Dear Stony Brook Family member/guest:

Thank you for registering to attend our 2018 Family/Guest Orientation Program. Please see below for some final reminders to prepare for your visit to Stony Brook University:

1. **READ**

   • Please read the Overview of Family & Guest Programs, message below, which contains crucial details regarding the program and expectations for the orientation day. We want you to enjoy Family/Guest orientation, while also encouraging your student’s independence and decision making.

2. **RESPOND**

   • Encourage your student to respond to any outstanding “Holds” or “To Do Items” on SOLAR. Make sure your student also has completed all necessary steps before attending orientation. Your student can visit the “Things to Do Before Orientation” portion of our website for more information.

3. **UGC COLOR CHALLENGE**

   • Show off your student's UGC (Undergraduate College) pride by wearing items that match your student's UGC color to your Family/Guest orientation!

4. **SAVE THE DATE!**

   • We would like to extend an invitation to the Family Farewell BBQ on Friday, August 24th from 12 pm to 3 pm at the Staller Steps. Advance ticket purchase is required. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more!

We look forward to meeting you and serving you in the future. Feel free to contact our office with additional questions and welcome to Stony Brook University!

Sincerely,

The Office of Student Orientation and Family Programs

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Thank you! We look forward to seeing you this summer.

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Preparing for Your Visit

Some of these guidelines are in place to foster student development and independence. Others are due to space and time limitations, as well as confidentiality. Your assistance and support are appreciated.

1. Parking/Train:

Those driving to campus should park in the Student Activities Center parking lot as indicated in the orientation materials. This lot is reserved on orientation days for our guests. You can get directions on our website.

*Parking elsewhere on campus cannot be validated (i.e. parking garage, meters, etc.)*

Those who are traveling by Long Island Rail Road should take the Port Jefferson line and exit at the Stony Brook station. A Stony Brook University bus will take you to the Student Activities Center loop.

2. Check-in and Separate Programs:

Family/Guest Program is separate and runs concurrently with the Student Orientation. While located in the same building, the student program will be separate from family/guests, including check-in, meals, and activities. Please be sure that students are holding all pertinent health records, transcripts or scores that they may need for advising and registration.

The Family/Guest program check-in will take place in the Student Activities Center, Sidney Gelber Auditorium at 8:30 am, and the program will run until 4:30pm. At check-in you will receive crucial materials, including: the Family Orientation agenda, a family calendar/notepad, up to two lunch wristbands, and campus store coupons.

3. Attendance and Participation:

Participation in the Family/Guest program is optional. Family/guests may elect which activities they choose to attend, although they will not be able to join the student program at any time. Students are required to attend their entire program, so please make travel arrangements accordingly.

Please also keep in mind that some family program activities take place outside the facility. Due to unpredictable weather, bringing an umbrella or a raincoat is encouraged.

4. Temperature/Air Conditioning:

The program will take place in the Student Activities Center, Sidney Gelber Auditorium. While it may be warm outside, the auditorium can be quite cool due to air conditioning. Occasionally, those wearing shorts and sandals have been cold. *A removable layer is encouraged.*
5. **Meals:**

Coffee service and lunch will be provided for up to **two guests** on first-year orientation days. Families will be escorted by our Family Host staff to East Side Dining, **a 5 to 10 minute walk to and from the Student Activities Center**, to experience a taste of their student’s dining options on campus. Families with more than two guests are welcome to join the scheduled lunch during Family Program, but will need to pay for their meals out of pocket ($9.50 door price charge per person for dine-in).

6. **Accommodations and Dietary Needs:**

Should a family member need special accommodations, please contact the office at least one week before your scheduled Family Program date. The Professional Staff will do their best to meet said needs.

Vegetarian options are always available. Kosher and Halal options are available upon request (via the Family/Guest Registration on our website) at the retail locations within the East Side Dining facility. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the typical Halal and Kosher options available at East Side Dining.

7. **Online Handouts:**

We care about the environment and try to minimize paper waste. Handouts are not provided for most presentations; however they are available on our [website](#). Before orientation, you are encouraged to go to the website and print any relevant Power Point presentations from the Family/Guest program and bring them to orientation with you. These handouts will be available online for the entire fall semester.

8. **Class Registration:**

One purpose of your student’s summer orientation will be to meet with professional advisors and register for classes. This is a time when students work with advisors to develop personal goals and plans. As such, family and guests cannot accompany students to advising and registration rooms.

*With this in mind, the Student's Orientation may not end at the same time as Family Program.*

9. **Campus Tours:**

Orientation Staff will take resident students on a walking tour to a residence hall, although not necessarily the hall they will be assigned. Commuter students will be educated on the resources available to them from the Office of Commuter Student Services and Off Campus Living.

Campus Residences and Commuter Student Services will present information to family/guests on their respective areas. At the end of the Family Program, there will be optional tours of the residence halls available to families, and tour tickets (tour tickets are at no additional cost, they are used to maintain the capacity of 20 individuals per tour) will be available during the Family Program on a first-come/first-served basis.