

UTA PARENT & FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS

FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEKEND



WELCOME!

The Department of Transition Programs and Services and Office of Parent and Family Services welcomes you to Friends & Family Weekend 2024! Friends & Family Weekend, formerly Parent and Family Weekend, has been a tradition at UTA since 2006. We are so pleased that you and your family have decided to come to campus and become part of this tradition!

Please use this program 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!



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 **Department-Hosted Event**
3. Select **Friends & Family Weekend 2024**
4. Enter voucher code **FFW2024**
5. Select permit type **(EVT-COMP) Student Surface Lots**
6. Select the active date
7. Add vehicle info and confirm



DOWNLOAD THE TRIPSHOT APP

The UTA MavMover shuttle buses will run a special route for Friends & Family Weekend on Saturday, 10-19-2024. 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 the campus is very pedestrian-friendly. Space is limited on the MavMover shuttles and we ask that you give priority to those participants who need to utilize this service or those going to events across campus.

1. Scan the QR code to download the TripShot app from your app store.
2. Select **Choose Public System**
3. Select **University of Texas at Arlington**
4. Select the **Friends & Family Weekend** route from the menu



PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH

- ❖ If you're stopping by the Annual Glass Pumpkin Sale and Fundraiser at the UTA Studio Arts Center, we recommend parking at Lot 27 located off of Davis Drive.
- ❖ If you have registered for the Walking Campus Tour at 3pm, we recommend parking at Park South Garage located off of Center Street.
- ❖ If you have registered for the tour at AT&T Stadium at 2:00pm, 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, Texas 76011.
- ❖ For our Kick-Off Event at the University Center at 5:00pm, we recommend parking in Lot 38, Lot 39, Park North Garage, Park Central Garage, or Park South Garage.
- ❖ If you would like to go to the UTA Planetarium for the 7:00pm showing, we recommend parking in Lot F10 off of S. West Street.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH

- ❖ For our Welcome Brunch and Check-In at 9:00am, we recommend parking in Lot 11, Lot 12, Lot 38, Lot 39, Park North Garage, Park Central Garage, or Park South Garage.
- ❖ If you would like to drive to the Academic Showcase locations, please utilize the Saturday & Sunday parking map to confirm where your permit allows you to park.
- ❖ If you have registered for a Glass Blowing Demonstration and would like to drive to the Studio Arts Center, we recommend parking at Lot 27 located off of Davis Drive.
- ❖ If you would like to drive to the Maverick Activities Center for 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 for the 6:00pm or the 7:00pm showing, we recommend parking in Lot F10 off of S. West Street.

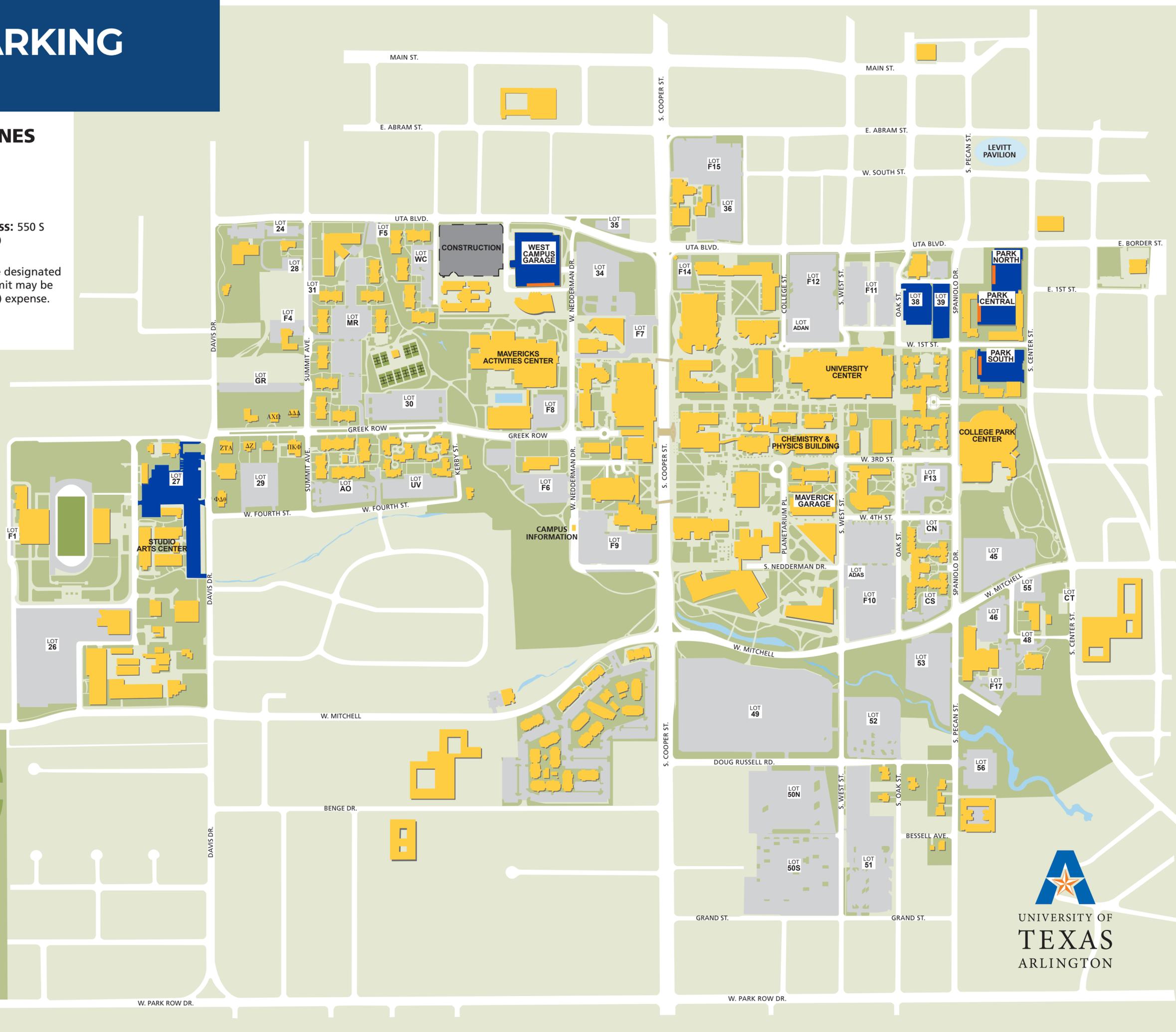
FRIDAY PARKING

PARKING ZONES

-  General Parking
-  ADA Accessible

Park South Garage Address: 550 S Center St, Arlington, TX 76010

Vehicles parked outside of the designated areas without the correct permit may be cited or towed at the owner(s) expense.



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CHECK-IN DETAILS

When you arrive for check-in, please be prepared to show us the QR code that was emailed to you in your pre-event confirmation email. Once your family has been checked in, each registrant will receive a signature Friends & Family Weekend t-shirt and a name badge. If there is anything we can do to make your weekend more enjoyable or provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to connect with the event staff.

Check-In Hours and Locations

Friday, October 18 | 5:00pm to 7:00pm

During the Kick-Off Event in the
UniversityCenterBluebonnet Ballroom

Saturday, October 19 | 9:00am to 11:00am

During the Welcome Brunch in the
UniversityCenter Bluebonnet Ballroom

Stay Connected!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024

The Friday events, except those requiring pre-registration, are included in the Friday-Only Pass and All-Access Pass.

Annual Glass Pumpkin Sale and Fundraiser

UTA Studio Arts Center | 9:00am – 2:00pm

VIP Tour of AT&T Stadium

Starts at 2:00pm | *Pre-registration required*

Academic Colleges Open House | 3:00pm – 5:00pm

❖ **Honors College | College Hall, Suite 100**

Stop by College Hall, Suite 100 for an Honors College open house! Our staff and student ambassadors are ready to meet you and welcome you to campus for Friends & Family Weekend.

❖ **College of Education | Trimble Hall/Hammond Hall Hallways**

Think you're smarter than a 5th grader? Put your knowledge to the test with a fun round of trivia and see how you stack up! Challenge yourself, show off your smarts, and win some exclusive UTA College of Education swag! Ready to play and prove you're the best? Let's go!

Walking Campus Tour

Starts at 3:00pm | *Pre-registration required*

Friends & Family Weekend Official Kick-Off Event

University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom | 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Start Friends & Family Weekend off the right way! Join us at the University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom for our casino themed kick-off event.

Show at the UTA Planetarium

Starts at 7:00pm | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*

This show highlights NASA research and training initiatives that are preparing the next generation of astronauts who will head to Mars. The film shows how creativity, collaboration, communication, and expertise in a diverse number of fields are key for the success of deep space travel—while also inspiring the next generation of STEM professionals! Witness what it takes to embark on the first human mission beyond Earth's orbit! *All ages are welcome!*

Maverick Families Night Out

Families are encouraged to use this evening to spend time with their student and explore Arlington and the surrounding area. Feel free to use our list of Attractions and Activities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for inspiration!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024

The Saturday events, except those requiring pre-registration, are included in the Saturday-Only Pass and All-Access Pass.

Check-in & Welcome Brunch

University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom | 9:00am – 11:00am

- ❖ Check-in is open from 9:00am – 11:00am
- ❖ Brunch is served at 9:30am

Family time | 11:00am – 11:30am

UTA Women's Volleyball game against Utah Tech

College Park Center | 11:30am – 2:00pm

A ticket to the game is included in the All-Access Pass and Saturday-Only pass

- ❖ **Fraternity and Sorority Life Volleyball Game Suite Access**
Starts at 12:00pm | *Pre-registration required*

Academic Showcase | 2:00pm – 3:30pm

- ❖ **College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs (CAPPA) | CAPPA Building**
Join us at CAPPA to experience how we build sustainability into the "brick and mortar" of our most coveted spaces. See new methods and technologies and how they can be utilized in designing spaces we inhabit.
- ❖ **College of Engineering | Nedderman Hall Atrium**
Join us in Nedderman Hall Atrium for interactive activities presented by UTA's Engineering faculty, student ambassadors, and staff. Stop by and see what's happening at UTA's College of Engineering!
- ❖ **College of Science | Chemistry & Physics Building (CPB) Room 303**
Join us at the College of Science for an electrifying chemistry show featuring our COS Science Ambassadors, followed by a reception where students can go head-to-head with family and friends in a lively game of Operation and a bone-chilling skeleton building challenge. Don't miss this unique opportunity to blend science, fun, and family bonding!
- ❖ **School of Social Work | UTA Lot 49**
Join the School of Social Work and see them in action as they serve the local community during their annual Ghoulish Goodies & Giving-Food Giveaway and Trunk-or-Treat. Come by have some fun with their ghoulish activities and load up on some Halloween goodies.
- ❖ **Honors College | College Hall, Suite 100**
Honors juniors, seniors, and alumni will be showcasing their independent research and how their incredible work translated into their Honors Capstone projects. Please join us in College Hall to see the culmination of the Honors College degree in a research poster format. Students will be presenting across disciplines.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024

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Glass Blowing Demonstration | UTA Studio Arts Center

Showings at 2:00pm, 3:00pm, and 4:00pm

Pre-registration required

Maverick Family Games Competition

Maverick Activities Center | 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Hosted by Campus Recreation. Be ready to show off your Maverick Pride! Compete head-to-head with your fellow Maverick families at this family favorite event.

Talent Show and Dinner

Brazos Park | 5:00pm – 7:00pm

❖ Dinner is served at 5:30pm

Evening Entertainment (Create Your Own Experience!)

❖ **Fright Night Haunted House hosted by EXCEL Campus Activities**
Upper level of the University Center | 7:00pm – 10:00pm

❖ **Moon Observation at the UTA Observatory**
UTAPark Central Garage | 8:00pm – 10:00pm

❖ **Show at the UTA Planetarium**

❖ **6:00pm Show - *Atlas of a Changing Earth***

This is the story of how a revolution in one of the most basic of all human enterprises – the making of maps – is shedding new light on our planet's evolution in the wake of rising global temperatures. *All ages are welcome!*

❖ **7:00pm Show - *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. The album covers topics of abuse, isolation, conflict and greed which some parents may not find suitable for children. *Recommended for ages 14+.*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2024

Families are encouraged to use this evening to spend time with their student and explore Arlington and the surrounding area. Feel free to use our list of Attractions and Activities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for inspiration! Any activities on Sunday are considered a la carte.

OTHER INFORMATION

Attractions and Activities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex

All activities off campus are considered a la carte

- ❖ **State Fair of Texas at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas**
- ❖ **Fright Fest at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington, Texas**
- ❖ **Pumpkin Nights at Howell Farms in Arlington***
Pre-registration required
- ❖ **Q BBQ Fest Dallas at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas**
Available Friday October 18th and Saturday October 19th only
- ❖ **Sour Sundays at Division Brewing**
Available Sunday October 20th only
- ❖ **Exhibit at the Arlington Museum of Art**
Walt Disney Archives: Heroes & Villains and All That Glitters

Special Offers and Discounts in Downtown Arlington

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

- ❖ Kung Fu Tea | Discount on all drinks
- ❖ Inclusion Coffee | 10% off your purchase
- ❖ The Mosaic Market | \$5 off minimum \$15 purchase
- ❖ Ann's Natural Grocery | 15% off your purchase
- ❖ Cafe Americana | 10% off your purchase
- ❖ J Gilligan's | 10% off of food and drinks

UTA Bookstore Hours

400 Spaniolo Dr, Arlington, TX 76010

- ❖ Friday, October 18: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- ❖ Saturday, October 19: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- ❖ Sunday, October 20: CLOSED

UTA Starbucks Hours (Bookstore Location)

- ❖ Friday, October 18: 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM
- ❖ Saturday, October 19: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- ❖ Sunday, October 20: CLOSED

THANK YOU!

The University of Texas at Arlington is so excited to welcome you to campus with open arms for Friends & Family Weekend 2024!

Maverick Families, be ready to MAV UP!

