelet and join us for nachos, hotdogs and popcorn.

**Weather- The forecast for Saturday is currently lovely, but a lot can change in Minnesota weather in 5 days. Please note that umbrellas are not permitted in the stadium. Click on the link for a list of all prohibited items at the TCF Bank Stadium.

Sunday Morning at the Rec
Join us at RecWell on the East Bank from 9-noon for breakfast, rock climbing, crate stacking and more! Yoga Flow will be offered at 10am.
Events with separate registration
The Gopher Get Together and Celebrating Gopher Families Brunch are both at capacity. We do not anticipate having any available space at either of these events.

At Home In MN Breakfast
We increased the space for this year’s At Home In MN breakfast, exclusively for out-of-state families, and still reached capacity at our venue. If your family is registered and needs to cancel, please do so as early as possible so we can add waitlist families to the event. If your family wasn’t able to add the breakfast, don’t worry! The educational session at noon on Saturday, called “Beyond Welcome Week: Your Student’s Transition”, will include some of the same information offered at the breakfast event.

Optional Events
We’ve gathered a long list of optional events happening both on campus and in the surrounding community. Some of these are free and others require the purchase of tickets in advance. Take a look at these great options for spending time with your student!

Questions?
Thanks, in advance, for your patience this week as we answer your questions. We will respond as quickly as we can! Please feel free to use the Parent & Family Weekend helpline at 763-290-0166 for questions in the lead up to and during the weekend.