

Homecoming 2026

Your Guide to Alumni Tailgating

Game day is better with your Eagle family! Homecoming is the perfect time to reconnect with classmates, bring your group back together, and show your **True Blue** pride. Here's what to know before you head to Statesboro.

ALUMNI RELATIONS HOMECOMING EVENTS

The Office of Alumni Relations hosts a full lineup of Homecoming programming for alumni and friends. Before planning your own gathering, check out what's happening on our [Homecoming page](#). We hope to see you there!

GAME DAY TAILGATING RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

All alumni and guests must follow Georgia Southern Athletics' [Tailgating Rules and Expectations](#). Please review them before game day; they apply to every tailgate, wherever your group sets up.

HEADING TO THE 'BORO? WE RECOMMEND TAILGATING AT THE HILL

As we continue to SOAR Beyond, Georgia Southern Athletics is activating a game-day parking lot at the **Jack and Ruth Ann Hill Convocation Center** ("The Hill") as a dedicated home base for alumni tailgates. It's an established game-day lot, not a one-off overflow space, and it gives your group easy access to the stadium. The Hill is recommended for large groups of 10 or more, including student-organization alumni groups, as well as fraternities and sororities.

Please note: These guidelines apply to single-game parking purchases only. They do not apply to season ticket holder parking or GS Athletics donor parking lots.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY ORGANIZATIONS

Undergraduate fraternity and sorority organizations **must register their tailgate with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life** at ofsl@georgiasouthern.edu **at least two weeks before the event**. Unregistered fraternity and sorority tailgates are not recognized or supported by the University.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE HILL

- **Homecoming Day Only:** Tailgating setup is permitted exclusively on Saturday, November 7.
 - **Hours of Operation:** Access to the parking lot opens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 and tailgating will conclude, and the parking lot must be cleared two hours post game.
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- **Vehicle Restrictions:** Recreational vehicles (RVs) are not permitted in this lot.
- **Safety and Support:** On-site event personnel alongside the Georgia Southern University Police Department will monitor the location throughout the day.
- **Restroom Facilities:** Convenient restroom access is located inside on the first level of the Convocation Center, and portable restrooms will be available in the parking lot.
- **Waste Disposal:** Multiple trash cans will be placed conveniently across the lot for your convenience.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Purchase your [game tickets](#) and [parking](#) in advance.** Every tailgating vehicle needs a pre-purchased single-game parking space.
- **Other tailgating locations:** Continued tailgating may also take place at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC), the Performing Arts Center (PAC), or in a previously purchased donor parking lot. The Hill is recommended for large groups of 10 or more, including student-organization alumni groups, as well as fraternities and sororities.

GETTING TO THE STADIUM

Game day shuttles run 2½ hours before kickoff until 1 hour after the game, with all routes stopping at Allen E. Paulson Stadium on Malecki Drive.

- **Gold (Express):** Performing Arts Center (PAC), corner of Forest Dr. & Plant Dr.
- **Blue:** Russell Union, off Forest Dr. (free parking)
- **Green:** Recreation Activities Center (RAC), Akins Blvd.
- **Convocation Center (Hill):** Jack and Ruth Ann Hill Convocation Center

A separate game-day staff shuttle runs from The Hill 2 hours before kickoff until 1 hour before, then resumes after kickoff through 2 hours after the game.

KEEPING GAME DAY GREAT

To keep Homecoming fun and safe for everyone, please follow all rules. Violations may result in removal from the premises, an end to the tailgate, fees charged to the account holder, fines to fraternity and sorority undergraduate chapters, and loss of tailgating privileges. Individuals remain subject to all applicable laws.

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP

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