

Prairie Stars Fall Family Days 2022

October 7, 8, 9

Friday, October 7:

- 2 – 6 p.m. UIS Bookstore, Public Affairs Center, 1st Floor.
Special extended hours for Family Weekend.
- 3 – 6 p.m. Family Days Welcome. Office of Admission, UHB lobby.
Stop by the office and say hi.
- 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. (FREE)
- 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. (FREE)
- 8 – 10 p.m. Star Party. Brookens Library, Rooftop Campus Observatory.
At Star Party visitors view 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 – <https://www.uis.edu/event/friday-night-star-party-1007> Walk-ups will be admitted as space allows but people should pre-register to reserve a space. This event is weather dependent. Participants who pre-register will receive an email on that Friday afternoon letting you know about the weather and alternate plans if it is cloudy. 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. For more information: <https://www.uis.edu/astronomy-physics/star-parties/fall-star-parties>. (FREE)

Saturday, October 8

- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Family Weekend Welcome. University Hall Building, Admissions Office.
Stop by the office and say hi.
- 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).
- 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 – 2:30 p.m. UIS Bookstore, Public Affairs Center, 1st Floor.
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- 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. (FREE)
- 2 – 6 p.m. **Jaripeo 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 – 7 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own.**
 - *Enjoy the culinary delights of Springfield's restaurants. [Visit Springfield Illinois](#) for dining options, or*
 - *Dine on campus with your student. The Food Studio accepts UIS dining dollars (meal plan money), cash, and major credit cards.*
- 8 – 11 p.m. **Noche de Baile.**
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)

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.**
Free admission to interested families, just wear your Family Weekend button (UIS students have free admission to regular season home games).

Suggested: 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 Dinners, 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/>