

Prairie Stars Fall Family Days 2022

October 7, 8, 9

*Events in **BOLD** are part of the Family Weekend fee.*

Friday, October 7:

2 – 6 p.m.

UIS Bookstore, Public Affairs Center, 1st Floor.
Special extended hours for Family Weekend.

3 – 7 p.m.

Family Days Check-in and On-Site Registration. Office of Admission, UHB lobby.

Check-in if and pick up your schedule and Family Weekend buttons will which get you into all the Family Weekend activities.

5 – 7 p.m.

Visual Arts Preview Show.

Tour the exhibition of the works of our Senior Visual Arts students while enjoying the performances from students in our theatre and music programs and some light refreshments. (FREE) A Family Weekend event: included in the Family Weekend fee.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

"Poly-wave: Seeds of Color and Shape," a solo exhibition by UIS alum Mauricio Ramirez. Visual Arts Gallery. Health Sciences Building (HSB).

The UIS Visual Arts Gallery is pleased to present a special showing for UIS Families "Poly-wave: Seeds of Color and Shape," a solo exhibition by Chicago-based artist and UIS alum Mauricio Ramirez, who has developed a career as an accomplished muralist since graduating from UIS in 2012. "Poly-wave: Seeds of Color and Shape" presents this signature style and focus but through a series of smaller, standalone paintings. Though these works function at a scale that departs drastically from large-scale public murals, the monumental presence of the work is not lost in translation. Tour the exhibition while enjoying the performances from students in our theatre and music programs and some light refreshments. (FREE) A Family Weekend event: included in the Family Weekend fee.

8 – 10 p.m.

Star Party. Brookens Library, Rooftop Campus Observatory.

At Star Party visitors view of the night sky through telescopes, learn about the constellations, and get answers to their burning astronomy questions. Star Parties are free and open for everyone. Registration is required – email your interest to UISOrientation@uis.edu and a link will be sent to you when the registration form opens. Visitors to a Friday Night Star Party must be able to climb up and down four flights of stairs AND climb a short 5 ft. ladder up to the main telescope dome. This session will be held weather permitting. In order to learn if the weather is suitable for viewing, please call 217-206-8342 or check @UISObservatory on Twitter after 7 p.m. on the night of the Star Party. For more information: <https://www.uis.edu/astronomy-physics/star-parties/fall-star-parties>. (FREE)

Saturday, October 8

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Family Weekend Check-in and On-Site Registration. Student Union, 1st Floor. University Hall Building, Admissions Office.**

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11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pumpkin Party

The Department of Residence Life and the members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) invite all families and students to enjoy the timeless fall tradition of painting pumpkins. Participants will be able to pick out and paint their very own small pumpkin to take home with them while indulging in some of fall's most timeless flavors. Sip a cup of apple cider, enjoy some festive fall treats, and craft to your hearts content. The event promises to bring each person into the fall season state of mid. FREE for students and their family members with your Family Weekend button.

- 12 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own.**
The Student Union Food Studio accepts UIS dining dollars (meal plan money), cash and major credit cards. Or try the famous horseshoe sandwich at one of our many [local restaurants](#).
- 12 – 2 p.m. **Prairie Stars Family Reunion Games & Carnival**
Hosted by the Office of New Student Orientation & Parent Relations. We will also be serving hamburgers/veggie burgers, chips, and lemonade. A Family Weekend event: included in the Family Weekend fee. UIS Students – you can come play even if your parents/family are unable to attend.
- Family Weekend Carnival.*
Try your hand at “carnival games” and win prizes!
- Family Reunion Games. (Start at 1 p.m.)*
Compete in our annual Family Reunion Games. Listen for the announcements, gather your family team members and compete against other families in sack races, egg/spoon race, and the three legged race. Trophies and bragging rights will be awarded to the top 3 finishers!
- 12 – 2:30 p.m. **UIS Bookstore, Public Affairs Center, 1st Floor.**
Special extended hours for Family Weekend.
- 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. **UIS Prairie Stars Families Service Event**
Spend time as a family serving the Springfield Community. The Volunteer and Civic Engagement office is setting up service activities just for our families! "Carve for the Carillon" (pumpkin carving) will be from 12:30-3pm at Washington Park on Saturday Oct. 8th. Students can RSVP for their family on [UISConnection](#). Students/Families can ride via UIS vehicle or meet at the Park. Bring Pumpkin Carving tools if you have extra. (FREE)
- 12 – 3 p.m. **Visual Arts Preview Show. Access Gallery, Visual & Performing Arts Gallery (VPA).**
Tour the exhibition of the works of our Senior Visual Arts students while enjoying the performances from students in our theatre and music programs and some light refreshments. (FREE) A Family Weekend event: included in the Family Weekend fee.
- 2 – 6 p.m. **Jarypeo Sin Fronteras**
Enjoy traditional Hispanic/Latin foods, music, and test your bull-riding skills by taking a turn on the mechanical bull. This is a great opportunity for families to see and connect to our thriving Hispanic/LatinX community at UIS! FREE while supplies last. Sponsored by the UIS Diversity Center, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, The Organization of Latin Students, and Baile Monarcas. FREE for students and their family members with your Family Weekend button.
- 3 p.m. **Women’s Volleyball vs. Truman State University. TRAC, Gym.**
Free admission to interested families, just wear your Family Weekend button (UIS students have free admission to regular season home games).
- 5 – 6:30 p.m. **Dinner. Student Union, Food Studio.**
Dine on campus with your student. The Food Studio accepts UIS dining dollars (meal plan money), cash, and major credit cards.
- 5 – 6:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own.**
Enjoy the culinary delights of Springfield’s restaurants. [Visit Springfield Illinois](#) for dining options.

- 6:30 – 8 p.m. Family Game Night and Dessert.**
Join us for our annual game night. We will provide board games and you come and play and have some dessert! A Family Weekend event: included in the Family Weekend fee.
- 7:30 p.m. Family Trivia contest!**
Test your UIS knowledge and basic trivia against other families! Download Kahoot and see how well your family does in this friendly digital competition! Trophies and bragging rights will be awarded to the top 3 family teams! A Family Weekend event: included in the Family Weekend fee. UIS Students – you can create a student team if your parents/family are unable to attend.
- 8 – 11 p.m. Ritmo, Flow y Son Dance Night.**
Students and Family members come join the members of Ritmo, Flow y Son at their first dance night. Playing multiple genres of (family friendly) music in a variety of languages, welcoming people from all backgrounds and ethnicities to dance the night away! You may even have the opportunity to learn some Latin dance steps. Free for students and their family members with your Family Weekend button.

Sunday, October 9

- 12 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Quincy. Kiwanis Stadium.**
Free admission to interested families, just wear your Family Weekend button (UIS students have free admission to regular season home games).
- 2:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Quincy. Kiwanis Stadium.**
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Suggested: Family Time! Family Time! Things to Do in Springfield:

- 10th Annual Springfield Marathon and the Harvest Wind Half Marathon & 10K, Sunday, October 9
To sign up for the Springfield Marathon please visit <https://springfieldmarathon.com/>. This is not a Family Weekend event and not included in the UIS Family Weekend fee.
- Brunch, Lunch or Dinner on your own.
Enjoy some of Springfield's 'As Seen on Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives' restaurants: D'Arcy's Pint, Charlie Parker's, or Route 66's famous Cozy Dog Drive-in. Check-out our Downtown Restaurants and Cafes too.
- Explore Springfield.
 Downtown Springfield, Inc. Events:
<https://www.downtownspringfield.org/downtown-springfield-community-calendar/>
 Illinois Times Calendar of Events:
<https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/EventSearch?v=d>
- Finding Lincoln:
<http://www.lookingforlincoln.com/>