



Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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March-April 2012 Newsletter

Howdy Aggie Moms!

We had a great Dinner and Silent Auction in February. Thank you to all of our volunteers and to Craig Weeks for being our Master of Ceremonies. The entertainment, Apotheosis, was so much fun to watch. What talent! Our next event will be the Parent's Weekend Boutique held 3/30-3/31 at Texas A&M. You will be receiving a "volunteer spot" email soon to sign up to help Deb Phillips with our booth at the event. Our next general meeting is on March 19th and we will have an interesting presentation by the Vet school. Our final meeting of the year will be on April 16th. We will honor our Aggie moms' spring and summer graduates at this meeting. We hope to see you at our March 19th meeting!

Gig 'em!
Denise and Connie

RRAAMC News and Events

RRAAMC Winter Activity Calendar

Mar 19	Aggie Mom Meeting
Mar 30- Apr 1	Aggie Mom's Boutique at Parent's Weekend
Apr 16	Aggie Mom Salad Supper

Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction

Thank you to all who attended, to all who baked, to all who brought items, to all who served during the evening, to all who set up and cleaned up, to all who helped plan and organize, to all who donated time and treasure. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Anniversary Dinner a success!

Aggie Mom's Boutique at Parents' Weekend



Our Aggie Mom's Boutique is scheduled for Parent's Weekend on March 30th & April 1st this year!

The event will be held in the Duncan Dining Hall on the Texas A&M campus. There will be approximately 250 booths so it is sure to be a great event! We will need help with the

boutique so please contact Deb Phillips at 413-8266 or Deborah.Phillips@toro.com if you are interested and able to help.

Texas A&M University Calendar & News

Key Spring Semester Dates

Here are the key dates your students should be aware of for spring semester at TAMU.

Mar 12-16	Spring Break
March 30- Apr 1	Parents Weekend 2012 http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/
Apr 2	Last day to drop classes w/out penalty
Apr 6	Reading Day
Apr 12-27	Preregistration for summer and fall semesters
Apr 21	Muster
Apr 30	Prep day
May 1	Fall Semester Final Grades Due
May 2-3	Reading Days
May 5	Corps of Cadets Final Review
May 4, 7-9	Final Exams
May 10	Grades for degree candidates due
May 11-12	Commencement and Commissioning
May 14	Final grades for all students due

Texas A&M Parents' Weekend 2012



Parents' Weekend is a long standing tradition at Texas A&M. It began in 1919, when membership in the Corps of Cadets was mandatory. Mothers who worried about their sons formed the Aggie Mother's Club to help their sons get through the "fish" and underclassmen years. An open house program was started and held on Mother's Day, before graduation. In 1969, graduation was pushed up and the program was moved to April. Corps flower pinning, chapel services, military reviews, Parents of the Year receptions, campus tours and outfit award presentations have been part of the weekend since its beginning. New activities are continually being added to include a wider variety of students.

Some of these new activities include a traditions program, concerts, Bevo Burn Barbecue, Maroon and White Football Game, All University Awards, and 'Ol Army Yell Practice.

Parents' Weekend is a special time dedicated to Aggie parents and family, and gives Aggie students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives.

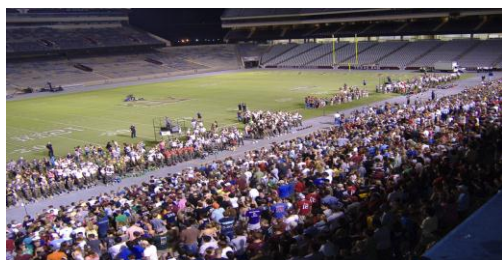
This year has lots of activities planned for the weekend so you will need to decide what you can fit into your weekend! The weekend begins on Friday, March 30th with a variety of events, two of the notable ones being the Aggie Moms' boutique and Aggie Ring Day.

The Aggie Moms' Boutique, also known as the Aggie Gift and Craft Fair, is presented by all of the Aggie Moms' Clubs. Duncan Dining Hall is filled with booths from each club showcasing the best in Aggie gifts. It is a 2-day event, running both Friday and Saturday. It is must see (and buy)!

Aggie Ring Day is one of the biggest days in an Aggie's life when they receive their beloved Aggie ring. It is one of Texas A&M's most sacred traditions. A student may receive a ring once they have earned 90 undergraduate cumulative hours with 45 being resident hours at TAMU. Ring Day will kick off with a yell practice (at the Alumni Center) at 1:45PM and then rings will be distributed starting at 2:00PM. For more information visit AggieNetwork.com/Ring.

The 1st day ends with the well-known and beloved Midnight Yell at Kyle Field. Texas A&M's new football coach, Kevin Sumlin, as well as the 2012-2013 Student Body President, John Claybrook, will address attendees before yell practice begins. Come take part in this beloved Aggie tradition!

Below you will find the entire 3 day schedule. There is truly something for everyone!



Friday, March 30th

10am-5pm	Aggie Moms' Boutique – Duncan Dining Hall
2pm-8pm	Aggie Ring Day – Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center
6pm	Women's Tennis vs. Kansas State – George P. Mitchell Tennis Center
6pm	Men's Tennis vs. Oklahoma St. – George P. Mitchell Tennis Center
6:30pm	Jewish Aggies – Shabbat Dinner - Jewish Student Center
6:35pm	Baseball vs. Missouri – Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park
7pm	Freudian Slip Comedy Show – Rudder Forum - \$5 tickets at MSC Box Office
7pm	University Band Parents Weekend Concert – Rudder Theater - \$5 adults/\$3 students at door
9pm-2am	Ol' Ags Sausage for a Cause – Behind Northgate - \$2 per wrap or 3 for \$5. Benefits Head Start of Bryan.
12am-2am	Midnight Yell – Kyle Field

Saturday, March 31st

8am-10am	Aggies Abroad Parents' Weekend Breakfast – Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building – Learn more about Study Abroad opportunities
8:30am-10:30am	Mays Business School Presentation and Brunch – Wehner Building. Presentation from 8:30-9:15; brunch from 9:30-10:30.
9am-11am	College of GeoSciences Open House – O&M Building
9am	Theta Rock The Casa 2012 – Kappa Alpha Theta House – 1503 Athens Drive. 5K run & 1.5mile walk to benefit CASA and Scotty's House. \$15 early registration/\$20 day of.
10am-5pm	Aggie Moms' Boutique – Duncan Dining Hall
10am-12pm	The President's Residence Open House hosted by President R. Bowen Loftin and Dr. Karin C Loftin – Throckmorton Street, across from Duncan Drill Field.
10am-12pm	The Vice President's Residence Open House hosted by Vice President of Student Affairs General and Mrs. Joe Weber – Throckmorton Street, across from Sanders Corps Center.
11am-3pm	Taste of Aggieland- Aggie Fan Zone. Many of the students' favorite restaurants sample their fare. Local retailers and performers will also be present.
2:05pm	Baseball vs. Missouri – Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park
7pm	Singing Cadets Concert – Rudder Theater. \$3 students/\$5 non-students at MSC Box Office.
9pm-2am	Ol' Ags Sausage For a Cause – behind Northgate.

Sunday, April 1st

9:30am	All University Awards Ceremony – Rudder Auditorium. New Parents of the Year award, Corps of Cadets awards, and other student awards are presented.
12pm	Corps of Cadets Ross Volunteer Performance – Kyle Field
1pm	Women’s Tennis vs. Kansas – George P. Mitchell Tennis Center
1pm	Men’s Tennis vs. Oklahoma – George P. Mitchell Tennis Center
1:05pm	Baseball vs. Missouri – Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park
1:15pm	Corps of Cadets Fish Drill Team Performance – Kyle Field
1:45pm	Corps of Cadets Individual Corps Awards Ceremony – Kyle Field
2:25pm	Corps Step Off – The Quad
2:45pm	Corps of Cadets Unit Awards and Corps Review – Kyle Field

Texas A&M Events & Campus Happenings



Aggie Muster April 21st is Aggie Muster. Aggie Muster is a time honored tradition at Texas A&M that is held all over the world, wherever

Aggies can gather. It officially began on April 21, 1922 as a day for remembrance of fellow Aggies. The "Roll Call for the Absent" commemorates Aggies, former and current students, who died during the year. Aggies light candles while friends and families of Aggies who died that year answer “here” when the name of their loved one is “called”. The Capital City A&M Club will host Aggie Muster in Austin on April 21st at 5:30 at the Texas State Capitol Building, House Chambers. For more information about this local event, see <http://www.austinags.org/article.html?aid=107&nl=123>.

Fragile Photography Exhibit Beginning Monday, March 19th and running through Friday March 30th, the Fragile Photography Exhibit will be on display at the AgriLife Center. Fragile is a photo exhibit chronicling hunger and poverty through the lens of Howard G. Buffett. The collection of photos focuses on the fight for food security and seeks to challenge visitors to confront the realities of this world being shared with individuals who are on the edge of survival. The exhibit is free and open to the

public. Stop by between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at 556 John Kimbrough Boulevard in College Station.

Vet School Open House The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences will host their 19th annual Open House on Saturday April 14, 2012, from 9:00 am–4:00 pm. The open house features tours of the large and small animal hospitals, Teddy Bear Surgery, exotic animal exhibits, pictures with Reveille, exciting demonstrations, and many more hands-on opportunities. Open House is free, open to the public, and does not require registration. Don’t miss this chance to go behind the scenes at the only vet school in Texas!



The Big Event The Big Event will be held on March 24th – just a week away! The Big Event is the largest, one-day, student-run service project

in the nation where students of Texas A&M University come together to say ‘thank you’ to the residents of Bryan and College Station. For the past 25 years Aggie students have participated in this annual event to show their appreciation to the surrounding community by completing service projects such as yard work, window washing, and interior/exterior painting. Although The Big Event has become the largest one-day, student-run service project in the nation, the message still remains the same – simply “thank you.”

Aggie Athletics

Big 12 Indoor Track & Field Championship

The Aggies hosted the Big 12 Indoor Track & Field Championship Meet and came out big winners! Both the men and the women were named the Big 12 Championship winners, with several Aggies setting new school records. This was the first conference indoor sweep since 2006!

Our very own Casey Strong, son of Denise Strong, set a school record in his event. Here’s a recap of the event results. You will see Casey and his teammates standing on the winner’s platform! <http://www.aggieathletics.com/mediaPortal/player.dbml?id=850961>. Congratulations to Casey, Denise and all of the athletes and their moms!