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Family Weekend October 3-5 at ABAC

TIFTON – Students at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will welcome family and friends to their campus on Oct. 3-5 during the college’s fifth annual Family Weekend. Dean of Students Bernice Hughes said that early arrivals will receive a special treat.

Check-in for families will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 3 in Tift Hall on the front of campus where name tags and goodies will be provided. Families staying in designated hotels can also check in during this time.

For early attendees on Oct. 3, the Fillies’ softball team will take on the Canadian Futures Team in two scrimmages at noon and 2 p.m. at Fillies Field. The ABAC Stallions’ baseball team will also scrimmage Thomas University at 3 p.m. at Stallion Field.

To attend ABAC Family Weekend there is a fee of $15 for ABAC students and $25 per person for family and friends. This price covers two meals on Oct. 4, admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture, a t-shirt, insulated mug and light refreshments. To
register for ABAC’s Family Weekend event, participants can go to www.purplepass.com/abacfamilyweekend2014.

The events on Oct. 4 start early with a fun run/walk/scavenger hunt around the ABAC campus. At least two members of each family and the student are required to enter this event. Winners will be awarded prizes. From 9:15-10:45 a.m., visitors can tour the ABAC Farm or parents can go to Howard Auditorium to talk with ABAC’s panel of experts to have their questions answered.

From 10:15 a.m.-4 p.m., families can visit the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village which is a part of the ABAC campus. Visitors can explore the farm, shop in the Country Store, and experience what life was like in the 19th century. A cookout will take place from noon-1 p.m. at the Opry Pavilion at the Museum. The cookout will be sponsored and prepared by members of the ABAC Staff Forum.

Fun and games will take place back on the college campus from 4-6 p.m. on the Recreation Sports Field. Families can then attend the Fried Chicken Saturday Night from 7:15-9:30 p.m. Dinner will be followed by Bingo with an ABAC twist.

On Oct. 5 students and their families can Pack the House at any local church in Tifton. Once services are over, families can spend time with their students before heading back home.

For more information on ABAC’s Family Weekend, interested persons can contact Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu.

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