ITHACA 2026 COLLEGE

# HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

## OCTOBER 9–11, 2026

### SCHEDULE




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# Welcome!

We're so glad you're here. Our inaugural Homecoming & Family Weekend brings the whole Ithaca College community together—current students, families, alumni, friends, faculty, and staff—for three days of connection, celebration, and cheer. Root for the Bombers at Saturday's Homecoming football game, cozy up with a craft, catch a theatre or music performance, or connect with the faculty who've shaped your or your student's journey. There's something for everyone here this weekend!

**And when you're ready to venture beyond campus, Ithaca and the Finger Lakes are ready for you to explore or rediscover.**



# Schedule of Events
## Friday, October 9

Noon–2:00 p.m.
*Klingenstein Lounge, Egbert Hall (Campus Center)*

***Attendance is by invitation only.***

### Celebration of Scholarships Luncheon

This annual event celebrates the support that makes the IC experience possible for scores of students each year. Current student recipients of endowed scholarships are joined by the alumni and members of the IC community who fund the awards to share the stories of success and commitment to the college that fuel these special lifelong connections.

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11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
*102 Friends Hall*

### IC Makerspace Open Hours

Stop by the IC Makerspace, a collaborative workspace for making, learning, exploring, and sharing while using a range of creative equipment, tools, and materials that are available at no cost to all IC students. The space is equipped with 3D printers, a laser cutter, sewing machines, Cricut cutting machines, and other handcrafting tools that can be used for academic or personal projects. Drop by during open hours on Saturday for keychain making! Children under 16 must be supervised. Food and open drinks are not permitted.

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2:00–10:00 p.m.
*110 Friends Hall*

### Open Gaming in the Esports Lounge

Stop by for open gaming hours! Two console gaming areas are open for play on Nintendo Switch 1 and 2, XBox Series X, and PlayStation 5. With a wide variety of games to choose from, you could level the playing field with a *Mario Kart* competition, step it up with games like *Smash* or *Mario Party*, or put your teamwork to the test with a round of *Overcooked*! For the retro gamer, try classic arcade games like *Space Invaders*, *Pac-Man*, *Street Fighter*, or one of the other 4,000 titles on the arcade cabinet. A dozen Alienware gaming PCs are also available with a selection of titles like *Marvel Rivals*, *Rocket League*, *Fortnite*, and more. Supervision is required for children under age 16. Food and open drinks are not permitted.

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4:00–7:00 p.m.
*Main Concourse, Athletics and Events Center*

### Check-In and Welcome

Visit check-in, where you'll pick up football tickets and your name tag and lanyard—your entry pass to all weekend events. While you're there, stop by the tables to say hello and ask questions: the IC Family Council will be on hand, along with Wegmans and Visit Ithaca.

# Friday, October 9 *(continued)*

4:00–7:00 p.m..
*Main Concourse, Athletics and Events Center*

### From Homecoming & Family Weekend to Finals Week

Families, finals season will be here before you know it, so make your visit last a little longer. Stop by the Office of Residential Life table at check-in and write a personal note of encouragement for your student. We'll deliver it during finals week as a surprise reminder that they're loved, supported, and cheered on by the people who care about them the most. Sometimes a few heartfelt words are exactly the boost a stressed-out student needs.

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4:00–7:00 p.m.
*Campus Center Quad (between Campus Center and the Fitness Center)*

### S'mores on da Quad

Join the Unity Center for this annual family and alumni event. Build your s'more, roast marshmallows, and enjoy hot chocolate with all the fixings! Allergen-friendly s'mores and hot chocolate are also available. The first 100 attendees get a special prize!

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5:30 p.m.
*Emerson Suites, Phillips Hall (Campus Center)*

***This is a separate, ticketed event and preregistration is required.***

### Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony

The Ithaca College Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1969 to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the intercollegiate athletics program at Ithaca College. The 56th IC Hall of Fame class includes:

The 1991 Football Team
Phil Barera '11 – Men's Basketball
Nicole Cade '08 – Softball
Tim Faulkner – Coaching
Eli Gobrecht '16 – Men's Lacrosse
Marc Israel '05 – Men's Wrestling
Joel Lamson '90 – Men's Wrestling
Sharon Li '15 – Golf
Neth Wiedemann '09 – Men's Lacrosse








6:00–7:00 p.m.
*Muller Chapel*

**Hillel Shabbat Services**

Join the Ithaca College Hillel organization for Shabbat services.

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7:00–8:00 p.m.
*Muller Chapel*

***Prior reservation for dinner is required to attend.***

**Shabbat Dinner and Reception**

Enjoy a warm and cozy kosher Shabbat meal following services with Hillel students and staff.

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7:30 p.m.
*Clark Theatre, Dillingham Center*

***Tickets should be purchased in advance at ithaca.edu/mainstage.***

**Ithaca College Theatre Production: Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters***

Set in a provincial military town in the Soviet Union of the mid-1980s, *Three Sisters* follows the Prozorov family as glasnost and perestroika stir quiet change around them. Amid worn interiors and military formality, the sisters cling to routine, longing for the Moscow of their childhood. Chekhov's play emerges as a portrait of a family sensing change before they're fully ready for it.





# Saturday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Check-In
9:00 a.m. Start
*IC Natural Lands (entrance near Terrace 13)*

### Fifth Annual IC Runs Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Join us for the fifth annual IC Runs Purple 5K run or one-mile walk, hosted by the Office of Public Safety and the Prevention Education Network. Register to participate when you get there or simply come to watch and cheer. While participation is free, we invite you to consider making a donation to support the Tompkins County Advocacy Center's 24-hour hotline volunteer program—a vital lifeline for survivors and their support networks.

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9:00–Noon
*Main Concourse, Athletics and Events Center*

### Check-In and Welcome

For those who can't make it to Friday's check-in, this provides another opportunity to sign in and pick up football tickets and your name tag and lanyard, which will serve as your entry pass to weekend events. While you're there, stop by the tables to say hello and ask questions: the IC Family Council will be on hand along with Wegmans and Visit Ithaca.

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10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
*Lobby, Dillingham Center*

### Drop-In Chat with the Academic Leadership Team

Stop by to connect with Ithaca College's academic deans and provost to learn more about the innovative programs, opportunities, and experiences that shape our vibrant learning community. This informal gathering offers a chance to ask questions, share ideas, and celebrate the spirit of academic excellence at IC.








10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
*Ithaca College Apiary (follow the signs from the Office of Public Safety building, Farm Pond Road)*

### Bee Fest

Did you know that Ithaca College has its own honeybee program and on-campus apiary? Join South Hill Apiaries for our annual open house. Activities include hive tours, crafts, learning opportunities, honey sales, and more!

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10:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
*Campus Center Quad (between Campus Center and the Fitness Center)*

***Three seatings (assigned at check-in):***
***10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.***
***11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.***
***12:15 p.m.–1:00 p.m.***

### Homecoming & Family Weekend Picnic Lunch

Enjoy a complimentary buffet luncheon outside on the Campus Center quad. Dress for the weather. This will be a great opportunity to meet other alumni, families, and students, and celebrate all things IC!

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10:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
*Campus Center Quad*

### Family Photos

Gather your family and friends and stop by our picture area for a group photo during the picnic lunch. We'll print a free keepsake for you to take home.

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Noon–4:00 p.m.
*102 Friends Hall*

### IC Makerspace Open Hours

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# Saturday, October 10 *(continued)*

1:00 p.m.
*Butterfield Stadium*

**Homecoming Football Game: IC vs. University of Rochester**

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1:00 p.m.
*Higgins Stadium*

**Women's Field Hockey Game: IC vs. Vassar College**

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1:30 p.m.
*Clark Theatre, Dillingham Center*

**Ithaca College Theatre Production: Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters***

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2:00 p.m.
*Carp Wood Field*

**Men's Soccer Game: IC vs. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

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2:00–3:00 p.m.
*102 Textor Hall*

**Study Abroad Through IC**

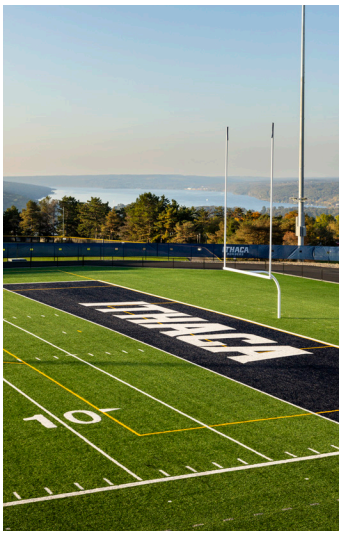
Join us for an informative introduction to the study abroad opportunities available to students.

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2:00–10:00 p.m.
*110 Friends Hall*

**Open Gaming in the Esports Lounge**

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3:00–4:00 p.m.
*102 Textor Hall*

### IC London Center Alumni Panel and IC London Now

Come chat with our IC London Center student alumni about studying, living, and working in our IC center in the heart of London. The center director, Dr. Meghan Callahan, will be on hand to talk about IC London Now, our new lifelong learning programs beginning in May 2027.

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4:00–6:00 p.m.
*Clark and Klingenstein Lounges, Egbert Hall (Campus Center)*

### Susan DiPace ’74 Alumni Panel and Networking Event

This two-part event kicks off with a career-focused panel discussion featuring three accomplished IC alumni who have transformed their Ithaca College experiences into successful and often unexpected career journeys. Hear their stories, learn how they navigated career decisions and challenges, and gain valuable insights that can help current students and other alumni explore their own paths with confidence.

Following the panel discussion, enjoy complimentary light refreshments while networking with IC alumni representing a wide range of industries and professions. This is a unique opportunity for alumni, current students, and families to interact.

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7:00–8:30 p.m.
*Emerson Suites, Phillips Hall (Campus Center)*

### One World Concert

Join the Ithaca College International Club in celebrating the diversity and talent of IC students. This concert is dedicated to the appreciation of arts, music, dance, and other performances representing different cultures in the United States and internationally.

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7:30 p.m.
*Clark Theatre, Dillingham Center*

### Ithaca College Theatre Production: Anton Chekhov’s *Three Sisters*

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# Sunday, October 11

10:00 a.m.–Noon
*IC Square, Phillips Hall (Campus Center)*

***Two seatings seatings (assigned at Check-in): 10:00–11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.–Noon***

### Countdown to Cortaca Brunch

The Cortaca Jug, dubbed by *Sports Illustrated* as the "biggest little game in the nation" returns to Yankee Stadium on November 14. Get ready for the big game at this spirited Homecoming & Family Weekend farewell gathering celebrating the Cortaca tradition. In addition to a hearty brunch, you'll have a chance to win tickets to the Cortaca Jug 2026 and gear up with Cortaca-themed swag!

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10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
*Hammond Health Center, Side Entrance*

### CAPS Open House

The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) will be open to visitors. Tour the space, learn about the services provided, meet a counselor or two, enjoy coffee and doughnuts, and imagine what is behind those closed doors as we support students' mental health.

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4:00 p.m.
*Ford Hall, Whalen Center for Music*

### Concert Band Performance

***Free tickets should be obtained in advance at ithaca.edu/mainstage.*** Enjoy an afternoon performance by the IC Concert Band, showcasing the talent and artistry of our student musicians.

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6:00 p.m.
*Muller Chapel*

### Catholic Mass

Join the Ithaca College Catholic community for Mass.





# Exploring More of Campus

*Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Dawn to Dusk*

**Hike the Natural Lands**

More than half of the Ithaca College property (560+ acres) is managed by IC faculty, staff, and students as the Ithaca College Natural Lands (ICNL). This conservation reserve system provides outdoor classrooms, research sites, and recreational activities, and is most easily accessed from the north entrance near Boothroyd Hall or the west entrance behind Terrace 13. View maps at **icnaturallands.com/trails.**

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*Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 9:00 a.m.–Midnight*

**Campus Center Outdoor Fire Pit**

Take a break and warm up at the fire pit on Campus Center's second-floor terrace. Stop by the Campus Center information desk to have the fire pit started.



# Campus Map

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1 Alumni Hall
2 Athletics and Events Center (including Glazer Arena)
8, 24, 25 Campus Center (including Beginnings Credit Union)
3 Center for Health Sciences
4 Center for Natural Sciences
5 Center for Public Safety and General Services (including mail, printing)
6 Ceracche Center
7 Dillingham Center (including Clark Theatre, Hoerner Theatre)
8 Egbert Hall (including Clark and Klingenstein Lounges)
9 Facilities Administration
10 Facilities Maintenance / Facilities Grounds
11 Facilities Grounds and Transportation
12 Fitness Center
13 Ford Observatory
14 Friends Hall
15 Gannett Center (including Handwerker Gallery, Library)
16 Hammond Health Center
17 Hill Center (including Ben Light Gymnasium)
18 Job Hall
19 Muller Chapel
20 Muller Faculty Center
21 Park Center for Business and Sustainable Enterprise (School of Business)
22 Park Hall (Roy H. Park School of Communications)
23 Peggy Ryan Williams Center (including Office of Admission)
24 Phillips Hall (including Emerson Suites)
25 Phillips Hall Annex (including Campus Store)
26 Smiddy Hall
27 Textor Hall
28 Towers Concourse
29 Warehouse / Facilities Maintenance
30 Whalen Center for Music (including Ford Hall, Hockett Family Recital Hall, McHenry Lobby)
31 Williams Hall

**RESIDENCE HALLS**

Q7 Bogart Hall
Q11 Boothroyd Hall
Inset Circle Apartments
Q8 Clarke Hall
E1 East Tower
Q10 Eastman Hall
R Emerson Hall
G25–G29 Garden Apartments
Q2 Hilliard Halls
Q5 Holmes Hall
Q1 Hood Hall
Q6 Landon Hall
Q9 Lyon Hall
Q3 Rowland Hall
Q4 Tallcott Hall
T1–T13 Terraces
W1 West Tower

**DINING HALLS**

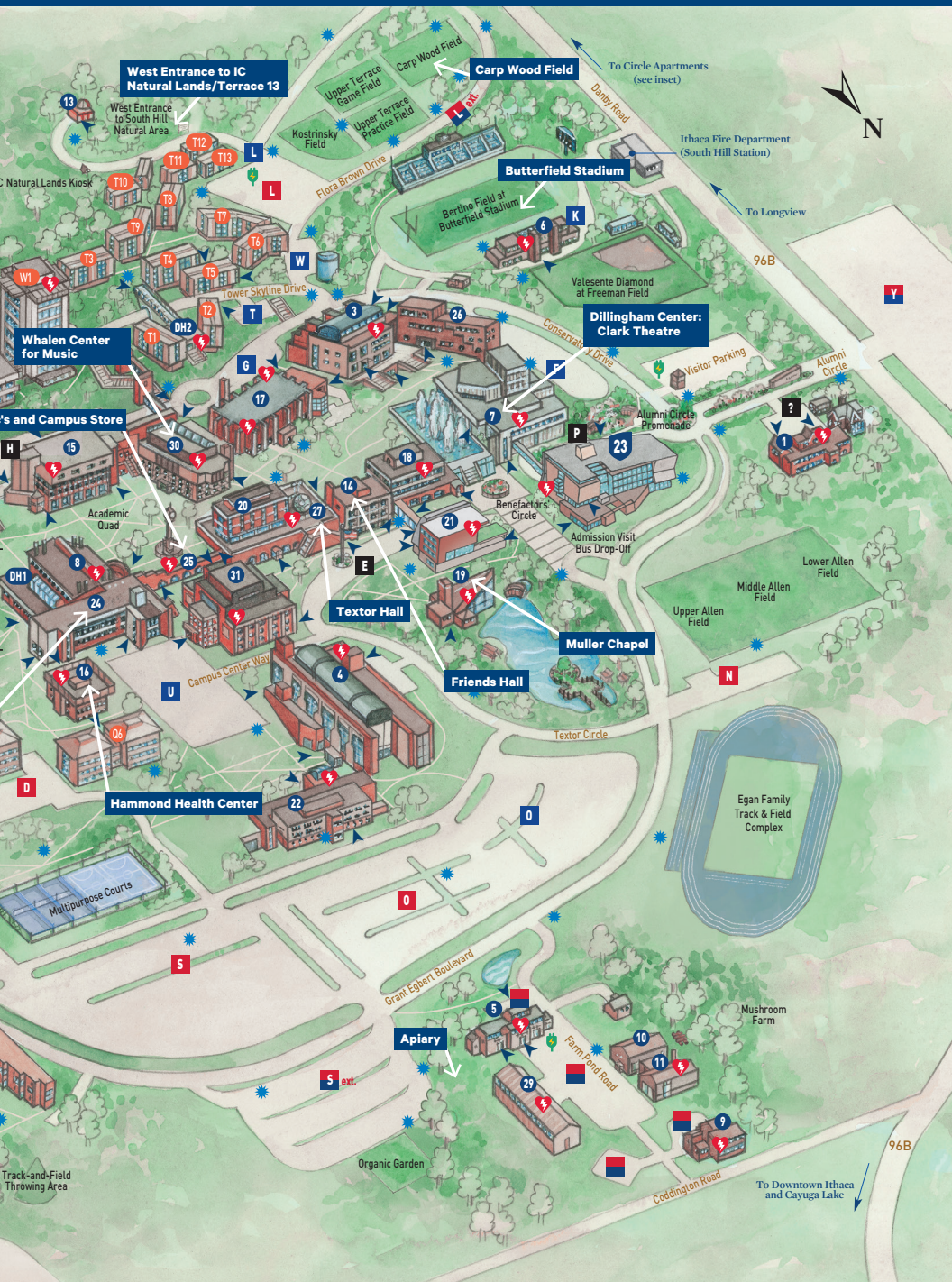
DH1 Campus Center Dining Hall
DH2 Towers Eatery

**LEGEND**

Nonresidential Buildings
Residence Halls
23 Office of Admission
Parking Lots (color-coded by permit)
Reserved Parking
Blue-Light Emergency Telephones
Automatic Doors
(AED) and Naloxone (Narcan) Locations
EV Chargers



**Use this code to access the interactive campus map, which also includes accessible entrances and gender-neutral restrooms at ithaca.edu/map.**



# Local Attractions and Activities

There's a reason CNN named Ithaca **#1 on its Best Towns to Visit** list and called it a showstopper for scenery! October is a perfect time to explore Ithaca and the surrounding areas. Take in the waterfalls (there are almost 150 in the region!), grab breakfast at a favorite spot, and most of all, savor some time experiencing the beauty and culture here together.

### Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau

For up-to-date information on what to see and do, where to eat, as well as where to stay, go to visitithaca.com.

### Apple Picking and Harvest Markets

Pick apples, taste fresh-pressed cider, and snack on homemade doughnuts. Nearby farms include Grisamore Farms (grisamorefarms.com) in Locke, Indian Creek Farm (indiancreekithaca.com) in Ithaca, and Iron Kettle Farm (ironkettlefarm.com) in Candor.

### Finger Lakes Wineries and Breweries

Taste the many flavors of our region's delightful wineries and craft breweries and take in the fall colors. Plan your adventure at fingerlakeswinecountry.com or fingerlakesbeertrail.com.

### Ithaca Farmers Market

Savor the food, music, flowers, and crafts of local farmers, performers, and artisans at this charming waterfront market. Hours during Homecoming & Family Weekend are Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Go to ithacamarket.com for more information.









# General Information

## Emergencies

In the event of an emergency on campus, contact the Office of Public Safety. The communications center is operational and staffed at all times (24 hours per day, year-round) and can be reached by calling (607) 274-3333. Additionally, emergency phones are strategically located throughout the campus and are readily identifiable (by a blue light), offering immediate and direct contact with the Office of Public Safety.

## Parking

We recommend you park on the east side of campus, closer to the Athletics and Events Center. Parking lots P, F, G, and K—as well as the visitor lot—will be closed on Saturday in anticipation of the football game. **Parking passes are not required for Homecoming & Family Weekend.** Please note that emergency vehicles must have immediate access to all buildings at all times. Improperly parked vehicles present hardships for emergency response and pose a real threat to public safety. As such, Ithaca College must respond to traffic infractions that impede emergency access such as parking in fire lanes, loading docks, walkways, sidewalks, or other nondesignated parking areas and spaces. In the interest of public safety, improperly parked vehicles may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

## Pets

Please note that, with the exception of service animals, the college does not permit pets on campus. Pets are therefore not allowed at any official Homecoming & Family Weekend event.

## Recreational Vehicles

Health regulations prohibit self-contained trailers and/or recreational vehicles from parking overnight on campus. Area campsite information is available from the Office of Conference and Event Services, (607) 274-3313. Please address additional questions to Parking and Traffic Services, (607) 274-3756.

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## Campus Facilities

### Campus Center Recreation Center

*Phillips Hall (Campus Center)*
Friday, Noon–10:00 p.m.
Saturday, Noon–6:00 p.m.
Sunday, CLOSED

### Campus Store

*Phillips Hall Annex*
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sunday, CLOSED

### Dining

To view hours at available eateries including the Campus Center Dining Hall, IC Square food court, and Ithaca Bakery, visit ithaca.edu/dining/locations-hours.

*Order ahead for Ithaca Bakery and the food court at ithaca.edu/dining/grubhub.*

### Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is open to registered family members and guests ages 16 and older. Minors must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver on their behalf.
Friday, 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

### Mac's General Store

*Phillips Hall Annex*
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, CLOSED




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# Be a part of it!

The Cortaca Jug—the "biggest little game in the nation"—returns to Yankee Stadium.

## Saturday, **November 14, 2026**

**Kickoff at 1 p.m.**

Last call to come out and **support your Ithaca College Bombers** as they take on the State University of New York at Cortland.

Can't get to the Big Apple? We'll bring it to you! Join one of our many **virtual watch parties** around the country!

Visit **alumni.ithaca.edu** to find the watch party closest to you, or email **alumni@ithaca.edu** to start your own!

**Get your tickets now via Ticketmaster: yankees.com/football**

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