



Family & Friends Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, November 6th, 2026

T-Shirts

Sold through Registration Portal

Show your Aggie Pride by purchasing a F&F Weekend commemorative shirt. T-shirts are white cotton unisex featuring the Family & Friends Weekend 2026 design!

Check-In: Adventure Kick-off

Aggie Lounge

12:00pm-4:30pm

Come hang out with us and play games such as Giant Jenga or Connect 4 or explore fun activity stations while deciding your next adventure!

Scavenger Hunt

Throughout Campus

Fri.1:00pm-Sat.3:00pm

Learn new things about campus while taking on challenges developed by our student staff! Instructions provided at check-in.

Choose Your Own Campus Adventure: 12:00pm-4:30pm

Museums & Collections:

- University Art Museum

Devasthali Hall

Open Tues-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm

Take a look at the student art... Exhibits to be announced.

- Zhul Museum (Geology)

775 College Dr.

Open Tues-Fri 12:00pm-4:00pm

Part art gallery, part natural history museum, the Zuhl collection at NMSU showcases thousands of beautiful specimens of petrified wood, fossils and minerals.



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- **University Museum (Anthropology)**

Kent Hall

Open Tues-Sat 12:00pm-4:00pm

Explore human experiences—past, present, and future—as you walk through the halls of student-curated exhibitions.

- **Chile Pepper Institute Shop**

113 West University Avenue

Open Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm

Come shop at the Chile Pepper Institute for your own seeds and some great merchandise.

Follow University Ave. west towards the town of Mesilla. The Garden is approximately one block after you cross the railroad tracks, on your left at 113 W. University Ave. Drive into the Fabian Garcia Landscape Garden and park. Go through the gate in a chain-link fence to the east.

The Annual F&F Weekend Karaoke & Dinner

American Indian Student Center

5:00pm-7:00pm

Do you want to “Rock and Roll All Nite?” Are you ready to “Radio Ga Ga?” - then you might be ready for our Famous F&F Weekend Karaoke! Join us for Karaoke and a New Mexican dinner.

Night Time Observations of Astronomical Objects

Tombaugh Campus Observatory

8:00pm-9:00pm

Come see the fall skies through a new lens! Join the Astronomy Department for guided observations through our telescopes for a fun and unique experience.





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Saturday, November 7th, 2026

Pan Dulce and Parade

Bookstore 2nd floor

8:00am-9:00am

Join us in the upstairs lounge where we will have coffee, tea, and pastries. Play Human Bingo and enter a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to be used at the bookstore!

Homecoming Parade

Bookstore

9:30am

Join us in the bookstore lounge, or right outside, to watch the Homecoming Parade. Want a reserved seat? While some chairs are reserved, we have some set up as first come first served!

Family Games & Cornhole Competition

Rhodes Garret Hamiel (RGH) Lawn

11:30am-2:00pm

Cornhole Competition begins at 1pm

Show your competitive streak in our cornhole competition! Join a volleyball match with other families and students. Fun for all Aggies!

Ag Day

**Aggie Memorial Stadium Parking Lot,
corner of Arrowhead Drive and Stewart**

11:00am-2:00pm

Booths with educational exhibits, games, live animals, New Mexico foods to sample, and much more!

Paint with Pete

Aggie Underground

2:30pm-4:30pm

Join us for a fun, creative afternoon the whole family can enjoy! Each guest will receive a pre-printed picture to paint—no experience needed. We'll provide all the supplies, plus kid-friendly drinks and snacks. Just stop by, sip, paint, and enjoy!

NMSU Homecoming Game

Aggie Memorial Stadium

Kickoff at 3:00pm

Join us in Cheering on our AGGIES at the NMSU vs Liberty football game.



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Sunday, November 8th, 2026

Hiking in Dripping Springs

Meet at parking lot #41

8:45am-11:30am

Join us for a hike to enjoy the amazing landscape around the La Cueva loop trail. Meet us at 8:45am in parking lot #41 behind Corbett Center. Don't forget to bring good hiking/walking shoes, plenty of water, and your adventurous spirit! There is a \$5 parking fee (using a cashless kiosk). Fee is waived with current National Park or BLM Las Cruces District Annual Recreation Pass.

Brunch at Taos

Taos

10:00am-1:00pm

Before you depart from a fabulous weekend with your Aggie, join your Aggie for brunch at Taos for a special price of \$8.50 a person (if your Aggie is on a dining plan, they are already covered). Your Aggie is sleeping in - come enjoy one of the best breakfasts in Las Cruces (really, it's one of our favorite meals on campus).

Additional Opportunities

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Mercado (Farmers and Crafts Market) in Mesilla

**2231 Avenida de Mesilla,
Fri. & Sun., 11:00am-4:00pm**

Visit the historic plaza and look at finely hand-crafted jewelry, original artwork and locally grown produce.



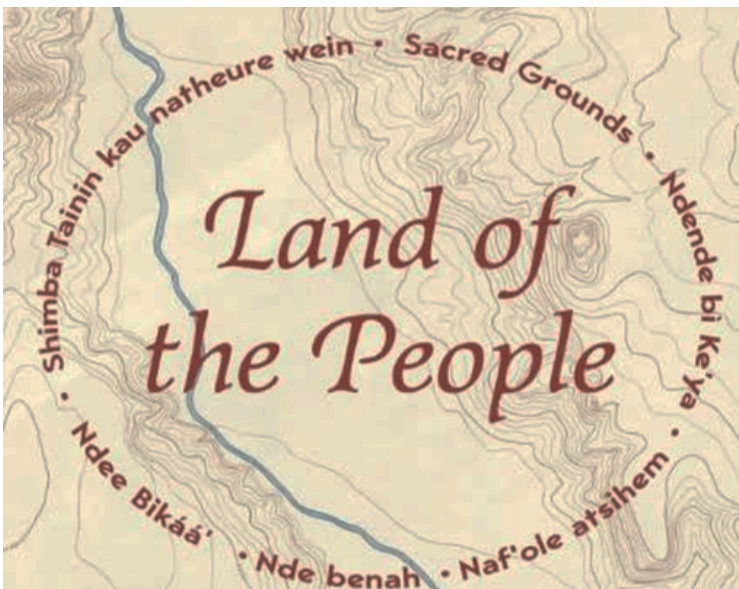


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Exhibit Land of the People: Tierra Sagrada Featuring the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Branigan Cultural Center,
Friday-Saturday



Día de los Muertos Celebration

Branigan Cultural Center,
Nov. 6th, 4:30pm-7:00pm



30th Annual Las Cruces Veterans Day Parade Downtown, Nov. 7th, 11:00am



Special Sunday Farmers and Crafts Market Downtown, Nov. 8th, 8:30am-1:00pm

Indulge in the art, music, food,
and culture of the Las Cruces
community.





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New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Visit

4100 Dripping Springs Rd.
Fri.-Sat. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Visit the museum to explore 47 acres showcasing New Mexico's rich agricultural history. Don't miss the new **Jardin de Tortugas Pueblo**, an educational garden with native plants used by the Tortugas Pueblo. The garden is also home to the **Moon Tree**, a loblolly pine grown from a seed that traveled into space aboard NASA's Orion Spacecraft for the Artemis I project.

Saturday Special Activities:

"AG Wagon" Kids Activities:

Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm

"South 20" Ranch Area Cart

Tours: Sat. 10:00 am-1:00 pm



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