

PARENT/FAMILY WEEKEND

October 17–19, 2008

Dear MSU Parents and Families,

Patricia and I are pleased to invite you to the 18th annual Parent/Family Fall Weekend celebration this October. Whether your student is a freshman, senior or anywhere in between, this event is a great way to be a part of his/her college experience.

We have carefully selected activities that allow for quality time with your son or daughter, while building your own bridge with our campus and community. You can sit in on a favorite class, enjoy a tour of the Museum of the Rockies where favorite faculty will be giving short informative lectures or stroll downtown and mingle with other families. Don your blue and gold and support the Bobcats in football and volleyball action or take a float on the Madison. There will be great food, wonderful company and something for everyone.

We know that you play a major role in the success of your student and we want you to experience firsthand our shared commitment to that success. Please join us during this fun-filled weekend. It's a pleasure to have you as part of the MSU family.

Warm Regards,

Geoff and Patricia Gamble

GENERAL INFORMATION

Campus parking. Your registration includes a pass to park on campus on Friday, October 17th. If you register online, please print the pass from your home computer. If you register via U.S. Postal Service prior to October 5th, we will mail the pass to you. Parking on Saturday and Sunday is free. Please do not park in "reserved" areas.

Dress. All of the activities during the weekend are casual; no dress clothes are needed. Check out www.bobcatshopper.com or www.msubookstore.org/home.aspx, or visit the MSU Bookstore while on campus to pick up your Bobcat gear!

Dine in the Residence Halls. While on campus, Residence Life invites you to have a meal with your student. During the week leading up to Parent/Family Weekend, meals in the residence halls will feature a "taste of home" – recipes collected from parents of students currently living in the Residence Halls. Check with each hall for dining hall hours. The University Food Service offers parents of Residence Hall residents one free meal per year. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please have your student pick up a pass from the Cashier's Office (open 8-5, M-F) in Hedges prior to your arrival. You may also purchase meals on a cash basis in the Residence Halls.

The MSU Bookstore. located in the lower level of the SUB, is open every day except Sunday. It will open early, 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 18th to allow you adequate time to shop prior to visiting the Museum of the Rockies or attending the football game or raft trips. Please, stop in, browse, and use the discount coupon in your packet for a T-shirt, hat, sweatshirt or other MSU memorabilia.

Airfare Raffle. Who couldn't use a travel voucher and luggage? Thanks to our friends at Montana Travel, we are able to raffle off a \$400 travel voucher and set of luggage, proceeds of which will go to our student scholarship fund. This is just another way that the Parent/Family Association works to raise money that will immediately and directly benefit students and their families. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$12. The winner will be announced during Sunday morning's President's Farewell Breakfast. **You must be present to win.**



Downtown Discovery. Stroll along the streets of beautiful downtown Bozeman and enjoy special discounts and a warm welcome from local merchants. Mark off five of the businesses on the punch card located in your packet and turn in your card to be eligible to win GREAT prizes donated by the downtown businesses. Cards may be turned in at the following locations:



- Participating downtown stores until 5:00 on Saturday
- PFA Weekend Registration table at the Fitness Center on Friday until 4:00 pm.
- The Rocky Mountain Rendezvous Dinner at the Strand Union Ballrooms on Friday evening
- PFA Weekend Registration table at the Museum on Saturday morning between 9:00 and 11:00
- President's Breakfast on Sunday morning at the GranTree

Winners will be drawn at the breakfast. Need not be present to win, however, winners will need to pick up their prizes at the Communications and Public Affairs Office, 106 Montana Hall, before October 31, 2008.

Experience the Gallatin Valley. We encourage you to spend some time enjoying this vivacious and warm community. Shopping and dining information will be included in your packet. Many businesses have graciously donated door prizes and/or provided discounts for families. The Parent/Family Association is grateful for the outpouring of support. We know that if you spend some time enjoying our community, you will feel confident about your student living in a warm and safe home-away-from-home.

Hotel Reservations. The following hotels have graciously offered blocks of rooms under "MSU Parent/Family Weekend" at discounted rates. Please thank them for their support and generosity. The discounts will be available until the cutoff dates, noted in parentheses.

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Hotel	Phone	Cut Off Date	Discount
Microtel	1-406-586-3797	October 1	\$60+tax
Bozeman Super 8	1-406-473-9066	October 15	\$62 + tax
Hampton Inn	1-406-522-8000	October 1	\$93 + tax
Wingate	1-866-910-4995	September 16	\$85 + tax
Best Western GranTree	1-406-587-5261	September 16	\$84 + tax
Western Heritage	1-406-586-8534	September 17	\$79.00 + tax
Residence Inn	1-406-522-1535	September 17	\$89 + tax
City Center Motor Inn	800-870-3661 or 1-406-587-3158	October 1	\$87.99 + tax
C'MON Inn	1-406-587-3555		10% off any room
Comfort Inn	1-406-587-2322	September 22	\$77+tax
Holiday Inn	1-406-587-4561	October 3	
Hilton Garden Inn	1-406-582-9900	September 17	\$109.00+ tax

Silent Auction. The Parent/Family Association is seeking donations for the Silent Auction to be held during PFA Fall Weekend. If you have a product or service that you would like to donate for this special occasion, please contact Jodie DeLay at jdelay@montana.edu or 406.994.2502. All of the proceeds are directed toward student scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Jodie or the PFA Board Chairperson, Trisha Wylie at wylietrisha@yahoo.com or (209)658-8680.