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Family Weekend at Richmond

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The first month of classes has flown by and Parents Weekend is here already! This weekend is the best time for families to see what the University of Richmond is all about and to experience the unique college life of UR students. UR has organized a number of special events for students, families, and friends to partake in over the course of the next few days, so don’t let this opportunity pass you by! Take full advantage of this weekend by meeting the UR faculty, making new friends, and enjoying everything that Richmond has prepared for you.

The Richmond Regatta

On Friday at 3:00 PM, Delta Gamma and Theta Chi will be hosting their philanthropy event, the Richmond Regatta, on the Westhampton Lake. All proceeds go to the United Service Organizations (U.S.O.) and Serving for Sight: Joining Forces. The Regatta consists of one-person kayak races that begin at the Richmond side of the gazebo and end at the Westhampton side. The races will be categorized into three groups: men’s, women’s, and mixed. The race is open to all students, and there will be prizes awarded to the winners. This is the first annual Richmond Regatta; join in on the fun!

Pre-game and tailgate of the Football Game

For all those getting excited for the football game, there will be a pre-game picnic in the Westhampton Green from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Saturday. There’s a $15 fee per person to get in, but it’s a great time to meet other UR families and faculty, and to enjoy some food and live jazz music from our very own students! The Westhampton Green is located between Keller Hall, Booker Hall, and Gray Court. From there, you can get to the stadium quickly by walking past our Greek Theater, down some steps, and over our lake, past the gazebo and to the Robins Stadium.

Football Game: Richmond Spiders vs. Maine Black Bears

On Saturday, the Spiders will be taking on the Black Bears at 4:00 PM. The Richmond campus will be crawling with red and navy blue as the Spiders begin to pump up and rally for the football game. Be sure to get in on the fun by bringing out your Richmond colors or hurry into get some Richmond attire from the UR Bookstore! The hours at the Bookstore this weekend are:

- Friday, September 27: 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- Saturday, September 28: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Sunday, September 29: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The last two times the Spiders played the Maine Black Bears was in 2005 and 2008; the Spiders beat them both times! Let’s to make it a third time. The stands will be booming with Spider pride; don’t miss out on the action!

Exploring the City of Richmond

Despite the “bubble” of UR, the city of Richmond is teeming with a bunch of things to do. If you want to get off campus and explore the city, here are a few places to go:

**Virginia Museum of Fine Arts:** This is a free arts museum located off of North Boulevard. It presents different kinds of art from different cultures and different centuries. The exhibits displayed range from that of Native American art to Japanese dolls!

- **Hours:**
  - Friday – 10 AM to 9 PM
  - Saturday – 10 AM to 5 PM
  - Sunday – 10 AM to 5 PM

**Science Museum of Virginia:** The science museum covers a variety of topics such as space, the human body, creatures, idea innovation, and more! Some parts of the museum are interactive, and all are very interesting.

- **Admission:**
  - Adult (13-59) - $11
  - Youth (4-12) and Seniors (60+) - $10

- **Hours:**
  - Friday – 9:30 AM to 5 PM
  - Saturday – 9:30 AM to 5 PM
  - Sunday – 11:30 AM to 5 PM

**Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens:** The Gardens focus on teaching people about plants while promoting beautiful gardens and landscaping designs. You can find many different types of flowers that accentuate each garden. If you’re looking to stroll around among gorgeous
gardens, check this place out!

**Admission:**
- Adults: $11
- Seniors (55+): $10
- Children (3-12): $7
- Under 3 years: Free

**Hours:**
Open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM

**Dinnertime in Carytown**
As delicious as the food is at UR, I’m sure that after a month of eating on-campus, it might be a good idea to try a new restaurant for dinner. Carytown is a popular place to go, and it’s only a couple minutes’ drive away! If you can’t quite decide on where to go, here’s a list of options to help you out:

**Amici Ristorante:** This Italian restaurant is relatively inexpensive and serves authentic Italian Cuisine. I went to Amici last year for Parents Weekend, and let me tell you, their pasta is absolutely delicious!

Typical price range: $10.00 - $25.00

**Baker's Crust:** This restaurant offers a variety of different foods including pasta, paninis, pizza, seafood, sandwiches, and more! I have gone to Baker's Crust with friends and family, and everyone has always been completely satisfied. There's something for everyone here.

Typical price range: $8.00 - $20.00

**Burger Bach:** Burger Bach prides itself in the quality of their meats, which come from New Zealand! They serve gourmet burgers, and they're confident that they won't disappoint their customers. Go give it a try!

Typical price range: $8.00 - $12.00

**Carytown Burgers and Fries:** If you're interested in eating a casual dinner, this is the place to go. Just like the name says, Carytown Burgers and Fries makes burgers of all kinds to satisfy your particular craving. Many students go here often, including me, to get ahold of some really tasty burgers.

Typical price range: $4.00 - $8.00

**Weezie's Kitchen:** A little bit more on the pricier side is Weezie's Kitchen. They serve foods ranging from steaks to seafood to pasta. You definitely get to eat exactly what you pay for in both quantity and quality.

Typical price range: $9.00 - $17.00

All of these restaurants are either located on West Cary Street, or right off of Cary Street. I've only listed a few restaurants here, but there are many more that you can try! For something a little different, try Carytown Sushi, Thai Diner Too (which many people are a fan of), and Nacho Mama's Carytown. Otherwise, take some time to explore Carytown!

**A Cappella Concert**
Spend a lovely Saturday evening enjoying our very own a cappella groups in the Greek Theatre. Performing groups include Choeur du Roi, the Octaves, Off the Cuff and the Sirens. The concert begins at 9:00 PM and will end at approximately 10:30 PM. And if you can’t make it to the evening concert, there is a daytime concert at 12:00 PM in Booker Hall! Our a cappella groups are definitely something else; they won’t fail to amaze you!

**Arts Around the Lake**
Our 34th annual fine arts show will be going on from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday. Artwork from our local artists will be featured around the lake on the Richmond side of campus by Lakeview. There will be some snacks and plenty of beautiful art, so end Parents Weekend with a relaxing afternoon by the lake.

I have just briefly described some of the things that are going on at the University of Richmond. You definitely don’t have the time to hit everything that I’ve just described, but you can definitely work on doing most of it! Start now and enjoy your weekend!

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**What's Happening to UR?**
By now you’ve probably seen all of the construction going on around campus. They have been working on these construction projects since early summer. What they are building? Well, by the intramural fields and next to the Chapel parking lot, they are building a new set of apartments. These apartments are different from the ones that you see now around campus because they will be stacked on top of each other instead of built next to each other. Also, the apartments that we have now houses four students each; these new apartments will house a total of 176 students! We’re looking forward to seeing the finished product.

On the other side of campus, the new Westhampton residence hall is being built next to South Court. The hall will house 157 students and is being built in a suite-style fashion. They’re hoping to open it up by fall 2013.

UR has also been busy on renovating the Robins Center all summer. They are working on installing more comfortable seats, making the steps more handicap-accessible, and just making the overall place look better. They’re almost finished with this project, so the first basketball game at UR will be quite a show!

Two more projects are: 1) the old apartment and 2) Chapel renovations. Over the summer, they have worked on the interior and exterior of most of the apartments. You will find that these new apartments have new furniture, new bathrooms and kitchens, new carpet and tile, and more. UR has also been working on revitalizing our Chapel. It's going to be a surprise for all of us!