

Join us for a fun filled Family Weekend from **Friday, October 24 to Sunday, October 26**. The weekend is a great opportunity to meet your student's professors, advisors, and community directors — and get a firsthand look at life on the new Simon's Rock campus. Take part in events and opportunities to meet other Simon's Rock families. Get to know our neighboring Bard College campus. There will also be time to explore the local area on your own and enjoy a beautiful fall weekend in the Hudson Valley.

Friday, October 24, 2025

Virtual Advisor Meetings

All day

Registration link will be available soon.

Zoom

Shabbat at Bard College

6:30-9pm

Advance reservations required. If you would like to attend, RSVP to events@bard.edu by October 17.

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Check-In

9-11am

Visit the front desk to check in, receive a schedule of events, meet our faculty and staff, and get general information about the weekend's activities.

East Wing of the Massena Building, Main Office

Continental Breakfast

9:30-11:30am

Purchase a Continental breakfast in our dining hall.

East Wing of the Massena Building

Meet with Faculty and Advisors

10am-noon

Pre-register for meetings with your faculty and advisors to learn more about your student's academic experience here at Simon's Rock. Sign-up [HERE](#).

East Wing of the Massena Building

Blithewood Garden and Mansion Open House

11am-1pm

You are invited to stroll through the historic Blithewood Garden and take in the views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains. A member of the Horticulture and Arboretum staff will be on hand to answer your garden questions. Visit the historic Hudson River mansion, now home to the Levy Economics Institute, and explore its collection of German and Austrian paintings from the turn of the 20th century.

Blithewood Garden and Mansion

Provost Welcome

12-12:15pm

Join Provost John Weinstein for a welcoming talk about our new campus.

Lecture Room

Harvest Festival

12:15-3:30pm

Join us for an outdoor lunch and some fun harvest season activities. Come experience an aspect of your student's life at Simon's Rock and enjoy an autumn afternoon on our campus!

East Wing lawn

President Botstein speaks on "Freedom and Democracy in Today's America"

3:45-4:45pm

Bard College President Leon Botstein in conversation with Malia DuMont '95, chief of staff & VP for strategy and policy. All alumni/ae, students and Bard families are invited to attend the talk and meet President Botstein. There will be a time allotted for questions afterwards.

Olin Hall, Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building

Open Mic / Talent Show

7-8pm

Show off your talents and learn what your student's classmates have to share. No pre-registration required.

Ba Win Student Lounge

Bonfire

8-10pm

Spend some outdoor time on our beautiful new campus and roast some marshmallows.

Massena campus, exact location TBD

Movie Night

8-10pm

Popcorn and a movie (send us your suggestions!).

Ba Win Student Lounge

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Brunch

10am-1pm

Purchase brunch in our Massena dining hall

Apple Gleaning at Greig Farm

1-4pm

Simon's Rock is welcome to join Bard College community members for apple gleaning at Greig Farm. All apples collected will be donated to Red Hook Responds, a nonprofit that organizes volunteers in our local communities to support those in need. Make sure to wear clothing and durable shoes that you won't mind getting a little dirty! Please arrange your own transportation.

Greig Farm, 227 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook, NY

Bard College Conservatory Orchestra Concert

2-4:30pm

Bard Conservatory of Music marks its twentieth anniversary season with three concerts in October, presented in both Upstate New York and New York City. You may purchase tickets for the Fisher Center performances online at

<https://tickets.fishercenter.bard.edu/events?k=FamilyWeekend> or by calling 845-758-7900, or in person at the box office in the Sosnoff Theater lobby, Monday-Friday, 10 am – 5 pm, and one hour prior to performance.

Sosnoff Theater, Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Bard College Campus