



Fall Family Weekend '13 was very exciting for everyone at USF. As families came to check-in for the weekend, you could see how happy the parents were to see their students. The dads were proud, the moms were beaming. The students had that cool “I’m not going to let everyone see how excited I am to see my family again” look on their face. From the Meet & Greet to the rappelling to the tours of the Botanical Gardens, and much, much more, the families reconnected, caught up and enjoyed each other’s company.

Flat Rocky also made his first appearance at a Fall Family Weekend. And what fun he had. He canoed, ate a lot, went to the football game and even stopped by Busch Gardens. Families had a great time photographing Flat Rocky and documenting FFW ‘13. Visit USFParents on Instagram to see lots of great photos of Flat Rocky.

Another addition to the weekend was Family Karaoke. What fun it was to enjoy the musical talents of our families. The song “We are Family” started the evening’s festivities. Several acts took the stage, proving that all that singing in the shower was not wasted. The real enjoyment was the brother/sister groups that had a great time singing and letting loose with each other. No matter the age difference, at that moment, they were together and that was all that mattered (especially to the younger siblings).

It was a full weekend. Families participated in Survey Says, the family game show hosted by the Center for Student Involvement. It’s been rumored there were some big money winners. You

saw families sitting around catching up; taking in a lecture; chalking the next great masterpiece; meeting various campus dignitaries; hobnobbing with Rocky D. Bull; and cheering on the Bulls at the Family Tailgate.

Take some time to relive the special memories from the 2013 USF Fall Family Weekend by visiting [www.enjoyphotos.com](http://www.enjoyphotos.com) (username: 2013 USF Parent Family Weekend, password: 43408). Your favorite photos from this site can be easily ordered with your credit card in a secure purchasing environment. A portion of your purchase will be donated to the USF Parents Fund.

An event like Fall Family Weekend cannot take place without the help of many, many people! A special thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of Fall Family Weekend '13. From stuffing goodie bags to working the check-in table or heading out to the tailgate early on a Saturday morning, the volunteers were friendly, helpful and happy to visit with the families of our USF students.

Take a walk down Fall Family Weekend memory lane at [www.facebook.com/usfparents](http://www.facebook.com/usfparents) in the photo albums. And be looking for information on upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon!