

Prairie Stars Fall Family Days 2024

October 11, 12, 13

Draft Schedule

Proposals from student groups are still being accepted. Final Schedule will be available September 22

Friday, October 11

3 – 8 p.m. Family Weekend Check-in. Founders Residence Hall Lobby.

Check-in and pick up your Family Weekend badges which you will need to wear to the Family Reunion Games and Family Game Night and Pizza Party and schedule of events.

5 – 7 p.m. Fleece and Thank You. Location TBA

Volunteer to help make fleece blankets for children in hospitals. This is an easy, hands on opportunity to provide joy and comfort to kids with long-term medical diagnoses. Upon completing the blankets, volunteers record a short message that will travel with the blanket to the child recipient. Blankets can be made individually or as a group. No experience necessary. FREE. This event is open to family members aged 6+. Sponsored by the Volunteer & Civic Engagement Center.

5 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Missouri-St. Louis, Kiwanis Stadium

UIS Students admitted to game FREE with iCard. Guests can order tickets online at <https://events.hometownticketing.com/organization/5bd4beee-6d30-4411-93ba-02f3d1a1f55d> or pay in person at the gate. Tickets: Youth 12 and under \$0; Adults \$8/person.

7 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Kiwanis Stadium.

Local Heroes Day. UIS Students admitted to game FREE with iCard. Guests can order tickets online at <https://events.hometownticketing.com/organization/5bd4beee-6d30-4411-93ba-02f3d1a1f55d> or pay in person at the gate. Tickets: Youth 12 and under \$0; Adults \$8/person.

8 – 9 p.m. Join Us for a Stellar Night at the UIS Star Party. Brookens Library, Rooftop Campus Observatory. Entrance accessible from southwest corner of Brookens Library.

Explore the cosmos, gaze through telescopes, and unravel the mysteries of the night sky at our Star Party. To learn more visit our website at <https://www.uis.edu/astronomy-physics/star-parties/fall-star-parties>. This event depends on clear skies, so participants who wish to attend can call 217-206-8342 at 7 p.m. on Friday night for a recording on the event status. Or you can get information and updates from @UISObservatory on X. Note: To fully enjoy the experience, participants should be comfortable climbing four flights of stairs and a short 5 ft. ladder up to the main telescope dome. (FREE)

Saturday, October 12

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Family Weekend Check-in. Founders Residence Hall Lobby.

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9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pumpkin Party. Lincoln Residence Hall, Great Room.

The Department of Residence Life invites 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. Appropriate for all ages. (FREE)

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Prairie Stars Family Reunion, Rec Field (across from Townhomes); Rain Location: TRAC

Our Signature Family Weekend event hosted by the Office of New Student Orientation & Parent Relations. A [Family Weekend Signature event](#): included in the Family Weekend fee.

Family Weekend Carnival.

Play Giant Connect Four, Laser Tag, and try your hand at carnival games and win prizes!

Family Reunion Games.

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 Races, and more. Trophies and bragging rights will be awarded to the top 3 finishers during the Family Game Night and Pizza Party!

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](#).

6 p.m. Family Game Night and Pizza Party. Founders Residence Hall, 1st Floor Student Affairs/E-Sports Lobby

Join us for our annual game night. We will provide board games and you come and play and have some pizza! The E-Sports Arena will also be open for Family members. *A Family Weekend Signature event: included in the Family Weekend fee.*

7:30 p.m. Family Trivia contest! Founders Residence Hall, classroom 153

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 Signature event: included in the Family Weekend fee.*

7:30 p.m. BEE GEES NOW: The Ultimate Tribute to the Bee Gees"

The national touring production is stopping at UIS. The show is in the 2,000-seat Sangamon Auditorium located inside the UIS Performing Arts Center, in the Public Affairs Center (PAC). Tickets currently start at \$25 and go up to \$74. But like all shows, prices may go up in relation to demand for tickets. So early purchasing is best to ensure lowest prices. Tickets are available on-line at UISpac.com/bee-gees-now. Please note there are currently no specific discounts for students or families.

Sunday, October 13

12 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Lincoln University, Kiwanis Stadium

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2:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Lincoln University, Kiwanis Stadium

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Suggested: Family Time

Want to explore the city of Springfield and surrounding area? Here are some helpful resources to plan your time:

- 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.
- Finding Lincoln <http://www.lookingforlincoln.com/>

Things to do in Springfield

(Local events are highlighted and may have required registration or admission fees. Explore links for details):

- Dinner on Your Own.
 - *Enjoy the culinary delights of Springfield's restaurants. See the [Visit Springfield Illinois](#) website for dining options, or*
- 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>. A Sample of events that may be of interest (Local events are highlighted and may require registration or admission fees. Explore links for details):
 - [Prairieland Classic All Breed Dog Show](#), Oct. 13-15
 - [The Illinois Freedom Project](#) (Saturdays 12-4) Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum
 - [Elijah Iles House](#) (Saturday 12-4). Historic Springfield house tour