



FAMILY WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2026



Warren Wilson
COLLEGE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Events marked with an * are shared events that are part of both Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Check-in & Registration | Outside Bryson Gym | Rain Location Bryson Gym
8:00 am – 11:00 am

Family Weekend registration and check-in will take place outside of Bryson Gym. Families will complete necessary paperwork and receive their welcome materials. Volunteers will be available to assist and answer any questions during the check-in process.

Experience Campus Life: Join Your Student for Class or Study Time!
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Step Into Their World: Professors and crew leaders invite you to experience class, work, or service alongside your student—be sure to ask them about their schedule!

*Art Exhibition: Mapping Home | Elizabeth Holden Art Gallery
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Visit Elizabeth Holden Gallery for the Mapping Home exhibit. In this exhibition, we want to collectively map our idea of home alongside the WWC community, our Swannanoa Valley neighbors, and Warren Wilson College Alumni.

Empowering Family Connections | Gladfelter, Canon Lounge
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Families are invited to learn how Campus ESP keeps supporters informed, connected, and engaged throughout their student's journey. This session, led by Vice President of Student Engagement and Dean of Students Dr. Joel Bluml and Director of Counseling Services Crystal Leming, will highlight key features that help families stay current on campus events, deadlines, and personalized communications. Participants will leave with a clear understanding of how Campus ESP strengthens partnership between home and campus.

Lunch | Gladfelter Dining Hall
11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Lunch in Gladfelter will be available. Guests may pay at the door.

FRIDAY, OCT 2 (CONT.)

Launching from WWC | Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

1:00pm – 1:45 pm

Curious about the kind of work Warren Wilson students pursue after graduation? We'll begin by sharing data on where WWC graduates land, and then explore the programs, services, and opportunities available to all students from first-years to seniors through the Careers & Internships Office as they prepare for internships, work experiences, and life after college.

Climb WWC's Alpine Tower | Next to Soccer Fields (Dust Bowl)

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Take on the challenge of climbing our Alpine Tower! Located adjacent to the soccer fields, the Gossmann and Cannon Adventure Learning Lab offers participants the opportunity to scale a 50' tall timber structure via climbing holds, hanging logs and vines, a giant ladder, and cargo nets. Choose your challenge from beginner to expert and experience family bonding in a whole new way. Close-toed shoes, a signed waiver, and a willingness to try are all you need! (Ages 8+)

English Ivy Liquid Soapmaking Workshop | Gladfelter, Cowpie Sunroom

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

how to make liquid soap from English ivy. Participants will learn the natural soap-making properties of ivy, walk through each step of the process, and create a batch of ivy-based liquid soap to take home. It's a fun, eco-friendly way to discover traditional craft methods using plants found right here on campus.

*Cattle Move | Dogwood Pasture | Rain or Shine

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

While at Warren Wilson, odds are you get to participate in a cattle drive, and we think Family Weekend is the perfect time to have you join us for this experience! Wear comfortable shoes and get ready to move as the Cattle Crew takes you through their process of moving cattle and rotational grazing. Follow the signs at the pedestrian bridge to get to Dogwood Pasture.

*ALIA Family Reception | Ransom House

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Join the Office of Inclusive Excellence for a warm and welcoming reception to celebrate the arrival of ALIA (African/Latine/Indigenous/Asian) families on campus. This is a great opportunity to connect with the OIE team, learn about their work, and build community. They look forward to meeting you and sharing more about the support and resources available through their office.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2 (CONT.)

Dinner | Gladfelter Dining Hall

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner in Gladfelter will be available. Guests may pay at the door.

*WWC Women's Volleyball Game vs. Carolina University | DeVries
Gymnasium

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Join us in showing some Owl pride and support the WWC volleyball team. Bring your spirit, your voice, and help fuel our players on the court.

Under the Stars Night Hike | Bryson Gym | Rain or Shine

7:45 pm – 9:15 pm

Join Outdoor Programs for a night hike along Broyles Ridge down to Dogwood for breathtaking stargazing. Discover constellations that illuminate the Warren Wilson valley. Binoculars provided. The hike includes some hilly terrain so be sure to wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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Check-In & Registration | Bryson Gym | Rain Location Bryson Gym

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Join us at check-in if you weren't able to make it on Friday.

*Fall Fest and Center for Working Lands Showcase | Warren Wilson College Farm
| Rain or Shine

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our 3rd annual Fall Fest will feature autumnal activities, food trucks, tours, live music, and open houses from our land and craft crews.

Brunch | Gladfelter Dining Hall

11:30 am – 1:15 pm

Brunch in Gladfelter will be available, guests may pay at the door.

Climbing Wall | Bryson Gym

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Adventure Programs invites you to try out the climbing wall inside Bryson Gym. Climbing shoes and gear provided. No experience is necessary. Participants under 18 years must sign a waiver and medical form.

Broyles Ridge Trail Foraging Walk | Sage Circle

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Join Deb Maslowski, the manager of Owl's Nest Cafe, on a foraging walk through the campus trails. In her spare time, Deb is an herbalist and a soap maker. Deb will show participants some of her favorite plants to work with. Participants will learn about medicinal plants, and also some that are edible and useful, including mushrooms! Be sure to sign up at check-in as there are limited seats for this session.

Hit the Hotspots: Campus & City Favorites with Your Student

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Families can use this time to explore downtown Asheville or Black Mountain, take a tour, do errand runs to Target, visit River Arts District, etc. We will provide some suggestions and leave it up to the student to show off their favorite spots on campus and in the city.

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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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Brushes and Bubbles (Mocktails), A Creative Evening with Fiber Arts |
Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

You're invited to a creative evening led by the Fiber Arts Department, this relaxing and creative session invites students and families to unwind through the art of watercolor and stitching. Using paints and thread made from our natural dye garden, participants will be supported in the creation of their own unique artwork while enjoying a welcoming atmosphere designed to encourage creativity, self-expression, and connection. No prior painting experience is needed, just bring your imagination and a willingness to explore your artistic side. Join us for an evening of conversation, creativity, and community as we celebrate the joy of making art together.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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***Church Service and Potluck | Gladfelter, Warren Wilson College Chapel**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join us for a welcoming campus church service at Warren Wilson, a time to gather in community, reflection, and shared spirit. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for a campus potluck, an easy, joyful opportunity to share food, connect with one another, and enjoy fellowship together. All are welcome, and dishes of any kind are warmly appreciated. .

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