



Parent and Family Services
TRANSITION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



2025 Event Booklet

OCTOBER 17TH-18TH, 2025

FOOD, GAMES, SHOWS, PRIZES

WELCOME!

Dear Maverick Families,

We are so excited to have you here for Friends & Family Weekend 2025! This event has been a long standing tradition at UTA and we are thrilled to have you become part it.

Please use this event booklet as your guide to the Friends & Family Weekend activities. We aim to enhance the Maverick family experience every year, so please feel free to customize your weekend schedule based on your interests.

If you have any questions or concerns, our team is available to assist you. We have an exciting weekend planned and we hope you enjoy your time with us!

With Maverick Pride,
UTA Parent and Family Services



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PARKING DETAILS

REGISTER FOR AN EVENT PARKING PERMIT

All vehicles parking on campus will require a permit. Follow the instructions below to claim your event parking permit.

1. Scan the QR code on the right
2. Select "Purchase Event Permit"
3. Select "Department-Hosted Event"
4. Select "Friends & Family Weekend 2025"
5. Enter voucher code: FFW2025
6. Select permit type "(EVT-COMP) UTA Friends & Family Weekend"
7. Select the active date
8. Add vehicle info and confirm



DOWNLOAD THE TRIPSHOT APP

The UTA MavMover shuttle buses will run for Friends & Family Weekend on Saturday, 10-18-2025. We encourage all Friends & Family Weekend attendees to download the TripShot app to track the arrival times of the MavMover shuttles.

Many of our events are within walking distance and space is limited on the MavMover shuttles. We ask that you give priority to those participants who need to utilize this service or those going to events across campus.

1. Download the TripShot app from your phone's app store.
2. Select Choose Public System
3. Select University of Texas at Arlington

PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH

- If you're stopping by the UTA Studio Arts Center for their annual sale and glass blowing demonstrations, we recommend parking at Lot 27 located off of Davis Drive.
- If you have registered for the tour at AT&T Stadium at 10:00am, you will park at AT&T Stadium in Blue Lot 1 or Blue Lot 2. The address for AT&T Stadium is 1 AT&T Way, Arlington, TX 76011.
- When you arrive for check-in at University Center, we recommend parking in lots 38, 39, or the garages (Park North, Central, or South).




SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

- When you arrive for check-in on Saturday, we recommend parking in lots F11, F12, 38, 39, or the garages (Park North, Central, or South).
- If you would like to park near the College Park Center for the volleyball game, we recommend parking in the Park South garage.
- If you're stopping by the UTA Studio Arts Center for their annual sale and glass blowing demonstrations, we recommend parking at Lot 27 located off of Davis Drive.
- If you would like to drive to the Maverick Activities Center for a tour of the facility and participate in the Maverick Family Games Competition, we recommend parking in Lot 34 or the West Campus Garage located off of Nedderman Drive.
- If you would like to go to the UTA Planetarium, we recommend parking in Lot F10 off of S. West Street.

FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEKEND

EVENT PARKING MAP

PARKING ZONES

-  General Parking (Friday & Saturday)
-  General Parking (Saturday)
-  ADA Accessible

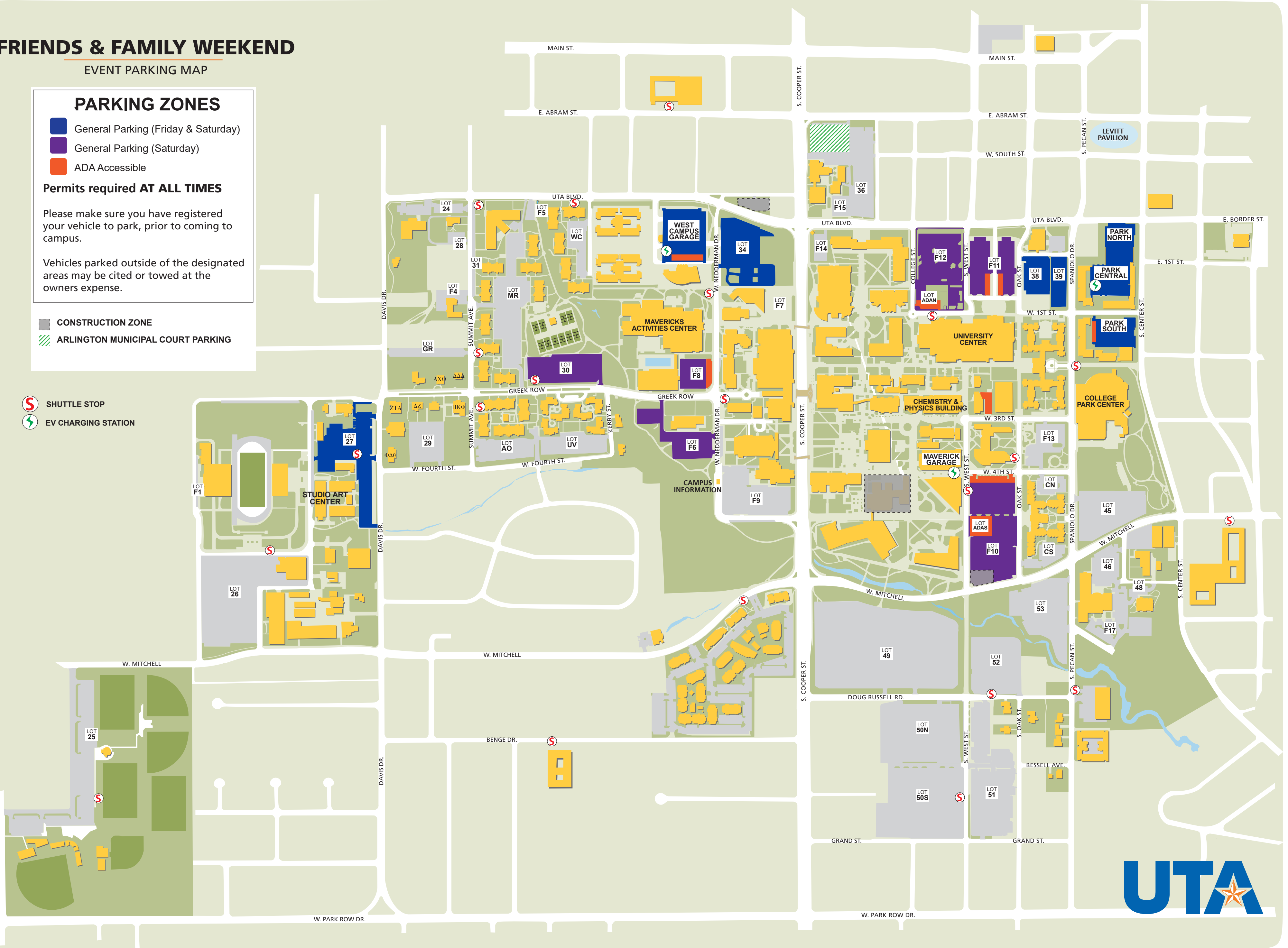
Permits required **AT ALL TIMES**

Please make sure you have registered your vehicle to park, prior to coming to campus.

Vehicles parked outside of the designated areas may be cited or towed at the owners expense.

- CONSTRUCTION ZONE
- ARLINGTON MUNICIPAL COURT PARKING

- SHUTTLE STOP
 - EV CHARGING STATION



LOCATION ADDRESSES

University Center

300 W First Street, Arlington, TX

UTA Studio Arts Center

810 S. Davis St., Arlington, TX

UTA Planetarium and Chemistry & Physics Building

700 Planetarium Place, Arlington, TX

Brazos Park

601 S W St, Arlington, TX

Maverick Activites Center (MAC)

500 W Nedderman Dr, Arlington, TX

College Park Center

600 S Center St, Arlington, TX

AT&T Stadium

1 AT&T Way, Arlington, TX

Nedderman Hall

416 Yates St, Arlington, TX

Social Work and Smart Hospital

501 W Mitchell St., Arlington, TX

For the parking lot and garage
addresses, please scan
this QR code



CHECK-IN DETAILS

All Friends & Family Weekend participants must complete check-in to access any of the activities this weekend. During check-in, each registered attendee will receive their event badge, tickets to the women's volleyball game, and other important information about Friends & Family Weekend.

Check-in is set up based on the name of the person that submitted the registration form on the Maverick Family Connection Portal. When you arrive for check-in, please have the QR code attached to your email ready to be scanned.

If you are a member of our Maverick Parent & Family Association, please utilize the MPFA express check-in lane and have your member card ready. MPFA members will receive a special welcome bag during check-in!

CHECK-IN HOURS & LOCATION

Friday, October 17th from 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday, October 18th from 10:00am - 2:00pm

University Center lobby by the Bluebonnet Ballroom

300 W First Street, Arlington, TX 76019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17, 2025

VIP Tour of AT&T Stadium

AT&T Stadium at 1 AT&T Way, Arlington, TX | 10:00am - 11:30am

**Pre-registration required*

AT&T Stadium is more than just the home of the Dallas Cowboys. AT&T Stadium is an engineering marvel, an art museum, and a venue that hosts a variety of events throughout the year. This guided tour offers something for everyone and ensures you leave with a wealth of facts and appreciation for one of DFW's largest attractions.

Talent Show

University Center Rosebud Theater | 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Start Friends & Family Weekend off the right way! Join us for an incredible showcase of talent at UTA.

Casino On Campus!

University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom | 7:00pm – 9:00pm

After the Talent Show, head over to the Bluebonnet Ballroom for casino games! We will also have bingo available in the Rosebud Theater. Each participant will get play money at check-in to use for the games. The more games you win, the more chances you'll have to win one of our prizes!

Show at the UTA Planetarium

Black Holes | 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Few mysteries in the universe have the power and awe of the black hole. Only now are we on the verge of understanding their true nature. What are they? How are they made? Is the Earth in danger of being pulled into one? Discover the answers in the Clark Planetarium's most popular original fulldome production 'Black Holes'.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025

Welcome Brunch

University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Kick off your Saturday with a hearty brunch! We will also have some very special guests, including UTA President Dr. Jennifer Cowley and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Lowell Davis.

Brunch on Saturday morning will be served at 10:00am as a buffet. The menu is coffee, juice, water, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon & pork sausage, breakfast potatoes, seasonal fruit, and pastries.

UTA Women's Volleyball Game against Utah Tech

College Park Center | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Tickets for the game will be provided at check-in. After the match ends, go onto the court to meet the team and get autographs!



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Choose Your Own Afternoon Adventure!

Annual Sale and Glass Blowing Demonstrations

UTA Studio Arts Center | Available until 5:00pm

Join the Department of Art and Art History for a glass blowing demonstration at our world class state of the art studio! While you're there, you can shop for glass pumpkins and other art work to take home with you!

Maverick Family Games Competition and Tour of the MAC

Maverick Activities Center (MAC) | 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Take some time this afternoon to stop by the MAC for a tour of our incredible facility and participate in our games competition! Compete head-to-head with your fellow Maverick families at this family favorite event. The more games you win, the more chances you'll have to win prizes!

Shows at the UTA Planetarium

1:00pm - 2:00pm: One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure

One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure begins on Sesame Street when Elmo's friend, Hu Hu Zhu, visits from China. Together, Big Bird, Elmo and Hu Hu Zhu locate the Big Dipper, the North Star and the Moon in the night sky. Use your imagination to explore the moon. Return to earth and discover that even though we live far away, we all live under the same sky.

2:00pm - 3:00pm: Spooky Space

Looking for cosmic fun this Halloween season? Would you like to meet the spectacular stars of Halloween? Monsters, zombies, and ghosts and their far more terrible counterparts in space? Oh yes, space has its monsters: Black holes, zombie stars, and spectacular ghostly nebulae! Explore these spooky wonders of the night sky here at the planetarium. Learn about the celestial origins of Halloween and how it is an astronomical holiday.

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Choose Your Own Afternoon Adventure!

College of Sciences Mini Science Experience

Chemistry & Physics Building Lobby (CPB) | 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Guests of all ages can test their steady hands in a classic Operation challenge, explore the power of physics with balloon rockets, get an up-close look at the microscopic world, light up bulbs with simple circuits, and strike a pose in lab coats and goggles at our science photo booth! Don't miss our mini Planetarium shows at 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. for a journey through the stars right here on campus.

College of Engineering Student Panel

Nedderman Hall room 105 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm

What's it like to be an engineering student? What opportunities can your student take advantage of here? Come by to hear a panel of students speak about their experiences and engage in a question-and-answer session!

School of Social Work Open House

Social Work and Smart Hospital | 2:30pm - 3:30pm

This open house is a great chance for families to meet the team, learn about the program, and see the incredible work happening here.

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Dinner and Evening Entertainment

Brazos Park | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us for a memorable night featuring a live performance by The Inspiration Band! Don't be afraid to strike a move on the dance floor or play one of our many yard games.

Dinner for Saturday evening will be served at 5:30pm as a buffet. The menu is flour & corn tortillas, chicken/steak/portobello fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, roasted corn & peppers, chips with salsa & queso, and mini tres leches cakes.

Choose Your Own Evening Adventure!

Fright Night Haunted House *by EXCEL Campus Activities* *University Center Rio Grande Ballroom | 7:00pm - 10:00pm*

If you dare, go to the upper level of the University Center to uncover the chilling secrets of a mansion where the past refuses to stay buried... Fright Night is a family favorite activity every year, so make this part of your holiday season tradition at UTA!

Show at the UTA Planetarium

UTA Planetarium | Starting at 7:00pm

Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon

Pink Floyd is the classic rock that everyone loves. The 5.1 surround sound music is set to immersive and surrealistic CG effects in a dome environment.

DISCLAIMER: Recommended for ages 14+. The album covers topics of abuse, isolation, conflict and greed which some parents may not find suitable for children.

ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Special Collections Exhibit

UTA Central Library, 6th floor

Friday, October 17th from 9:00am - 5:00pm

Step into a world of rare treasures and untold stories housed at UTA's Special Collections in the Central Library. Their exhibits include manuscripts, historical photographs, rare books, maps, architectural drawings, and oral histories.

UTA Bookstore

400 Spaniolo Drive, Arlington, TX 76010

Enjoy 20% off one apparel or gift item!

Friday, October 17th from 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday, October 18th from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Annual Sale and Glass Blowing Demonstrations

UTA Studio Arts Center

Friday, October 17th from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday, October 18th from 9:00am - 5:00pm

UTA Wind Symphony Concert

Fine Arts Building, Irons Recital Hall

Friday, October 17th at 7:30pm

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, alumni, and seniors. You can purchase them in advance at www.utatickets.com.

Trajé del Bailé: Selections from the UTA Latin American Collection Visual Resource Collections & Gallery, Ste. 2109, Fine Arts Building, 2nd floor

Friday, October 17th from 9:00am - 5:00pm

Exhibiting the dance masks and costumes of Bolivia, Guatemala, and Mexico. Join us in viewing and celebrating these works throughout the Fall 2025 semester.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Attractions and Activities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex

Off-campus activities are not included in the event ticket price.

- State Fair of Texas at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas | Available through Sunday, October 19th
- Fright Fest at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington, Texas
- Pumpkin Nights at Howell Farms in Arlington **
- Exhibit at the Arlington Museum of Art | Game of Thrones: The Exhibition
- Rally Day at AT&T Stadium | Saturday, October 18th **
- Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Commanders at AT&T Stadium | Sunday, October 19th at 3:25pm **
- National Medal of Honor Museum | Open everyday from 10:00am - 5:00pm
- International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame | Open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30am - 5:00pm

*** Pre-registration required*

Special Offers and Discounts in Downtown Arlington

Must present your Friends & Family Weekend event badge to get the offer

- Kung Fu Tea | 10% off all drinks
- Inclusion Coffee | 10% off your purchase
- The Mosaic Market | \$10 off your purchase
- Stash VHS | 20% off vintage + 15% off hype items & 10% off sneakers
- Division Brewing | 15% off your purchase
- Binion's | \$10 Burger Sliders, \$10 Binions Wings, \$10 Quesadillas, \$10 Cripsy Chicken strips
- Wondrous Works | 20% off in store
- Donna's Gift Closet | 20% off in store
- TAIPO | 10% off your purchase
- Old School Pizza Tavern | 15% off your purchase
- Amore Mio Trattoria | 30% off your purchase



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