



# FAMILY WEEKEND RESOURCE GUIDE



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For Phi Delta Theta chapters, the family weekend is their time to shine. But for the weekend to succeed, some planning must occur well in advance.

The following resources will serve as a guide to help your chapter plan a successful family weekend! Family weekend is a time to show off your chapter and campus. Take the time to showcase philanthropy, friendship, leadership, community service, networking, and so much more. Remember, some parents are not familiar with Greek life, so they will want to see the benefits of the organization.

A good tip is to work with your Office of Family Engagement to help plan events. If coupled with a campus family weekend, many activities will already be planned for you. Take advantage of that and communicate those details as early as possible to members' families.

With a little effort, planning, and putting your best foot forward, your chapter will surely have a fun and engaging family weekend.

Good luck!

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# TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY WEEKEND

## PLANNING PROCESS

- Start to plan early! Set a date as soon as possible.
- Include the entire chapter when brainstorming ideas for the weekend.
- Once the date is set, communicate with parents. Send an official invitation with hotel accommodations, when they need to arrive/depart, how to register, purchase event tickets (if applicable), and let them know a full schedule of events will be coming soon.
  - Registration: Require families to sign up so you know how many will be there for the weekend. If an event requires tickets/registration, send that information out with the official invitation.
- Reservations:
  - Examples: restaurant, space on campus, a tent for an outdoor BBQ, tee time for golf.
- Detailed tasks to be completed prior to the weekend: clean the house, decorations, food, tickets, and any other final prep work.
- Gifts for parents:
  - Coffee mugs, golf balls, blankets, t-shirts, flowers.
- Prepare activities for younger siblings.
- Organize a program for parents of new members.
- Ask alumni to attend.
- Provide brothers with guidelines for attire, etiquette, and roles throughout the weekend.
- Allow free time in the schedule.
- If outdoor events/activities are on the schedule, include the weekend forecast in your final communication to families.
- Communicate with families the full schedule of events and weekend expectations a month out and then again the week of!





## EVENT/ACTIVITY IDEAS

**Athletic Events:** Purchase tickets in advance if a game is going on that weekend.

**Meals:** Brunch, BBQ, receptions

Meals can be hosted by the chapter, alumni, or family club. The chapter also could take advantage of meal options on campus.

**Community Events:** Check out the community calendar so you can recommend activities during downtime! Examples of community events: concerts, museums, 5K, festivals

**Campus Events:** Check out campus events or set up a tour to show families around campus.

**Other:** Golf, bowling

\*See sample schedule and invitation below



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# SAMPLE FAMILY WEEKEND INVITATION

To the parents of [insert brother's name],

On behalf of the CHAPTER NAME chapter of Phi Delta Theta, I cordially invite you and your family to our annual Family Weekend on [insert date]!

Activities for the weekend will include:

- A tailgate for [college name] homecoming football game
- Yard games, house tours, and barbecue lunch
- Three-course dinner at (enter location)
- Free tours of campus and the [National Churchill Museum]
- Free movie coupons for our local theater

If you are interested in attending, RSVP by emailing [insert name and email address] the names of family members who will attend. I hope you can make it!

Sincerely,

[Insert chapter president's name]  
Chapter President



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## **PHI DELT FAMILY WEEKEND 2018**

**SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2018**

Join us for a fun-filled weekend with your son  
and his Fraternity brothers at the University of Utah

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

- 4:30–5:30 p.m. **Family Weekend Registration/House Tours**  
Utah Alpha Chapter House  
85 South Wolcott
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception/President's Welcome Remarks**  
Utah Alpha Chapter House
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

- 8:00–8:30 a.m. **Coffee/juice/bagels for Alumni Advisers and Families Taking Part in 'Phi Delt 101'**  
Alpine Room in the University Guest House and Conference Center: Conference Room Level  
110 Fort Douglas Blvd.  
*Free parking is available at the Guest House*
- 8:30–10:00 a.m. **'Phi Delt 101' with Alumni Advisers in the Alpine Room**  
*Families meet with Utah Alpha Alumni Advisers in the Alpine Room of the University Guest House and Conference Center for an overview and introduction to Phi Delta Theta—great for those who want to learn more about this organization their son has joined. No topic is off the table (all without your sons in the room).*
- 10:15–noon **Parent's Club Meeting: Families Meet with Parent's Club Leaders and Utah Alpha Alumni Advisers in the Alpine Room**  
**All are encouraged to attend**  
*Parent's Club Meeting*  
Learn and discuss how the Parent's Club can support the chapter  
General discussion about your sons and Phi Delta Theta (without your sons in the room)
- 12:30 p.m. **Meet at the Chapter House to Carpool to Snowbird Ski Resort**
- 1:00–4:00 p.m. **Snowbird Aerial Tram and Lunch**  
*At 11,000 feet at The Summit Restaurant (Dutch treat)*  
*First opened in 1971, Snowbird's Aerial Tram whisks passengers along a 1.6-mile cable and up 2,900 vertical feet during the ten-minute trip to the top of Hidden Peak. The round-trip can be done in forty minutes, including about twenty minutes of sightseeing on Hidden Peak, but guests may spend more if they wish. The Tram and the Hidden Peak Terminal are handicap accessible.*

*The Summit is Snowbird's newest year-round guest facility located atop Hidden Peak at 11,000 feet. Just a few steps from the Aerial Tram, The Summit is accessible for any tram passenger, whether on foot, skis, bikes, or*

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*boards. Once inside The Summit, guests can choose to dine on either of the two levels, each providing different views of the surrounding Wasatch-Cache National Forest.*

*The food at The Summit is just about as pure as the wind-driven snow for which Snowbird is famous. The menu includes everything from cookies to salads, sandwiches, pizza, and paninis. Open for snacks, beverages, and lunch. The Summit also has a full selection of local microbrews that add to a uniquely Utah dining experience.*

5:30 p.m.

### **Light Dinner at the Chapter House**

The Phis are making and serving—it should be a great dinner!

6:30 p.m.

### **Depart for FatCats Bowling**

3739 South 900 East

7:00–10:00 p.m.

### **The 2018 Phi/Families Bowling Classic**

This may not be the Pro Bowlers Tour, but no one can fail at bowling, and we look forward to a great night of fun and laughter—and a bit of competition. We will be split into family/son teams and compete for many incredible prizes selected just for this competition. In addition to two hours of bowling, we'll also have access to the arcade games. It promises to be a fun night with great company.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

No group activities are planned for Sunday, so it is a free day to do whatever you want with your son—shopping, touring, resting.



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