

FAMILY WEEKEND 2023

Event Schedule

THURSDAY, September 14th

DOMA

David Owsley Museum of Art

9am – 4:30pm – Free

DOMA will be hosting scavenger hunts, self-guided activities, and a 'Night at the Museum' activity for families to use while they explore the galleries.

Student Center Programs Presents: Midwest Dueling Pianos

Student Center Tally

8:00pm – 10:00pm

Midwest Dueling Pianos interactive musical comedy experience will have your students singing, shouting, dancing and laughing. The students at your school will provide the direction of the show to our performers by writing their favorite songs on request slips that they bring up to the pianos. Our young, energetic and exciting entertainers then perform these songs, while urging the audience to participate. The fact that many of their favorite Rock, R&B and Rap songs can actually be performed on the piano will leave students wide-eyed and amazed. To further the crowd interaction, we may also bring some of the audience up onto the stage to perform a song, dance, and/or skit for their fellow classmates that will bring the house down.

FRIDAY, September 15th

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T-Shirt Sale:

L.A. Pittenger Student Center

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"Moons: Worlds of Mystery" Planetarium Show

Charles W. Brown Planetarium

6:30pm – 7:30pm – Free

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Suitable for all ages 8+, all ages are welcome.

"The Universe Overhead" Planetarium Show

Charles W. Brown Planetarium

6:30pm – 7:30pm – Free

Scientists expected a lot from the James Webb Space Telescope, the largest optical telescope launched into space—especially after teams worked for decades to design and construct it. Fortunately, they were not let down by the first images released earlier this summer. Scientists and the public are still in awe over the images coming from this spectacular telescope. Come explore the science team's current findings while traveling through our universe in both space and time during this live presentation.

Student Center Programs– Friday Night Filmworks: The Little Mermaid

Pruis Hall

8:00pm – 10:30pm - Free

The youngest of King Triton's daughters, Ariel is a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for adventure. Longing to find out more about the world beyond the sea, Ariel visits the surface and falls for the dashing Prince Eric. Following her heart, she makes a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to experience life on land.

SATURDAY, September 16th

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David Owsley Museum of Art

1:30pm – 4:30pm – Free

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Children's Fair / BINGO:

University Green

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Free)

Join us for a fun morning of excitement on the University Green. There will be inflatables and other games for families to enjoy. Enjoy Bingo? Grab a bingo card and play for your chance to take home some great Ball State prizes.

Honors College Open House

Ball Honors House Backyard

9:30am – 11:00am

This will be a gathering of Honors College students and families to mingle with faculty, staff, and administrators over coffee and donuts.

Bell Tower Recital

Shafer

Tower

Tours: 10:00am Recital: 11:00am - Free

We are honored to have John Gouwens on campus to perform a recital of the Shafer Bell Tower bells. Prior to his show, he will offer guided tours to those in attendance to see the inner workings of the chimes, as well as, get a panoramic view of our beautiful campus.

Late Nite Tailgate Party

Scheumann Stadium

10:00am – 2:00pm - Free

Dr. Joe and Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse and the Environmental Education Center

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Free

With over 2,000 orchids, the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse contains the largest university-based orchid collection in the United States, including the Wheeler-Thanhauser Orchid Collection and Species Bank, and Betty Kendall Lady's Slipper Orchid Species Collection. The collection is a living museum, which provides opportunities for education, and conversation of rare and endangered orchid species and it is used for orchid research. The collection also provides the opportunities for students and visitors to learn about a diversity of tropical species. Students, faculty, local schools, community, and visitors can see and learn about orchids, edible tropical plants, poison arrow frogs, birds, and other tropical creatures that are on display in a small tropical environment. The greenhouse is free and open to the public. Both self-guided and guided tours are available.

Connected to the newly expanded Greenhouse is our Environmental Education Center, AKA the Nature Lab. Visitors can interact with our Eastern Box Turtle, Beaker, search for our native frogs and toads in our exploration tank, and observe the secret lives of honeybees in our observation hive. Family-friendly activities are always available in this space with our Environmental Educator.

Christy Woods:

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Free

Christy Woods is an outdoor teaching laboratory for Ball State students, as well as the community. Located on the southwest corner of our campus, Christy Woods is a 17-acre property filled with mature deciduous forest, tallgrass prairie, and other plant communities.

Take a self-guided tour between 10:00am – 3:00pm and enjoy one of six properties managed by the Field Station and Environmental Education Center.

CharlieTown Family Weekend and Home Opener

Alumni Center

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Join us for our home opener against the Indiana State Sycamores!

Admission to CharlieTown is FREE!

Stop by the front of the Alumni Center for fun family activities, music from a live DJ, and a pep rally featuring the Ball State Cheerleaders, Pride of Mid-America Marching Band, and the Code Red Dancers to pump you up an hour before kickoff!

Food will be available for purchase from the following food trucks:

- Farmland BBQ
- Neighborhood Pizza

Ball State Football vs. Indiana State

Scheumann Stadium

2:00pm

Come watch our Ball State Cardinals take on the Indiana State Sycamores. Visit

www.ballstatesports.com for more information the game day experience and ticket pricing, or call 888-BSU-TICKETS

"Magic Treehouse: Space Mission" Planetarium Show

Charles W. Brown Planetarium

3:30pm – 4:30pm – Free

Travel with Jack and Annie, stars of the Magic Tree House® best-selling children's book series, as they search for answers to a mysterious riddle they discover in a written note signed "–M." Peek into the treehouse and follow Jack and Annie on an exciting adventure as they meet a helpful astronomer and an astronaut. As they travel to an observatory and beyond into space, Jack and Annie nearly get ... well, we don't want to give the surprise away!

Best suited for families and groups with pre-K through 1st grade learners, all ages are welcome.

"Eclipse: The Sun Revealed" Planetarium Show

Charles W. Brown Planetarium

5:00pm – 6:00pm – Free

There will be a total solar eclipse visible from Muncie on April 8, 2024, and a partial solar eclipse visible from Muncie on October 14, 2023. A total solar eclipse is such a spectacular event, it is never too early to start planning for one. Come learn how solar and lunar eclipses happen, and about scientific discoveries that have been supported by total solar eclipses. This show also uses beautiful visuals to explore the historical and cultural view of eclipses, and explains how to safely see these awe-inspiring sights.

Most suitable for all ages 9+, all ages are welcome.

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SUNDAY, September 17th

Sunday, September 18th

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Ball State Family Weekend Golf Outing

Crestview Golf Club

9:30am – Pricing details available at www.bsu.edu/familyweekend

The 15th Annual Family Weekend Golf Outing will take place on Sunday, September 18th at Crestview Golf Club. Cost per team is \$200, or \$50 per golfer. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:00am, and the shotgun start tournament will start at 9:30am. Lunch and awards will be distributed after the conclusion of the event. Crestview Golf Club and Mulligan's Bar and Grill is located on South Walnut Street, just a mile and a half from downtown Muncie. Crestview features an 18-hole, par 71 championship golf course as well as a 9-hole executive golf course. Designed by Bill Williamson, Crestview Golf Club opened in 1955 and is now owned and operated by Matt Sauter.

Ball State Field Hockey vs. Saint Louis University

Briner Sports Complex

1:00pm

Join our nationally recognized Department of Theatre and Dance as they kick off their mainstage production series with *Our Town*. This beautiful play explores the relationship between two young Grover's Corners neighbors, George Gibbs and Emily Webb, whose childhood friendship blossoms into romance, and then culminates in marriage. Tickets to this production are available to Ball State students at the reduced rate of \$15 – purchase tickets online or in person at the College of Fine Arts Box Office located in the Music Instruction Building, open Monday-Friday 12:00pm – 5:00pm.

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Dean's List Recognitions

FRIDAY, September 15th

(By invitation)

Teachers College Dean's List Reception

Helen Grant Elmore Courtyard

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Teachers College will be recognizing a new group of hard-working students who have strived for academic excellence at this year's Dean's List Recognition Celebration. Students who have achieved academic excellence during the Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023 semesters are eligible to participate in this open-house style event at the Helen Gant Elmore Courtyard. RSVP is required no later than Thursday, September 7, 2023 via the link in the email invitation sent out to all students who earned a place on the Dean's List.

SATURDAY, September 16th

(By invitation)

College of Fine Arts

Student Success Celebration

Sursa Hall

9:30am

The College of Fine Arts will be presenting certificates to those students that have been listed on the College of Fine Arts Dean's List over the 2022 – 2023 academic year. All College of Fine Arts students, staff, faculty, and their guests are welcome to attend; light refreshments will be served.

CSH Dean's Honor Ceremony

Ball Gym

10am (Students arrive at 9:30am)

Students will be individually recognized and congratulated by the Dean of our College during the ceremony and will receive a personalized certificate as well as a CSH Dean's Honor Pin. There will be opportunities for photos before and after the event.

