

Family & Friends Weekend

Schedule of Events*



*Scheduled times and details may change

Friday, November 7th, 2025

Kick-Off Highlights:

T-Shirts

When you register for Family Weekend, Make sure you purchase your F&F Weekend T-shirts!

Show your Aggie Pride by purchasing a Friends and Family Weekend commemorative shirt. T-shirts are white cotton unisex featuring the Friends and Family Weekend 2025 Logo!

The Annual F&F Weekend

Karaoke & Dinner

American Indian Student Center

6:00pm-8:00pm

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 dinner with Wavez - A Hawaiian-Cajan fusion restaurant owned by recent NMSU alumni!

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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Choose Your Own Campus Adventure: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Spend time investigating all campus has to offer - visit the museums, shop at the Chili Pepper Institute, and other activities to be announced later.

Adventure Kickoff

Come hang out in the Aggie Lounge and play games such as Giant Jenga or Connect 4 or explore fun activity stations while trying to decide your next adventure!

Chile Pepper Institute Shop

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.

Museums & Collections:

University Art Museum

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

Featured Exhibitions:

Greetings from Tijuana

Ripening

Necessary Futures

Trinities of Heaven and Earth

Zuhl Museum

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

"Where Rocks Come Alive"

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

University Museum

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

Exhibits to be announced

... Additional adventures will be announced as they are added.

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Saturday, November 8th

Pastries and Parade

Bookstore 2nd floor

8:00am - 9:00am

Enjoy the best location to view the parade. Join us in the upstairs lounge where we will have coffee, tea, and pastries. Make signs for the parade and play Human Bingo! Winners will be entered into a drawing for a \$200.00 gift certificate to be used at the bookstore (textbooks anyone???)

Homecoming Parade

Est. Time: 9:00am

Join us in the bookstore lounge, or right outside to watch the Homecoming Parade. Want a reserved seat? We have 45 chairs set up outside the bookstore – reserve yours now when you register for the weekend.

F&F Scavenger Hunt

11:00am - 1:30pm

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

Family Games & Cornhole Competition

Rhodes Garret Hamiel (RGH) Lawn

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Cornhole Competition begins at 11:30 am

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

Paint with Pete

Corbett Center Student Union

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!

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Ag Day

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

11:00 am - 2:00pm

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



NM STATE College of
Agricultural, Consumer
& Environmental Sciences

NMDA
New Mexico Department of Agriculture



NMSU Homecoming Game

Aggie Memorial Stadium

Kickoff at 2:00pm

Join us in Cheering on our NMSU AGGIES as they host Kennesaw State for the first ever meeting!



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Sunday, November 9th, 2025

Family Hike

8:45am-11:30am

Join us for a Family Hike on one of Las Cruces' Local Trails. Meet at 8:45am in parking lot #41 behind Corbett Center. Bring sturdy shoes, water, and your adventurous spirit! There may be a parking fee. Transportation to trail head not provided. More Details to follow!

Brunch at Taos

10:00am-2:00pm

Before you depart from a fabulous weekend with your Aggie, join your student for a special brunch at Taos for \$8.50 a person (if your Aggie is on a dining plan, they are already covered).

Additional Opportunities

November 8th, 2025

**29th Annual Las Cruces
Veterans Day Parade
Downtown, Las Cruces
11:00am**



\$ Rio Grande Winery \$

5321 NM-28 88005

6:00pm-9:0pm

Enjoy a glass of wine while listening to Las Cruces talent "Rockabilly strangers" and admiring the beautiful landscapes of Las Cruces

\$ Outside vendor event with fees

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\$ Renaissance Arts Fair \$

850 Walnut Street

November 8th-9th

10:00am - 5:00pm

See Young Park transform into a magical realm where a medieval sensibility reigns throughout the entire weekend. The festival features the largest juried art show in Southern New Mexico, with over 150 artists, vendors, and food booths.



Fall Festival of Arts

2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

November 8th 9:00am -4:00pm

This showing features more than 20 artists work consisting of paintings, pottery, weavings, jewelry, fused glass, ceramics, photography, and much more.

Exhibit: Land of the People

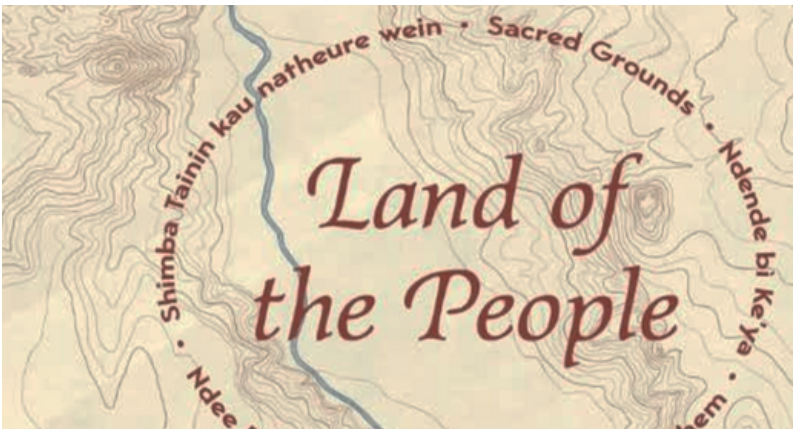
Branigan Cultural Center

138 S. Water Street Las Cruces

Fri: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Sat: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Visit this multi-cultural, collaborative exhibit focusing on six Indigenous groups - telling the story of these groups with historic roots and conteomporary invovement in the Boarderland region.



SPECIAL SUNDAY

Farmers & Crafts Market

Downtown, Las Cruces

November 9th 8:30am -1:00pm

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



\$ Outside vendor event with fees