Here's a preview of some of the weekend offerings and activities.

All Family Weekend events are optional. There are no required events. We hope you’ll take this time to spend quality time with your student.

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Friday, Oct. 21

2–5 p.m. • Off-Campus Studies Open House
Off-Campus Studies Open House. Memorial Building 205.

3–10 p.m. Reid Campus Center: Pick up a schedule
At the Info Desk inside the Reid Campus Center, you can pick up a printed schedule of Family Weekend events.

4:30–6 p.m. • Wind-Up Birds Concert
Enjoy this Whitman student band on the side lawn of Reid Campus Center.

5–6 p.m. • Paella on the Patio
Join Executive Chef Jon Sodini for Chicken and Butternut Squash Paella, featuring local produce from Hayshaker Farm and Frog Hollow Farm. $10 per plate, Meal Plan Flex or credit card. Reid Campus Center, Market Cafe Patio

5 p.m. • Shabbat Celebration
Gather with Kehillat Shalom, our Jewish community of students, faculty and staff, for a Shabbat celebration. We’ll light Shabbat candles, recite blessings, connect and reflect. Open to everyone. Reid Campus Center, All Faiths Room (Reid 110)

7–9 p.m. • Whitman Music Sampler Concert
Enjoy some of Whitman’s talented student ensembles conducted by brilliant faculty members in Cordiner Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 22

8 a.m.–Noon • Reid Campus Center: Pick up a schedule
At the Info Desk inside the Reid Campus Center, you can pick up a printed schedule of Family Weekend events.

8 a.m. • Family Coffee Hour
Meet other families and join us for coffee, scones and fruit. Sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Annual Giving Office. Reid Campus Center, Young Ballroom

9 a.m. • Welcome by President Sarah Bolton
Whitman College’s 15th President will welcome families to campus and answer questions. Includes a performance by Schwa, one of Whitman’s a cappella groups. Reid Campus Center, Young Ballroom
10 a.m. • Whitman Alumni Swim Meet
Watch returning alumni take on the Whitman Swim Team in their first splash of the 2022-2023 season. Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, Harvey Pool

10–11 a.m. • Zumba with ZFit!
Come dance with us! ZFit is a Zumba-inspired club with a variety of Latin and hip-hop dance moves. It's a fun and exciting way to improve cardio, promote flexibility and decrease stress. Reid Campus Center Side Lawn

10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. • Green Park Elementary School Campus Clean-Up & Mural Painting
Work alongside Whitman’s Career & Community Engagement Center to beautify one of the local public schools through gardening, wall painting and trash pick-up. Happening at Green Park Elementary School, walking distance from Whitman on Isaac Ave.

11 a.m. • Meet the Deans: Panel & Dialogue
Member of our Dean of Students Office will host this session. They look forward to sharing about the Whitman student experience and taking questions. Reid Campus Center, Young Ballroom

11 a.m.–1 p.m. • Spikeball and Cornhole Tournaments
Get your game on! Our student-led Intramural Sports program will host these family-friendly, high-fun, low-pressure tournaments on Reid Side lawn.

Noon • Root for the Blues: Women's Soccer
Cheer on our Women's Soccer team at the Whitman Athletic Fields as they take on Pacific University.

Noon–4 p.m. • Art Exhibit: time | creature | portal | self
In this 15-artist exhibition co-hosted by the Sheehan Gallery and Maxey Museum, we have expanded the traditional art and art history faculty showcase not only to encompass both spaces, but also to include work by studio art, Maxey and Sheehan Gallery staff. As curators who often work together, we know that collaboration makes us better: Things improve when they are shared, workshopped, opened up to a group or community, when more voices are included and more voices are heard. Sheehan Gallery (Olin Hall) and Maxey Museum (Maxey Hall)

1:30–3 p.m. • Academic Meet and Greet
Meet faculty from across campus, as well as current students majoring in different fields. Reid Campus Center, Young Ballroom

2–4 p.m. • Pumpkin Carving
Pick a pumpkin and get creative. This outdoor event is hosted by Whitman Events Board. Stanton-Anderson-Cleveland Field

2:30 p.m. • Root for the Blues: Men's Soccer
Cheer on our Men's Soccer team at the Whitman Athletic Fields as they take on Pacific Lutheran University.

4–5 p.m. • All Family Social Hour
Connect and mingle with fellow Whittie parents and parents over light hors d’oeuvres and refreshing beverages. Cordiner Hall Outdoor Patio

7 p.m. • SpeakEasy Concert
The SpeakEasy concert is an annual fundraiser held by the SOS volunteer club in collaboration with the a cappella groups. Ticket price is an encouraged donation to the SOS Health Services, a clinic that provides free health care to the under- or uninsured population in our community. This event will feature the talented a cappella groups on campus and all proceeds will be donated directly to the clinic. Cordiner Hall

CANCELLED
9:30 p.m. • Varsity Nordic Improv

Varsity Nordic Improv is one of the great long-standing traditions on Whitman’s campus. The family weekend event is an iconic appearance for the group and an opportunity for the new members of the team to perform. Maxey Hall Auditorium

Sunday, Oct. 23

9:30–10:30 a.m. • All Faiths at Whitman

Hear from students representing a range of spiritual worldviews on how they navigate religious life at Whitman, and some of the ways they make meaning of the experiences they’re having in college. Reid Campus Center, All Faiths Room (Reid 110)

11 a.m. • Men’s & Women’s Golf: Confluence Health Classic (Oct. 23-24)

Sunday’s action will take place at Veterans Memorial Golf Course. Monday’s play will be at Veterans Memorial Golf Course.

Noon • Root for the Blues: Women’s Soccer

Cheer on our Women’s Soccer team at the Whitman Athletic Fields as they take on George Fox University.

Noon–4 p.m. • Art Exhibit: time | creature | portal | self

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2:30 p.m. • Root for the Blues: Men’s Soccer

Cheer on our Men’s Soccer team at the Whitman Athletic Fields as they take on University of Puget Sound.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Reid Campus Center
Friday–Sunday: 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

Reid Market
Friday: 11 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday: Noon–10 p.m.
Sunday: 2–4 p.m.

Bookstore
Friday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Cleveland Commons

FRIDAY
Cleveland Espresso: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
Breakfast: 7:30–9:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5–7 p.m. (Grill open until 8 p.m.)

SATURDAY–SUNDAY
Cleveland Espresso: 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
Brunch: 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5–7 p.m. (Grill open until 8 p.m.)
Enjoy & Explore!

Self-Guided Tours
At your leisure, take one of Whitman’s self-guided tours, including our self-guided audio campus tour, disc golf course, tree tour and outdoor sculpture walk.

Here are a few ideas for activities that you can do with your student during your visit:

- Explore downtown Walla Walla.
- Ask your student to give you a custom tour of their favorite places on campus.
- Check out a bike from Penrose Library and ride with your student up the Mill Creek Trail to Rooks Park.
- Take a walk around Bennington Lake, the local reservoir.
- Tour the residence hall, interest house, fraternity, sorority, house or apartment where your student lives.
- Walk to Pioneer Park.
- Play a round at one of Walla Walla’s beautiful golf courses.
- Take a trip up to the Blue Mountains.

Whitman Self-Guided Tours
Scan a QR code below to get started.

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