



# Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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August-September 2015 Newsletter

## Howdy!

Welcome back to another year of encouraging and supporting our Aggies! This year is already off to a great start with the overwhelming success of Howdy Hullabaloo and our Salad Supper. Please join us for our meetings and the activities we have planned this semester. A speaker from the Student Life Office will be at our September meeting and the Traditions Council will be back again for our October meeting. Look for details and volunteer opportunities for our annual Tailgate on November 14 when the Aggies play Western Carolina at Kyle Field. (BTHO Western Carolina. WHOOP!) The Tailgate is a great way to become involved in our club, meet new friends and treat our students (and their friends) to some delicious food on game day. We hope all Aggies are settling in and enjoying their Aggie experience.

Gig 'Em!  
Loretta and Beth

## RRAAMC News and Events

The Fall Activities for our club are listed below. We have some exciting events planned!

### RRAAMC Activity Calendar

<b>Sep 21</b>	Monthly Meeting – Student Activities
<b>Oct 9-Oct11</b>	Aggie Mom Camp in College Station
<b>Oct 19</b>	Monthly Meeting – Traditions Council
<b>Nov 14</b>	Aggie Mom Tailgate in College Station
<b>Nov 16</b>	Monthly Meeting Salad Supper & Graduating Student Recognition
<b>Dec 2</b>	Ag Bag Delivery

The August and September Aggie Moms meetings will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church located at 17000 Smyers Ln, Round Rock, TX 78681. It is off of 620, near the HEB at Cornerwood. The remaining Aggie Mom meetings

and salad suppers will be held at the Fern Bluff Community Center located at 7320 Wyoming Springs Dr., Round Rock, TX 78681.

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## Howdy Hullabaloo Fun!

This summer's Howdy Hullabaloo, held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Round Rock Library, was the biggest in

our club's history! Our presidents, Beth & Loretta, welcomed everyone and a panel of current students shared their experiences about what it is like to be an Aggie. Many, many thanks to our student panel, all of the moms who volunteered to bring food or attended the event, and especially to our organizer, Deborah Thornton for a great job! Way to share the Aggie spirit, moms!

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## Planned Speakers for Round Rock Aggie Mom September & October Meetings

This fall we have two Salad Suppers, one in August and one in November, and two program meetings. Our first program is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and will feature Libby Dagers, Assistant Coordinator in the Office of New Student & Family Programs, and is directly responsible for all parent and family communication, support, and Parents' Weekend. Our second program is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> and will feature the Traditions Council. The Traditions Council is made up of Texas A&M Students who come to share with us all of the honored and beloved traditions that make Texas A&M University the wonderful school that it is.

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## Save the date – the Aggie Mom Tailgate is coming!



Mark your calendars for this popular event! We will host our annual Round Rock Area Aggie Mom Tailgate on Saturday, November 14, 2015 for the

Texas A&M vs. Western Carolina game! We will

set up in Spence Park either before or after the Aggies' home game against Western Carolina,

depending on game time, which is still to be determined. Invite your students and their friends and roommates. This is a free event for the students! We will be asking for Aggie Mom volunteer help as the date nears. Stay tuned!

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**Aggie Mom Camp** Our Aggies have Fish Camp or T-Camp to aid in their transition from home to college life and to introduce them to the traditions of Texas A&M University. Aggie Moms also have **CAMP!**

Every year since 1994, the Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs has held Aggie Mom Camp in College Station. The goal of the event is to have experienced Aggie Moms help new Aggie Moms with the transition as their child leaves home to attend Texas A&M University and to introduce them to the wonderful traditions of A&M. Aggie Mom Camp is not just limited to new moms. Experienced moms also love and benefit from the weekend. The camp is a lot of fun with campus tours, group sessions, skits, shopping, and lots of bonding with both "old" and "new" Aggie Moms. This year's camp will be held from October 9-11, 2015 at the Hilton Hotel in College Station. <http://aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/aggiemomcamp> has registration information.

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## Texas A&M News & Events

**Three-Day Celebration Of Kyle Field Reopening Includes Fireworks, Music, And Stadium Tours** On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the day before the first home football game in renovated Kyle Field, Texas A&M will kick off a three-day celebration of the opening of the new field. The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday with re-dedication of the relocated statue of the late John David Crow, Texas A&M's first Heisman Trophy winner. Following that ceremony, there will be an unveiling of the Core Values monument, which highlights the core values that all Aggies value. The celebration will continue with fireworks and

Yell Practice. Texas A&M is encouraging tailgaters to come out in force on Saturday to prepare for the game against Ball State at 6 pm. A DJ will play

music starting at 12pm, followed by a concert performance by Grammy-nominated rock band Relient K at 1:15pm. Grammy-nominated Texas country singer Pat Green will follow 2:45. To close out the event on Sunday, an open house and free tours of the West side of Kyle Field will be conducted from 2pm – 5pm.

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**Gloria Steinem To Headline Conference Hosted By The Bush School** A conference entitled "National Security and Women's Insecurity: Why Women Matter in Foreign Policy" will be held at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 6pm. Headlining the event is social activist, writer, editor, and lecturer Gloria Steinem, who has been an outspoken champion of women's rights since the late 1960s. She was awarded the 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The conference will include topics involving US foreign policy and inclusion and effect on women around the world. In addition to Steinem, the conference will include current and former policymakers, nongovernmental activists and academic scholars.

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## Silver Taps

Silver Taps is a special time for the Aggie family. Silver Taps is a time when students come together to honor deceased peers. It occurs on the first Tuesday of every month. At 10:15 p.m., Aggies quietly gather in the Academic Plaza as the Albritton Tower bells play hymns. At 10:30 p.m., the Ross Volunteer Firing Squad marches in to fire a 21-gun salute, standard protocol for a fallen soldier's funeral. Buglers play a special arrangement of Silver Taps from the dome of the Academic Building. The taps are played three times: once to the north, the south and the west. The buglers do not play to the east, signifying that the sun will never rise on the deceased Aggies' life again. During the day before Silver Taps, the Traditions Council sets

up booths in the Commons, the Quad, Wehner and in front of Koldus where students are provided with cards they can fill out to give to the mourning families. The next Silver Taps will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Aggie Ring Day September 25<sup>th</sup>** One of the greatest moments in the life of every Aggie is the day that he or she receives their Aggie Ring! The Aggie Ring is one of the most symbolic of all Aggie traditions. Everything seen on the ring represents a value that an Aggie should hold. Aggie Ring Day this fall is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Clayton W. Williams Jr. Alumni Center. Rings will be distributed from 9:45 am - 6:45 pm. Visit <http://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/ringday.aspx> for more information about Aggie Ring Day. Visit <http://traditions.tamu.edu/traditions#aggiering> to learn more about the tradition and values represented by the Aggie ring.

### Texas A&M Upcoming Key Dates of Note

#### Upcoming Key Spring Semester Dates

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

Aug 28	Last day to register for fall classes
Aug 31	First day of fall semester classes
Sep 4	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the fall semester
Oct 2	Last day to apply for all December degrees
Nov 12-Dec 1	Preregistration for 2016 spring semester
Nov 18	Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
Nov 20	Last day to Q drop, last day to officially withdraw from the university
Nov 25	Reading day; no classes
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 7	Redefined day – students attend their Friday classes
Dec 8	Redefined day – students attend their Thursday classes
Dec 9	Last day of classes for fall semester
Dec 10	Reading day - no classes
Dec 11, 14-16	Final Exams
Dec 18	Commencement & Commissioning
Dec 21	Final grades due in Howdy for all students
Dec 24–Jan 1	Faculty and staff holiday

### Student & Campus Happenings

*There are a ton of activities going on during the first 2 weeks of school. Check them out here.*



**Gig 'Em Week will be 8/23-8/30** Gig 'Em Week is Aggieland's official Week of Welcome. This week is full of events and opportunities for new and returning students to become familiar or reacquainted with the TAMU campus, fellow Aggies, and the

Bryan/College Station community. Gig 'Em Week is held the entire week before classes start, beginning Sunday August 23 and ending Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>. It runs all day each day. For more information, or to download their app, visit <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/gigemweek.tamu.edu>.

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**Gig 'Em Week GatheRing & Yell Practice On Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** The Association of Former Students hosts Gig 'Em Week GatheRing, before Yell Practice, to help students meet their new classmates and have their pictures taken with the 12 foot Aggie Ring replica. They can also be part of the Class of 2019 photo! They can try on an Aggie Ring so they can get a feel for one of the favorite Aggie traditions – getting your Aggie ring! Gig 'Em Week Yell Practice will take place on the Haynes Ring Plaza immediately following Gig 'Em Week GatherRing. Gig 'Em Week GatheRing will take place at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center. The event runs from 5:30-7:30 pm. **BTHO Arizona State!**

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**MSC Fall Open House 2015** will be held on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm in the MSC. If your student is interested in finding ways to be part of

campus life that appeal to his or her interests, they will want to spend their first Sunday of fall semester

at the MSC Open House. Hundreds of organizations will fill the MSC to invite new and current students to check out their club. There is surely something for everyone! For more info, visit <http://mscopenhouse.tamu.edu/Welcome.html>.

## Aggie Sports

### Fightin' Texas Aggie Football

Below is the 2015 football schedule. There are six home games scheduled this year. Visit <http://aggieathletics.com> for more info.

#### 2015 Aggie Football Schedule

Date		Opponent	Time	Location
09/05	vs.	Arizona State	6:00 pm	Houston, TX – NRG Stadium
09/12	vs.	Ball State	6:00 pm	Kyle Field
09/19	vs.	Nevada	11:00 am	Kyle Field
09/26 *	at	Arkansas	TBA	Arlington, TX - AT&T Stadium
10/03 *	vs.	Mississippi State	TBA	Kyle Field
10/10 *		Open		
10/17 *	vs.	Alabama	TBA	Kyle Field
10/24 *	at	Mississippi (Ole Miss)	TBA	Oxford, MS
10/31	vs.	South Carolina	TBA	Kyle Field
11/7 *	vs.	Auburn	TBA	Kyle Field
11/14	vs.	Western Carolina	TBA	Kyle Field
11/21 *	at	Vanderbilt	TBA	Nashville, TN
11/28 *	at	LSU	TBA	Baton Rouge, LA
12/5 *		SEC Championship	3:00 pm	Atlanta, GA

\* indicates conference game

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### Texas A&M & Adidas Collaborate on a Special Edition Uniform For Halloween

Texas A&M plays South Carolina on Halloween at Kyle Field. Adidas has unveiled an all-black, cutting edge, new uniform to be worn exclusively by the Aggies on 10/31. Here's a preview:

