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Parents & Families Weekend  
Information Enclosed!

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## LIVE with NC State!

Webcast series for parents.



We know that parents have different questions and concerns during the course of an academic year. Stay informed about timely student issues and join university representatives at your computer for the following live programs over the Internet:

### Preparing for a successful 07-08

Tuesday, September 11 • 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

“I think my son doesn’t get along well with his roommate.” “My daughter seems homesick.” “My son says there’s nothing to do on campus.” University representatives will be available to address your current questions and concerns about on and off-campus living, academic advising, new relationships, campus safety, the importance of getting involved in student activities, and other issues related to your student’s successful transition to a new academic year.

### Alcohol & Your Student: Time for a check-up

Tuesday, October 9 • 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Research tells us that most students have already or will experiment with alcohol while in college. From underage drinking to DWI issues, resident experts will briefly review the statistics so far for the semester and talk candidly about drinking and its consequences for our students.

### Depression & College Students: How parents can help

Tuesday, November 6 • 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Experience shows that November is the most stressful time of the year for students...likely due to academic issues. This stress can lead to depression. Learn about the possible challenges and crises students experiencing academic difficulty may encounter, how to recognize the problem, and most importantly, how parents and the Counseling Center can try to help.

More webcasts will be offered in the spring. To participate in any of the webcasts, simply mark your calendars for the dates listed and visit [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents) after classes begin (August 22) for instructions on how to register.

## Staying In The Know! It’s a student’s responsibility.

Jennifer Bell, Associate Director of Parents & Families Services

Did you know that NC State has over 400 student organizations? Did you know that students can spend their spring breaks volunteering for community service projects all over the world? Did you know that the Campus Cinema shows blockbuster movies every weekend? More importantly, does your student know all of this?

Sadly, many students seem to be unaware of all these wonderful opportunities. A senior responding to a recent survey said, “I enjoyed NC State. It is a very good school that creates well-rounded students. I found more things to do during my senior year than I did the first year I was here. I wish I knew more about the activities that went on around campus.”

Students need to be proactive to ensure they stay in the know about all the great things in which to get involved. This is especially important for students who live off campus. Students in the residence halls benefit from campus information being delivered practically to their doorstep. Students who live off campus must seek out the information. In either case, here are just a few effective strategies all students should use.

- **Read campus newspapers DAILY.** *Technician* is NC State’s daily student newspaper that features information about many events and activities. *The Nubian Message* is a regular publication dedicated to African American culture and related events.
- **Get involved in a student organization.** Student organizations are often the groups planning big events such as Homecoming and Pan Afrikan Festival. If students are active in an organi-

zation, they have the inside scoop.

- **Go to the Student Handbook website regularly.** [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_students](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_students) is a one-stop shop for daily, weekly, and monthly information about most student events and activities. Almost all departments maintain their own online activities calendars, too. Students should find their favorites, bookmark them, then visit the sites often.
- **Visit the NC State homepage.** [www.ncsu.edu](http://www.ncsu.edu) is updated daily with important campus announcements and has links to many campus calendars.
- **Visit the student centers weekly.** Talley and Witherspoon Student Centers are filled with posters, flyers, and brochures promoting events and activities. Plus, many student organizations plan pre-event activities and information tables to promote upcoming events.
- **Read posters, flyers, and table tents around campus.** Most events and activities are advertised with posters in the residence halls, flyers around campus, and table tents in the dining halls. So much so, it is easy to become immune to them. Taking the time to stop and read or take a flyer can make

a big difference.

- **Ask people.** Word of mouth is still the most effective means of communication. A simple “What’s happening this weekend?” to faculty, staff, and students, especially Resident Advisors, can garner many possibilities.
- **Join email lists.** The Student Body President sends a “State of the State” email every two weeks to students who subscribe to the HOWL ([students.ncsu.edu/home/howl.php](http://students.ncsu.edu/home/howl.php)). Many departments and student organizations also send regular announcements to email lists. Of course, once a student joins a list, he/she should read the announcements that are posted.
- **Watch and listen to WolfBytes.** Communication Technologies (ComTech) provides students who live on campus with a wall calendar that includes many activities. Additionally, detailed information about events is provided on WolfBytes TV and radio, the on-campus cable TV and on-line radio channels.
- **Go to events.** Going to big events such as Wolfpack Welcome Week, Homecoming, Chocolate Festival, ARTS NC State, and the movies keeps students in the habit of staying in the know. Plus, big events often promote other upcoming events and activities.

When students call home and say, “There is nothing to do around here,” remind them of some of the events and activities mentioned in this article and encourage them to take advantage of all the resources available to stay in the know. The next time students call, we want them to say “**There is always something to do at NC State!**”

### 2007 Fall Semester Calendar — [www.ncsu.edu/registrar/calendars](http://www.ncsu.edu/registrar/calendars)

First day of classes	Wed., August 22
Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)	Mon., September 3
Last day to add a class or drop with a tuition adjustment	Wed., September 5
Last day to drop a class without a grade	Wed., October 3
Fall Break (No Classes)	Thurs. – Fri., October 11-12
Advising begins for spring semester	Mon., October 15
Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes)	Wed. – Fri., November 21-23
Last day of classes	Fri., December 7
Final Exams	Mon. – Tues., December 10-18
Fall Graduation Exercises	Wed., December 19

## September 28-30, 2007

Join us for this time-honored tradition and spend a weekend with your student Wolfpack-style!

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

#### Family Field Days

Central Campus ♦ 6:00 p.m.

Kick off the weekend with games, activities, and prizes. The Inter-Residence Council invites siblings, parents...the whole family...to have some Wolfpack fun — student-style! **Sponsored by the Inter-Residence Council. FREE!**

#### Comedy Bonanza

Campus Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center ♦ 8:00 p.m.

The whole family is sure to enjoy this impressive line up of celebrity comedians. *Nick at Nite's* "Funniest Mom in America" finalist, Debbie Wooten, and Brad Reeder's famous bizarre-comedic magic show will warm up the stage for the night's headliner Greg Morton -- best known for his "animated presence" having worked as an animator or voice-over on such cartoon series as the *Scooby and Scrappy Doo Show*, *New Flintstone's*, *Robocop* and *Police Academy*. **Brought to you by the Union Activities Board.** PG-13. Tickets subject to availability. Register by September 4 for best prices.



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

#### Parents & Families Weekend Pre-Game Party

RBC Center (outdoor terraces)

Begins: 2 hours prior to kickoff;

Ends: 30 minutes before kickoff\*

Get ready for the big game — Wolfpack-style! Picnic with the family while enjoying live entertainment and pre-game fun at the "Wolfpack Fan Zone."

#### NC State v. University of Louisville

Carter-Finley Stadium ♦ \*

See NC State football in action under the leadership of new head-football coach Tom O'Brien and help us cheer the team to a rousing victory over the Cardinals. **Football tickets have limited availability and will be sold via lottery. See registration form for details.**

\* Please check your local listings or [gopack.com](http://gopack.com) a week prior to the game for official kickoff time.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

#### Student-Family Planting Project

Bragaw Residence Hall

9:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Over the last seven years, hundreds of parents, students, and staff have enhanced the quality of campus life by volunteering for the Parents & Families Weekend service project. Join the tradition and leave your mark on NC State this year while working with other families to improve the landscape around Bragaw Residence Hall. **Sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, & Public Service, University Housing, and Grounds Management.** Please indicate your interest to participate on the registration form.

#### Sunday Brunch

Fountain Dining Hall

10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

University Dining invites your family to enjoy a special Sunday Brunch at Fountain Dining Hall. Taste a bite of college life and enjoy featured selections from **Family Food Favorites** and fun activities at NC State's largest dining facility. **Advanced registration recommended.**

### Dinner Out

Hoping to catch a quiet dinner out with your student during the weekend? Try one of the following Wolfpack favorites. Parents & Families Association members are eligible for special discounts at restaurants participating in the Very Important Parent (VIP) discount program. Visit our website for additional suggestions.

#### VIP Locations:

Damon's Grill - opposite Carter-Finley Stadium, 919.277.7000, 10% off  
East Village, Hillsborough Street, 919.821.9985, 15% off  
Rey's Fine Dining, Cary, 919.380.0122, 10% off

### Family Food Favorites

Son missing dad's special chicken? Daughter craving Mom's homemade apple pie? Not if we can help it!

Send University Dining your student's favorite recipe from home. We'll do our best to select the recipes that fit within our unique production requirements (Remember, we're cooking for several hundred at a time!) and showcase your family's favorite foods during Sunday Brunch at Fountain Dining Hall. Your special dish may even be the featured entree in the dining halls during the course of the semester!

Submit your recipe by **August 31** on line at [www.ncsudining.com](http://www.ncsudining.com). Click on Parent Resources and look for the Family Food Favorites link.

### More Events, Announcements, Registration — All Online!

Go to [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents) for more information about Parents & Families Weekend, including details on events, updates on ticket availability, online registration, and announcements about other events. **Questions?** Visit our website or contact the Parents' HelpLine.

## Extreme Parent Volunteer: Bill Allen

Audrey Wilson, Service-Leadership Consultant, Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, & Public Service

This past December, approximately 250 NC State students and staff demonstrated their love for the community by volunteering their time and energy with ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. The show came to Raleigh to surprise the Riggins family, who dedicate countless hours at Building Together Ministries, a local non-profit that serves disadvantaged families. NC State volunteers covered shifts from midnight to 6:00 a.m. moving furniture, cleaning, painting, and serving in any capacity they were needed. This amazing opportunity would never have surfaced without the valuable partnerships between NC State and our students' families.

Through a professional contact with the builder of the *Extreme Makeover* home, Bill Allen, proud PACK parent of a junior and co-owner of Mitchell's Catering and Events, was asked to help recruit volunteers for the project. Immediately, Allen thought of Mike Giancola, director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, & Public Service. Allen met Giancola at Parents' Orientation and remembered Giancola's commitment to engaging students in meaningful community service. As a result, students had the opportunity of a lifetime to work on a Hollywood television set and, more

importantly, make a difference in the lives of a worthy Raleigh family.

"I can not imagine having done this project without the help of the NC State students," says Linda Dickert, marketing director for Homelife Communities builders and volunteer coordinator for the project. "The connection Bill Allen made for us was invaluable. The students worked with enthusiasm and great spirit during the toughest shifts — often cold, rainy, and in the mud."

Bill Allen has also established mutually beneficial relationships with NC State's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism department. Recently, he employed students from the department to work 150 hours for a local gala he organized. Allen says that the event was simply "Phenomenal! Thanks in great part to the NC State students."

The relationship between Bill Allen and NC State is one example of how the university's relationships with parents can shape and enhance the student experience at NC State. For information about how you can get involved with volunteer opportunities at NC State, visit [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents) or email the Parents' HelpLine at [ncsuparents@ncsu.edu](mailto:ncsuparents@ncsu.edu).

### Parent Volunteer Network

[www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents/volunteer](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents/volunteer)

Each year, many parents and family members donate their time and talents to enhance the NC State experience for students and show their support for the university. Volunteer opportunities range from a one-time commitment to on-going opportunities throughout the year. Visit our website to find out more about how you can get involved in these great opportunities.

- Serving on the Parents' Council, the parent-fundraising board for NC State
- Assisting with student events and programs on campus

- Helping with ARTS NC State productions and performances
- Assisting the Undergraduate Admissions Office with recruitment activities
- Allowing NC State students to compete for jobs and/or internships at your place of business
- Serving as a host or resource for students during Alternative Spring and/or Fall Break service trips
- Helping international students through a variety of programs sponsored by the Office of International Scholarship & Student Services

As a family, your support is crucial to your student's success. The same is true of an institution like NC State—support from students' families helps NC State remain outstanding. I invite you to join other parents and family members who have demonstrated their support of NC State through giving to the Parents' Fund. This past year, the Parents' Fund supported:

- Updated equipment for the Campus Cinema, which shows films to nearly 15,000 students each year
- Iron Grip weight plates, pool lane lines, and a field-painting machine for Carmichael Gymnasium and Campus Recreation, programs which serve thousands of students each day
- Marketing and advertising materials for HealthySTATE Task Force, a program that encourages students to adopt and maintain healthier lifestyles through physical activity and healthy eating
- Multicultural Student Affairs anniversary activities celebrating the 50th anniversary of African American undergraduates, the 25th anniversary of the Native American Association, and the 25th anniversary of the Peer Mentor Program
- Office of Greek Life computer lab, which allows fraternity and sorority student leaders to work collaboratively with each other and with staff throughout the year
- Parents & Families Services, including Parents' Orientation, Parents & Families Weekend, the Parents' Helpline, and webcast series
- Computer equipment and training equipment for the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), which trains college men and women to become officers in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines

Please consider supporting the Parents' Fund and make your gift today. There are three easy ways to do so:

- Call us at 800.627.2586 and charge your gift to your major credit card
- Make your gift on line by visiting [www.ncsu.edu/annualgiving](http://www.ncsu.edu/annualgiving)
- Mail your check, made payable to the NC State Parents' Fund, to Campus Box 7511, Raleigh, NC 27695-7511

Thank you for your support and best wishes to you and your NC State student!

Sincerely,

Nicole A. Peterson  
Director of the NC State Parents' Fund

# Registration Form

Registration deadline is **Tuesday, September 4, 2007**. Please note that all tickets have limited availability. Packages with football tickets will be sold via a lottery system (see "Football Ticket Distribution" on the reverse for details). Registration by the deadline DOES NOT guarantee ticket availability.

You may also register on line at [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents).

## Friday, September 28

### Family Field Days

\_\_\_\_\_ # of parent(s) & guests participating (no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of student(s) participating (no charge)

### Comedy Bonanza

\_\_\_\_\_ # of parents & guests @ \$15 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of NC State students (no charge)

## Saturday, September 29

### Parents & Families Weekend Pre-Game Event Packages

(Packages including football tickets are **limited to 5**, including the NC State student, per registration.)

### Premium Event Packages (pre-game party with buffet lunch & football ticket)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult packages @ \$70.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of student packages @ \$20.00 per NC State student \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*This package is for currently enrolled NC State students only.*  
*Current student ID must be presented with ticket at the gate.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of youth (children 12 & under) packages @ \$62.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Standard Event Packages (pre-game party & football ticket)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult packages @ \$55.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of student packages @ \$10.00 per NC State student \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*This package is for currently enrolled NC State students only.*  
*Current student ID must be presented with ticket at the gate.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of youth (children 12 & under) packages @ \$52.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Picnic-Only Packages (pre-game party & buffet lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult packages @ \$25.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of student/youth packages @ \$20.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(NC State students & children under 12)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of vegetarian lunches needed (should not exceed # of event packages purchased)

## Sunday, September 30

### Planting Project

\_\_\_\_\_ # of parent(s) & others participating (no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of student(s) participating (no charge)

### Sunday Brunch at Fountain Dining Hall

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adults & NC State students without meal plan @ \$6.50 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of NC State students with meal plan (no additional charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of youth (children 6 & under free with each paying adult)

**I want to join the NC State Parents & Families Association!** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**@ \$55/household (see newsletter for details)**

Registration Fee \$ 15.00  
Credit Card Processing Fee \$ 5.00  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include your email address so that we may send notification about your ticket order.)

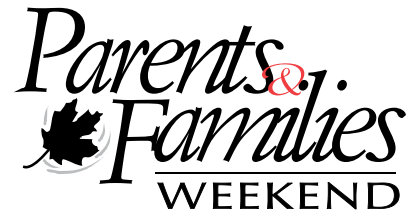
NC State Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID or DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order made payable to NC State University. *Please do not send cash.*

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard *A \$5.00 handling charge will be added to all credit card orders.*

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### Payment Policy

Payment will not be processed until after the registration deadline has passed, and lottery recipients have been identified. If your registration is not selected in the lottery, you will be notified via email and informed of the process for refunding your order.

### Refund Policy

Refunds will only be available to registrations that were NOT awarded football tickets via the lottery drawing.

Please note that we are not able to accept additional purchases after your registration has been processed.

### Mail this form with payment to:

Parents & Families Weekend  
Parents & Families Services  
Campus Box 7306  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7306

You may also fax your registration with credit card payment to 919.513.2583.

**Phone orders are not available.**

## Football Ticket Distribution

Thanks to the Wolfpack's popularity, demand for football tickets is very high. Parents & Families Services is committed to accommodating as many requests for event packages as possible. **However, there are a limited number of football tickets available.** In order for families to have an equal opportunity to purchase event packages, packages including football tickets will be distributed via lottery. Registrations will be accepted **July 27 – September 4**. Each registration received during this period will be assigned a number. Once the registration period has closed, a random set of numbers will be identified. Registration forms with the corresponding numbers will receive football tickets. **Football tickets are limited to a total of 5 (five) per family.** Registrants will be notified by email if they received or did not receive football tickets. Those families who do not receive football tickets will be offered a refund for their order.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as Parents & Families Services works to accommodate as many requests as possible.

## Pre-Game Event Package Information

- **Premium Event Packages** (adults \$70, youth under 12 \$62) – Includes a buffet lunch, pre-game party, and a football ticket.
- **NC State Student Premium Event Package** (\$20) – Includes a buffet lunch, pre-game party, and a student football ticket. Football tickets for currently enrolled NC State students are funded through student fees and are available at no additional cost. A current student ID must be presented with ticket at the gate. *Choose this package if you plan to sit with your student at the game. We will package your student's game ticket with yours to ensure that you are seated together.*
- **Standard Event Packages** (adults \$55, NC State students \$10, youth under 12 \$52) – Includes the pre-game party and a football ticket. This does NOT include the buffet lunch.

- **Picnic-Only Packages** (adults \$25; NC State students/youth \$20) – Includes a buffet lunch and pre-game party. This does NOT include a game ticket. *Choose this package for your student if you do not plan to sit with them at the game, or if you want to attend the pre-game activities with your student, but not attend the game yourself.*

## What if I only want game tickets?

Parents & Families Services cannot process orders for football tickets only. The NC State Athletic Ticket Office does not anticipate single-game tickets being available for this game. Stay posted at [gopack.com](http://gopack.com) for future ticket releases.

## How will I receive my tickets?

A confirmation package and tickets will be mailed if your registration is received by September 4. You will receive your tickets approximately ten days prior to the game.

## What do I need to do if I need special accommodations due to a disability?

If you need assistance because of a disability, please call us at (919) 515-2441 during business hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at least ten days in advance so that we may make the appropriate arrangements.

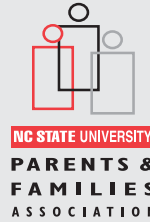
## VIP Discount Program

Save a buck or two during Parents & Families Weekend -- and through out the year. Parents & Families Association members are eligible for special discounts with their Very Important Parent membership card. *Please see [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents) for details. Rules and restrictions may apply.*

- local and national hotels
- local restaurants
- care packages, cakes, & flowers
- campus and local entertainment

## NC State Parents & Families Association

*When parents are informed...Students Benefit!*



We know that your son or daughter continues to seek your advice and guidance when it comes to college life (and not just when they need money). You probably

get calls about grades, getting an internship, or roommate issues. We want you to be an informed resource when your son or daughter calls so you can help us help them become critical thinkers and problem solvers. That's why we recommend joining the **NC State Parents & Families Association**.

Intended to strengthen the university's relationship with our students' families, the Parents & Families Association is designed to increase communication with parents and actively involve them in the life of the university. As a member, you will have access to valuable programs and services and will be eligible for helpful benefits, like:

- access to the **Parents' HelpLine**
- the *Parents' Handbook* and other orientation materials
- **PACKParents**, the semesterly newsletter of the Parents & Families Association
- a subscription to *Hello NC State Parents!* email newsletter
- an **informative website** just for parents
- invitations to special events
- special discounts at local hotels, restaurants, entertainment venues, and more through the **Very Important Parent discount program**
- a decal to proudly display on your car,
- a membership lapel pin

**JOIN TODAY!** Register on line at [www.ncsu.edu/for\\_parents](http://www.ncsu.edu/for_parents) or add a membership to your Parents & Families Weekend registration. *Please note: If you paid to attend Parents' Orientation when your son or daughter attended their orientation program, you are already a member. Membership is designed to serve one household.*

*"As the date for our daughter's graduation nears, I want you to know that I am grateful for the efforts of the university and of your office, in particular, to keep parents informed and involved in their student's life at school. From the time that I accompanied my freshman to orientation four years ago, right up to this moment, it was clear to me that NC State cares for and about its students and their families.... Your emails and newsletters have helped us to know that the school and administration would be there for us should such need arise... Thank you for your faithfulness."*

- NC State Parent