Activities for Kids | Reunion 2012

Youth Program and Child Care

The University will be offering a youth program on Friday and Saturday for children 6 to 15 years old. The program provides adult supervision, dinner, and academic and recreational activities. Activities are designed to be age-appropriate, with separate schedules for ages 6 to 8, 9 to 12, and 13 to 15. The program begins with registration at 3:30 p.m. and concludes each evening at 11:00 p.m. There is absolutely no walk-in registration during the weekend. You can register your child for the youth program on-line when you register you and your family for reunion weekend at https://reunion-registration.alumni.cornell.edu/

Child care is also available Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers (3 months to age 10) at a licensed childcare facility, the Ithaca Community Child Care Center (IC3). Preregistration is required. For details visit http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/youth-program.cfm, call IC3 directly at 607-257-0200 or visit http://icthree.org/.

Download the IC3 information sheet and registration form (PDF)

Fun in the Sun

Saturday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the Arts Quad--rain or shine!
Fun in the Sun is a two hour Carnival on the Arts Quad offering fun-filled activities for kids of all ages. Activities will include a DJ, The Adrenaline Rush, bounce, special appearances by the Big Red Band, demonstrations by the Cornell Raptor Program (live birds of prey), strolling Jugglers, arts and crafts, face painting, and ice cream for all.

Cornell Law School Scavenger Hunt

Participate in a fun-filled scavenger hunt around campus. Search high and low, follow hints and directions for the items you must find and the activities to be completed. Once you have completed at least 8 out of 10 tasks, bring your bag full of loot to the scavenger check-in station at the CLS Barbeque Lunch on Saturday. All successful entrants will be entered into a random drawing for one of our amazing tote bags filled with great Cornell Law School merchandise! Good luck!!!
Bill Nye Presentation

Saturday, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Baker Lab Auditorium
Sponsored by the Class of 1977, please join Bill Nye at Baker Lab Auditorium for a
Family friendly presentation, "It's High Time to Know Our Place in Space."

College of Arts and Sciences

Favorite Physics Demonstrations
Friday, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Rockefeller Hall, Schwartz Auditorium
Alumni, family, and friends are invited to view amazing and educational lecture demonstrations by the physics faculty. Explanations designed for all ages. Hands-on demonstrations available. Refreshments provided.

Cornell NanoScale Facility

CNF Video and Walking Tour
Friday, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., 3 p.m.- 4 p.m., 254 Duffield Hall
Cornell NanoScale Science and Technology Facility (CNF) is one of the leading nanotechnology facilities in the country. Come and learn about the promise of nanotechnology and Cornell's role in this exciting field. A video tour and talk will give an overview of what we do and how we do it. We'll then take a walking tour through Duffield Hall and discuss the tools available to our users. The video/talk/tour lasts about one hour. Refreshments and goodies will be provided.

Department of Astronomy

Public Talks at Space Sciences
Saturday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m., 105 Space Sciences Building
Space Sciences open house with approximate half hour talks presented by Space Sciences faculty & staff. Space Sciences research associates and graduate students will be on hand to answer questions about an array of magnificent projects. Posters and images will cover topics ranging from the exciting exploration of nearby planets to glimpses of distant galaxies in the deepest regions of the universe. Also, hands on activities for kids of all ages! Open to the public.

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Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Guided tour of The Museum of the Earth and collections
Saturday, 2 p.m.- 5 p.m., Museum of the Earth and the Paleontological Research Institution, 1259 Trumansburg Rd., Ithaca
Join a guided tour of The Museum of the Earth and its collections led by Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Hunter R. Rawlings III Professor of Paleontology and Director of the Paleontological Research Institution, Dr. Warren Allmon. A right whale skeleton suspended in the atrium welcomes you to a beautiful museum in which you can follow the major transformations of life through the ages as displayed through fossils and videos. Observe the seismograph display and view research by EAS faculty and students. Collect fossils from the Devonian seas of Ithaca. Fun for all ages. Free admission is offered to alumni and families. Donations appreciated.

Open House
Thursday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Snee Hall Atrium
Visit the Timothy N. Heasley Mineral Museum and inspect our mastodon and fossil exhibits while keeping an eye on the earth's last rumblings at the Snee earthquake seismograph. Enjoy a stroll with the self-guided tour through the Engineering Quad Rock Parks.

Walking Tours and Hikes

Historic Walking Tour
Friday, 10 a.m.- 11 a.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.- 11 a.m., Depart from west entrance of Barton Hall (nearest Statler Hall)
Designed especially for Reunion weekend, this one-hour tour will feature some of Cornell's most historic places: Sage Chapel, the Andrew Dickson White House and garden, Old Stone Row, and Uris Undergraduate Library. Walking will be moderate, with numerous chances to visit building interiors. This tour will end at Willard Straight Hall.

Plantations History Tour
Friday, 3 p.m.- 4 p.m., Nevin Welcome Center, Cornell Plantations
Though Cornell Plantations was named by Liberty Hyde Bailey in 1944, its origins can be traced back to the founding of the university. On this tour through the botanical garden, you will learn how our present-day gardens and landscapes took shape over time, hear some interesting stories from the past, and get a glimpse of things to come.

Plantations Botanical Garden Highlights Tour
Saturday, 10 a.m.- 11 a.m., Cornell Plantations
This tour will highlight the Bowers Rhododendron Collection, Robison Herb Garden, Young Flower Garden, and Mullestein Winter Garden. You can also ask our horticulture staff about gardening questions at the information desk under the pergola at the Lewis Education Center.

Plantations Mundy Wildflower Garden Tour
Friday, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m., Mundy Wildflower Garden, Caldwell Road Entrance
Enjoy anemones to zizzia and everything in between as you explore Cornell Plantations' wildflower garden with our native plants gardener and volunteer docents. Meet at the Caldwell
Road entrance to the garden (across from the Arboretum) or take our shuttle van from Barton Hall.

**Beebe Lake Natural History Walk**  
**Thursday, 3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., Beebe Beach**  
Did you know that Beebe Lake was originally a forested swamp? Or that it is part of Cornell Plantations? Join field botanist Robert Wesley to stroll around the lake and learn more about the history, flora, and fauna of Cornell's favorite natural area. Meet at the tent on Beebe Beach.

**Guided Bird Walks**  
**Friday, 7 a.m., 9 a.m., Saturday, 7 a.m., 9 a.m., Lab of Ornithology**  
Meet in the visitors center. Continental breakfast provided following the 7 a.m. bird walks on both days. A shuttle will be available.

**Upper Cascadilla Gorge Hike**  
**Friday, 2 p.m.- 3 p.m., Saturday, 1 p.m.- 2 p.m., Meet at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts in Collegetown**  
Join Cornell Plantations' Natural Areas Director, Todd Bittner, and Interpretation Coordinator, Sarah Fiorello ’98, on a hike through Upper Cascadilla Gorge. Hear about the restoration project for the iconic gorge trail and explore the geology, natural history, and beauty of this scenic greenway, which is one of the many natural areas managed by Cornell Plantations. Although most of the hike will follow a level pathway, there is a moderately steep hill at the end. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet in front of the Schwartz Performing Arts Center; the tour will end at the Engineering Quad.

**Gorge Hike**  
**Sunday, 9am-1pm (4 hour slot), Bartels Hall**  
Explore Ithaca’s gorgeous gorges and wondrous waterfalls. Learn about the geology, natural history, and human history of these iconic Ithaca features. Lots of steps, but otherwise easy walking at a very moderate pace. Cornell Outdoor Education instructors are on-hand for the adventure, all equipment is provided, no experience necessary. Transportation and park entry fee provided. $50 per person for **pre-registered**, or $60 on site. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Call 607-254-1357 for more information.

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**Department of Athletics and Outdoor Education**  
Please refer to the University website for details and to pre-register for these events. Fees are refundable until May 25, 2012. We cannot provide written confirmation.  
[http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/athletics.cfm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/athletics.cfm)

**Rappel**  
**Friday, 10am-1pm (1/2 hour slots), Schoellkopf Crescent (parking lot across from Bartels Hall)**  
Rappel off the top of the Schoellkopf Crescent. Cornell Outdoor Education instructors are on-hand for the adventure, all equipment is provided, no experience necessary. Minimum age 8 years. $10 per person for **pre-registered**, or $12 on site. Space is limited, so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Call 607-254-1357 for more information.

**Hoffman Challenge Course**  
**Saturday, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m., 4 p.m.- 6 p.m., Hoffman Challenge Course (pre-registration required)**
Rain or shine, $45 per person. Come try Cornell's high element challenge course. Ten minute drive from campus. Wear closed toed shoes or sneakers; drink and snack recommended. Minimum age 8 years; must register in advance. For more information, call 607-254-7474.

**Barton High Challenge Course**
Friday, 2pm-6pm (2 hour slots), Barton Hall
$25 per person. Come try Cornell's indoor high element challenge course. Wear closed-toed shoes or sneakers; drink and snack recommended. Minimum age 8 years; must register in advance. Space is limited. For more information, call 607-254-4897

**Bike Tour**
Friday, 10am-12pm (2 hour slot), Saturday, 3pm-5pm (2 hour slot), Bartels Hall
Tour Cornell’s campus and surrounding area including Beebe Lake, Plantations, Fall Creek, and Cascadilla Creek, all on the freedom of a bike. Mellow meandering, mostly on pavement, with some hills. Cornell Outdoor Education instructors are on-hand for the adventure, all equipment is provided. Must be comfortable on a bike, and at least five feet tall to fit bikes. $25 per person for pre-registered, or $30 on site. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Call 607-254-1357 for more information.

**Tyrolean Traverse**
Friday, 10am-5pm (1/2 hour slots), Saturday, 10am-5pm (1/2 hour slots), Near Sackett Footbridge at east end of Beebe Lake
Glide over the water on a zip line with spectacular views. Cornell Outdoor Education instructors are on-hand for the adventure, all equipment is provided, no experience necessary. Minimum age is 8 years. $10 per person for pre-registered, or $12 on site. Space is limited, so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Call 607-254-1357 for more information.

**Rock Climbing**
Friday, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm (1 hour slots), Saturday, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm (1 hour slots), Lindseth Climbing Wall
Climb on North America's largest natural rock climbing wall. Cornell Outdoor Education instructors are on-hand for the adventure, all equipment is provided, no experience necessary. Minimum age 8 years old, $15 per person for pre-registered, or $18 on site. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Call 607-254-1357 for more information.

**Canoeing**
Friday, 10:00am-5:00pm (1 hour slots), Saturday, 10:00am-5:00pm (1 hour slots), Beebe Lake
Paddle around beautiful Beebe Lake in the heart of campus. Cornell Outdoor Education instructors are on-hand for the adventure, all equipment is provided, no experience necessary. $15 per person for pre-registered, or $18 on site. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is strongly recommended. Call 607-254-1357 for more information.

**Reunion Run**
Saturday, 7:30 a.m., Garden Avenue near Barton Hall
Cornell Reunion Run is open to all alumni and their guests and to the university's faculty and staff members. Click here to pre-register for either a 2- or 5-mile course. Pre-registrants should pick up their numbers and T-shirts on Friday at Barton Hall (noon to 6 p.m.) or at the Carol Tatkon Center in Balch Hall (6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.). Walk-in registrants may register on Friday at Barton Hall (noon to 6 p.m.) or at the Carol Tatkon Center (6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.). The walk-in registration fee is $20, and T-shirts cannot be guaranteed. No Saturday registrations, please.
Alumni are also invited to walk the 2-mile course and may register as a walk-in if they wish to receive a T-shirt; otherwise, pre-registration is not necessary.

**Lab of Ornithology**

Come and visit the Imogene Powers Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity at Sapsucker Woods. The center features the Morgens Observatory with its spectacular views of Sapsucker Woods Pond, a surround-sound movie theatre, a working sound studio, the Williams Gallery of Art's exhibition of North American bird art, interactive bird identification exhibits, Cornell's 20th library, the Allen Tree House, and a Wild Birds Unlimited gift shop. Take this opportunity to visit the Lab with your family and friends, introduce them to the wonderful world of birds, and take them on our foot-friendly trails and boardwalks through Sapsucker Woods. Trails are open from dawn to dusk.

**Cornell Plantations**

Cornell Plantations is the botanical gardens, arboretum, and natural areas of Cornell University. During Reunion our rhododendrons, iris, and magnolias should be blooming, and you may still find many spring wildflowers in the Mundy Wildflower Garden and natural areas. Take one of our shuttle vans from Barton Hall to the Nevin Welcome Center, where you can pick up a visitor map and talk to our staff about the best places to stroll, hike, or just relax. Shuttle service is provided from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

**Cornell Chimes**

They say that before Cornell students graduate, they should take at least one trip to the top of McGraw Tower to see a live chimes concert and admire the panoramic views. Did you ever make the climb? Have you visited the tower recently? Visitors are welcome at any of our concerts or at our open house. Please check www.chimes.cornell.edu for any concerts not listed here. Cornell Chimes Concerts will be Friday, 6 p.m.- 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 6 p.m.- 6:30 p.m., And Sunday, 10 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

Visitors are invited to any of our concerts. The doors McGraw Tower open 10 minutes before concert time and close in the middle of the concert.

**Savage Club Reunion Show**

Thursday, 8:15 p.m.- 11 p.m., Alice Statler Auditorium

The Savage Club, founded in 1895, is a perennial favorite, and the annual variety show is a rousing kickoff for Reunion weekend. This year's show will feature jazz and rock bands, Cornell songs, comedy, magic, and more. It's sure to delight audiences of all ages! Doors open at 7:45 p.m. Come early, stay late, and enjoy the fun! Tickets are $20 and will be available at class headquarters and at the door. Savage Club CDs will be available at the show for $10. The Savage Club, founded in 1895, provides financial and production support to further performing arts in the greater Ithaca area.
For more information and to see all of the Cornell University Reunion Events and Activities visit http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/activities.cfm