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## University to Welcome Families with Music, Arts, Athletics

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan's Family Weekend is set for Nov. 3-5. The weekend includes a variety of activities ranging from athletics to music and the arts.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Family registration for weekend events will take place on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Hansen Student Center, 300 E. Beecher St., in Bloomington. After this time, all tickets will be held at the Hansen Student Center Information Desk.

On Friday, Nov. 3, pop-rock band The Hush Sound, whose most recent album, *Like Vines*, was released earlier this year, will perform in the Hansen Student Center at 7:00 p.m. The band recently opened for Fall Out Boy, The All-American Rejects and The Academy Is... and toured with Panic! At the Disco on a full U.S. summer tour.

Also on Friday, at 7:30 p.m. the IWU Jazz Ensemble will give a concert in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 1210 Park St., in Bloomington.

Saturday's events will begin with the session, "While Your Student is Still Sleeping," which will be held from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in room 101 of The Center for Natural Science Learning and Research, 201 Beecher St., in Bloomington. James Sikora, professor of sociology and the 2007 winner of The *Pantagraph* Award for Teaching Excellence, will give a talk entitled, "Connecting with the World Outside of IWU: A Community of Shepherds."

A luncheon catered by Sodexo Food Service will be held at the Shirk Center, 302 E. Emerson St., in Bloomington at 11:30 a.m. Vice President for Advancement Martin Smith will give brief remarks. Tickets are required for this event.

The Titan football team will play against North Central College on Wilder Field, 300 E. Kelsey St., in Bloomington at 1:00 p.m. Senior football players, cheerleaders, band and dance team members will be recognized during pre-game activities.

There will be the President's Reception from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. directly inside the Center for Natural Science Learning and Research. This reception, hosted by the Parent Board, is an opportunity to meet IWU President Richard Wilson and to speak with university faculty members. An R.S.V.P. is required for this event.

On Saturday night at 7:00 p.m., the Hansen Student Center will host a Family Talent Show. All are welcome to watch this event, although participants must be pre-registered.

Saturday's activities will end at the Shirk Center, which will host various attractions from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. such as beanbag and inflatable games and free pizza.

On Sunday, there will be a special Family Weekend Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St. This non-denominational service will feature IWU students and University Chaplain Dennis Groh, who will explore the topic, "How My Views of Family Have Changed."

The bookstore, located in the Hansen Student Center, will offer a special 10 percent discount on all clothing and gift items during the weekend. Bookstore hours for Family Weekend will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A schedule of events also is available at <https://www.iwu.edu/studentaffairs/programs/FamilyWeekend.html>

For more information about any of these events, contact Special Events Commissioner Lauren Fischer at [lfischer@iwu.edu](mailto:lfischer@iwu.edu).