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**Family Weekend 2024 to begin Friday, October 18th**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA— Family Weekend at Simon's Rock will take place on Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20.

Family Weekend serves as an opportunity for parents and family members of Simon's Rock students to meet professors, advisors, and community directors, and get a firsthand look at life on the Simon's Rock campus. Events include student performances and concerts, library events, a guided tour of the Simon's Rock trail system, a parent reception, and many other opportunities to meet other Simon's Rock families. Visiting families are also highly encouraged to explore the local area and enjoy a beautiful fall weekend in the scenic Berkshires.

Families will have the opportunity to support the Simon's Rock Farm Club at their Farm Stand, where they will be selling honey and produce harvested from the on-campus farm; apple tasting and cider press, which offers a taste-test of regional apples and pressed cider; a Harvest Lunch; and a soccer game pitting the Simon's Rock Llamas against Landmark College.

Families can enjoy 10% off discounts from local businesses such as JWS Art Supplies, Yellow House Books, Barrington Brewery, and more. Campus shuttle vans will run all weekend for easy mobility.

Businesses that are interested in offering special discounts to Simon's Rock families from Friday, October 18 to Sunday, October 20 should contact Asa Cade, [acade@simons-rock.edu](mailto:acade@simons-rock.edu), for more information on how to participate.

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## About Simon's Rock

[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#) is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college after the 10th or 11th grade. Simon's Rock offers a challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences, taught exclusively in small seminars by supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their fields. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. The Princeton Review's *Best 380 Colleges* rates academics at Simon's Rock higher than Harvard and Princeton.

[Bard Academy at Simon's Rock](#) is the nation's first two-year boarding and day program designed to prepare 9th and 10th graders to start college early. A student entering Bard Academy as a high school freshman will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College at Simon's Rock after only four years and a Bachelor of Arts degree after only six years. The Academy curriculum is designed and taught by students' future college professors who are leading scholars in their fields.

[The Bard Queer Leadership Project](#) (BQLP) is a revolutionary, new Bachelor of Arts degree program designed for, and by, LGBTQIA+ college students to elevate LGBTQIA+ students and college graduates into leadership roles in school and across the workforce while serving as a space for actualizing educational practices designed for students to thrive. The centerpiece of BQLP is a four year dual major B.A. degree combining Queer Leadership with a second academic field.

For more information, visit [simons-rock.edu](https://simons-rock.edu) and [bardacademy.simons-rock.edu](https://bardacademy.simons-rock.edu)

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