

# New Samford Parents

## Welcome to Samford!

The following slides are meant to provide helpful resources for the parents during 2026-27 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office of Parent and Family Engagement.

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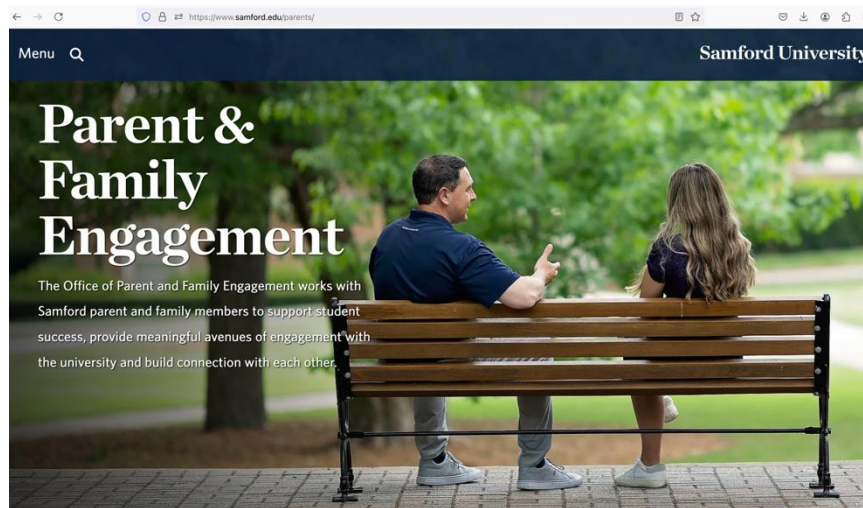
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# New Samford Parents

The Samford Parent website is the best place to go for up-to-date information, dates, and deadlines.

[samford.edu/parents](https://www.samford.edu/parents)



[Samford Parent Resource Guide and Calendar](#)

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## Social Media

Facebook: [Samford Parents](#)

Instagram: [@SamfordParents](#)

*Warning: We do not monitor or oversee the Class Facebook or the "unofficial" pages. When you join these pages, they might be owned by outside organizations. This means your information may be data mined and you will receive ads that may not reflect the Samford mission.*

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## State Facebook Pages

Please ONLY join your state/region's Facebook page.  
These pages are for parents only.

If your state or region is not listed, contact [parents@samford.edu](mailto:parents@samford.edu).

[Alabama](#), [California/ West](#), [Florida](#), [Georgia](#), [Kentucky](#),  
[Louisiana](#), [Midwest](#), [Mississippi](#), [North Carolina](#),  
[Northeast](#), [South Carolina](#), [Tennessee](#), [Texas](#)

*\*These state pages are meant to build community and are for general questions.  
If you want official dates or university information or have a concern, please contact  
Gelaina Allen ([gbdavis1@samford.edu](mailto:gbdavis1@samford.edu)) or Tanya Hindman ([thindma@samford.edu](mailto:thindma@samford.edu)).*

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Students log in to the Student Portal with their ID and password.  
Parents do not/should not have access to this Portal.

my.samford.edu

The screenshot displays the mySamford student portal interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the mySamford logo and a hamburger menu icon. Below the logo are navigation items: Dashboard (highlighted), Activity, Tasks, Announcements, Resources, Forms, and Events & Calendars. Under the heading 'Tools' is a 'Quick Links' item with a right-pointing arrow. The main content area features a search bar at the top, a notification bell icon, and a large white card with the mySamford logo and a welcome message: 'Welcome to the new mySamford! A personalized hub to access essential tools and organize information to fit your needs, all in one convenient location.' To the right of this card is a Samford University banner image. Below the main content is a horizontal row of dark blue buttons with white text and dropdown arrows: Quick Links, Academics, OneStop, Student Affairs, Calendars, Spiritual Life, and All Tools. At the bottom, the word 'Widgets' is visible on the left, and a 'Find New Widgets' button is on the right.

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## How can students stay involved on campus?

Over 100 registered student organizations and clubs

SGA and Freshman Forum

Greek Life – follow all chapters on IG; Samford Guides

Spiritual Life – small groups and cadres

Student Activities – follow on IG @samfordactivities

Campus Rec, Intramurals

Wellness Events

Caf Events

Step Sing: January 28-30, 2027

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## Greek Recruitment

[www.samford.edu/greeklife](http://www.samford.edu/greeklife)

### Finances

#### Greek Life Zoom Calls for Parents

Find registration links at [www.samford.edu/parents/events](http://www.samford.edu/parents/events)

Panhellenic Recruitment Call: Tuesday, July 28, at 7 p.m. Central

IFC Recruitment Call: Thursday, July 30, at 7 p.m. Central

NPHC Recruitment Call: Tuesday, August 4, at 7 p.m. Central

(Calls will be recorded for later viewing.)

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## Freshman Retreat

### Freshman Retreat

**Where:** Shocco Springs Conference Center

**When:** August 28-29, 2026

**Cost:** \$134

(includes T-shirt, lodging, 3 meals, transportation, and all retreat activities)

\*Note: A parent signature is required for all students under 19 in the state of Alabama.

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## Campus Resources for Student Support

[Academic Success Center](#)

[Academic Success New Student Packet](#)

[Writing Center](#)

[Career Development Center](#)

[Accessibility and Accommodations](#)

[University Health Services](#)

[Counseling and Wellness](#)

[CARE Team](#)

[Residence Life](#)

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## SAMFORD CARES

### How does Samford CARE?

Samford's mission begins with a commitment to “nurture persons”, which includes paying attention to the academic, mental, emotional and spiritual concerns of students and responding to those concerns with compassion and support. One of the distinctive characteristics of our campus culture is the thoughtful and thorough efforts made to identify students that need help, to connect them with the right resources and to invest in their long-term healing and success.

Samford Cares for students in many tangible ways, but mostly through people.

- Faculty
- Health Services and Counseling Services Staff
- Office of Spiritual Life & Student Affairs Staff
- Residence Life Staff
- The CARE Team

### What is the CARE Team?

### Who is a “Student of Concern”?

Students of concern typically demonstrate behaviors that include but are not limited to, extended absences from classes, physical illness, emotional distress or any behavior that causes another member of the community concern.

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## Important Numbers

Gelaina Allen: 205-726-2375

Tanya Hindman: 205-726-4559

Campus Safety: 205-726-2020

Residence Life: 205-726-2956

Residence Life After Hours: 205-726-2030

The Hub: 205-726-2407

Technology Support: 205-726-2662

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## Meal Plans

[www.samford.edu/departments/dining](http://www.samford.edu/departments/dining)

### **19-Meal Plan + \$200 Quick Service Cash**

Required for entering freshman and students  
who have earned less than 24 credits

Each Caf meal allows for unlimited station swipes within a 2-hour period.

Use up to 10 Passes per week at a variety of locations.

Automatically added to your student's bill

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## Paying the Bill

[www.Samford.edu/go/ebill](http://www.Samford.edu/go/ebill)

### One Stop

[onestop@samford.edu](mailto:onestop@samford.edu)

205-726-2905

### Payment Plans

Five-installment plan: register July 15 - August 5

Four-installment plan: register July 15 - August 31

**ONE STOP RESOURCE GUIDE**

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## Parking Permit

Students will receive an email with information from Chief Tommy Taylor in August.

1. Log in to the [Samford portal](#).
2. Select the *Transportation Services* tab.
3. From the menu, choose *Purchase Parking Permit*.

Please note: You cannot purchase the permit until Chief Taylor sends this email in August.

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## Health and Immunization Forms

[www.medproctor.com](http://www.medproctor.com)

Encourage your student to check their Samford email for instructions.

If your student has health complications that require an ongoing relationship with the on-campus physician, you may want to reach out to University Health Services. 205-726-2835

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## Textbooks

New, Used, Rent: [Samford Shop](#)

Used: [www.slugbooks.com](http://www.slugbooks.com)

Type in the ISBN # and you will be given  
10 different options for buying or renting.

You can compare prices without having to shop around.

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## Post Office

USPS, UPS, FedEx, Amazon – [Post Office](#)

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

205-726-2933

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## How to Mail a Letter or Package

Student's Full Name

800 Lakeshore Drive (Don't forget to write Drive.)

Box 29XXXX (*Write box, not PO Box.*)

Birmingham, AL 35229

Students can soon find their SU Box number in August,  
by going into Banner on the my.samford.edu portal.

Click on Personal Information, then Addresses and Phone Numbers.

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## Parents Association Care Packages

Parents Association sells care packages four times a year.  
You will received emails when orders open.  
Students will be notified of pickup times and location.

Back to School  
Fall Exams  
Step Sing  
Spring Exams

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## Pack & Pray Parties

(Care packages prepared by parents for their student)

In addition to care package sales, parents in cities around the country gather for **Pack & Pray** care package parties, where they **pack** care packages to be distributed to their students during fall and spring exams and **pray** for students together.

To find out more details about hosting or attending a Pack & Pray in your region, email [parents@samford.edu](mailto:parents@samford.edu).

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## Special Deliveries

Several local businesses deliver to Samford regularly and usually take items to the HUB. Always give your student's name and cell phone number when ordering.  
The Hub is located in the University Center, first floor lobby.

For a list of local businesses that deliver to Samford for birthdays, Bid Day, and special days throughout the year, as well as pharmacies that will deliver medications to the Hub, visit [www.samford.edu/parents/resources](http://www.samford.edu/parents/resources) and click on [Birmingham Resources](#).

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## Samford Parents Association

Parents Association Co-Chairs,  
Sharla and Eric Stafford

Other Leaders within Parents Association:

State and Regional Chairs

Parents in Prayer Leaders

Family Weekend Tailgate Coordinator

Regional Chairs

Local Event Hosts (coffees, dinners, Pack & Pray parties)

Contact [thindma@samford.edu](mailto:thindma@samford.edu) if you are interested in leadership.

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## State/ Regional Chapters of the Samford Parents Association

**Alabama** – Sarah Ivey and Suzy Johnson

**Southern California** – Jennifer Humora

**Northern California** – open position

**Northern Florida** – open position

**Southern Florida** – Britton and Brian McPherson

**Georgia** – Michelle and Matthew Annett, Mary and Tim Francine

**Kentucky** – open position

**Louisiana** – Dixie and Brian Patrick

**Midwest** – Emily Bradford

**Mississippi** – Jennie and Robert Skinner

**North Carolina** – Mish Nichols

**Northeast** – Nikki and Ian Allred

**South Carolina** – Logan Wolfram

**Tennessee** – Amy Fenton

**North Texas** – Dana Manley, Vicki and Eddie Lowry

**South Texas** – Mandy Bookter

**West** – open position

Visit [www.samford.edu/parents/leadership-council-contact](http://www.samford.edu/parents/leadership-council-contact) to find  
Parent Chairs and Parent Advisory Board members who represent your state or region.

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## Books for Parents

[Praying the Scriptures for Your Adult Children](#)

[Praying through the Bible for your Kids](#)

[The Gift of Failure](#)

[Tips for Parents of College Students](#)

[Doing Life with Your Adult Children](#)

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## Parents in Prayer Zoom Calls

First Monday of each month during the academic year, at 7 p.m. Central

Fall 2026: [Register Here](#)

September 7

October 5

November 2

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## Family Weekend

September 25-27, 2026

Shirt and button sales open in July.

Registration opens in August.

### **Schedule coming soon!**

Pops with the Prez  
Family Service Project  
Concert  
Planetarium Shows  
Choral Vespers  
Food Trucks  
Parents Prayer Walk  
Parents Association Breakfast  
Tailgate  
and more!

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## Family Weekend

“Taste of the States” tents

Saturday, September 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Volunteers: [thindma@samford.edu](mailto:thindma@samford.edu)



Alabama  
California  
Florida  
Georgia  
Louisiana  
Midwest  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
Northeast  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Texas

Don't see your state or region? Volunteer to organize!

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## Residence Halls Residence Life

Click on links for room floor plans and VR tours.

### Central Campus

Women's Halls: Vail, Pittman, Mann

Men's Hall: Smith, Gaston

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## Res Life Zoom Calls for Parents

Find registration links at  
[www.samford.edu/parents/events](http://www.samford.edu/parents/events)

[Move-in Day Process for Parents of Incoming Students](#)

Thursday, August 6, at 7 p.m. Central

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## Beds and Lofting



Standard



Collegiate Bed Loft - pre-Move In  
Do It Yourself - during Move In

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## Tips and Tricks for Decorating Your Student's Small Space



[Samford Living:  
A Conversation  
with the Ross Family](#)

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## Photos



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6<sup>th</sup> floor of Vail, 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Smith



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## Move-In Day Tips

- Label everything!
- Pack items in cardboard boxes, Rubbermaid tubs, and Ikea bags
- Choose a different time slot from the roommate
- Rug first
- Headboards second
- Larger pieces next
- Cooler with drinks and snacks
- Stair-climbing dolly
- Good tool kit
- Extra clothes to change into after moving (It's a hot and sweaty day!)

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- Ikea bags



- Stair-climbing dolly



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## What to Bring

- Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, windex, paper towels, [vacuum](#), laundry detergent, dish detergent)
- Suites – toilet paper, bathroom cleaning supplies, shower curtain, rug
- [Power strips](#) – 3 pronged, 5 foot (USB ports is a plus)
- [Brita pitcher](#)
- [Keurig](#)



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## What to Bring

- [Mattress Topper](#)
- [Door Stops](#)
- [Laundry Hamper](#)



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## What to Bring

- Rain jacket, rain boots, umbrella
- Odds and Ends: Ziplocks, [Chip Clips](#), Trash Cans/ Trash Bags, Flashlight, Pepper Spray, [Battery-powered Jump Start Cables](#)
- Medical Kit – Band-aids, First Aid Cream, Tylenol/ Advil, Digital Thermometer, Insect Cream, Benadryl, Heating Pad
- Personal medications, vitamins
- Insurance Cards
- Small Tool Kit
- Command Strips Curtain Rod Holders



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## Odds and Ends

Target, Homewood – In Store, Drive up, Shipt

Goodbyes – Look for an email from Parent and Family Engagement to make your Goodbyes a special time.

Connections Weekend

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## Storage Units

The following storage units were recommended by other Samford parents and are close to campus.

[Attic Plus Storage](#)

[Extra Space Storage](#) (Columbiana Road)

[Vestavia Uhaul](#)

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## Moving and Storage Service

The following moving and storage service was recommended by other Samford parents.

Dorm Vault Storage

[dormvaultstorage@gmail.com](mailto:dormvaultstorage@gmail.com)

615-962-1058, Alex Dickey

- Moving items into/ out of dorm room
- Storing items during academic year and/or summer

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