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, attached to this e-mail, 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. RED

• Stony Brook is red hot! Wear your red to campus and show your Seawolf Spirit!

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
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. **Check-in and Logistics:**
   
The Family/Guest program check-in will take place in the **Student Activities Center Lobby at 12:30 pm, and the program will run until 5:00pm.** At check-in you will receive crucial materials, including: the Family Orientation agenda, a family calendar/notepad, and campus store coupons.

   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 & registration.

2. **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 the entire program, so please make travel arrangements accordingly.**

3. **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.

4. **Transportation/Parking:**
   
   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.)*

5. **Meals:**
   
   Coffee service and refreshments will be provided to guests. Please e-mail studentfamilyoffice@stonybrook.edu regarding special dietary needs.

6. **Temperature/Air Conditioning:**
   
   The program will take place in the Student Activities Center and can be quite cool due to air conditioning. *A removable layer is encouraged.* Due to unpredictable weather, bringing a raincoat/umbrella is also suggested.

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 under the tab “Family Member-Program Handouts”. You are welcome to go visit the website and print any relevant Power Point presentations from the Family/Guest program and bring them to orientation with you.

If you have additional questions please refer to the contact information below.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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