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DURHAM, N.H. - Homecoming Weekend at the University of New Hampshire is set for Oct. 12-14, 2012. Alumni, family and friends will convene on campus to attend sporting events, a parade, bonfire and other activities that have become hallmarks of the fall reunion.

Friday Oct. 12:

The UNH Whittemore School of Business and Economics hosts a seniors’ lunch at noon with keynote speaker Rick Marini '94 of BranchOut.com; a business panel from 2-4:20 p.m., and a cocktail party at 4:30 p.m.

From 2-5 p.m., the International Research Opportunities Program (IROP) Symposium: 25th Anniversary Edition will feature presentations by students who spent the summer in various locations around the world, from Mozambique to the Arctic Circle. Register online.

At 4 p.m., Outdoor Education alumni are invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the program at The Browne Center where they will hear about the latest research and ideas in outdoor education. Includes a dessert potluck and social hour; camping under the stars, a Saturday morning waffle breakfast, climbing at UNH’s indoor climbing facility and paddling on Great Bay. To register or find out more information contact Jeff Frigon at jeff.frigon@unh.edu or Brent Bell at brentbell11@gmail.com. Watch a video about the weekend.

The traditional blue and white parade takes place on Quad Way at 4:30 p.m.

From 4-5:30 p.m., a reception for College of Liberal Arts alumni will take place in the COLA Dean’s Office, 110 Murkland Hall. Register online.

A 5 p.m. a BBQ and bonfire will take place at Boulder Field. Also at 5 p.m., the field hockey team will face Vermont.

At 5:30 p.m., a dinner for current members and families of the swimming and diving team will take place at Holloway Commons, after which, at 7 p.m. they will attend the men’s hockey game against St. Cloud.

All alumni and friends are welcome to attend the game. Purchase tickets.

Also at 7 p.m., theater and dance student capstone performances will take place in the Hennessy Theatre. A fireworks display will be held at Boulder Field at 7:30, and at 8 p.m., the music department will offer an alumni composers concert in Bratton Recital Hall.
Saturday, Oct. 13:

The UNH College of Life Sciences and Agriculture and Thompson School of Applied Science will host a pancake breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. in Cole Hall.

At 9 a.m., the Homecoming 5K road race begins in front of the Field House. T-shirts for the first 300 registered runners; $12 before Oct. 10, $15 after. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Whittemore Center lobby. Register online. Contact Linda Hayden at linda.hayden@unh.edu with questions.

Also at 9 a.m., Robert McGann, director of UNH’s Admissions Office, will talk with alumni who have college-bound children about the admissions process. At Smith Hall. Learn more.

And from 9- noon, the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences will have a tent at Boulder Field for CEPS alumni to view displays of projects by the engineering students. Grilling inside the tent, courtesy of CEPS faculty

At noon, the UNH football team squares off against Richmond in Cowell Stadium. Purchase tickets.

Also at noon, visit the swimming and diving team’s welcome tent in front of the Field House before the meet against Boston College Swim, from 2-4:30 p.m.

From 1-5 p.m. the Museum of Art offers three free exhibits: “Gary Haven Smith Sculptures” by Gary Haven Smith ’73; “Multiple Perspectives: New Work” by Peter Milton and Doug Prince; and the “Art Faculty Review” by studio art faculty members by Benjamin Cariens (sculpture), Craig Hood (painting), Michael McConnell, (public sculpture), and Jennifer Moses (painting).

The Class of 1972 40th celebration will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. in the 1925 Room, Elliott Alumni Center. Register online.

The Class of 1987 25th celebration will be at the UNH Dairy Bar. Register online.

The men’s hockey team takes on St. Cloud at 7 p.m. Purchase tickets. Theater and dance student capstone performances continue, also at 7 p.m.

From 7:30 –10:30 p.m. visit the physics department’s observatory. Enjoy a constellation tour or be wowed by a glimpse at celestial wonders through the observatory's 14" telescope. Event is weather dependent. Check the observatory website for more information. Dressing in layers is recommended.

Sunday, Oct. 14

From 1-5 p.m. UNH the Museum of Art offers three free exhibits: “Gary Haven Smith Sculptures” by Gary Haven Smith ’73; “Multiple Perspectives: New Work” by Peter Milton and Doug Prince; and the “Art Faculty Review” by studio art faculty members by Benjamin Cariens (sculpture), Craig Hood (painting), Michael McConnell, (public sculpture), and Jennifer Moses (painting).

At 2 p.m. attend the New Hampshire Authors Series, hosted by the Dimond Library. Terry Farish will be interviewed by Becky Rule ’76. Farish is the author of the “Good Braider” the story of a girl’s journey from war torn Sudan. Light refreshments will be served.
Also at 2 p.m., the men’s soccer team will face Albany.

At 7 p.m. the UNH Celebrity Series presents The Swingle Singers in the Johnson Theatre.

For event locations and more information visit

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