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Quick Facts

- More than 200 families are expected to visit their students during this fourth annual event.
- Organizers added the Family Olympics contest, along with family karaoke, a disc golf tournament and a music trivia contest.



Kema Gadson

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Participants at Winthrop's upcoming **Family Weekend** on Oct. 1-2 can compete against each other in order to win prizes.

More than 200 families are expected to visit their students during this fourth annual event. **Director Kema Gadson**, program director for New Students and Parent Programs, said organizers have added the **Family Olympics contest**, along with **family karaoke**, a **disc golf tournament** and a **music trivia contest**.

"We're offering some new events this year that we hope parents will find fun and informative," Gadson said. Families will accumulate points by attending various events to compete in the Olympics. The winner will be announced at the last event on Saturday night, the **Timmons Brothers Music Trivia Show**, and given free hotel accommodations.

On Friday, families can see performances of the play "**The Yellow Boat**" in Johnson Hall, visit **an art exhibition** by the late Winthrop professor and Depression artist, Ed Lewandowski, or sing karaoke in the DiGiorgio Campus Center.

On Saturday, there is a presentation by **President Anthony DiGiorgio** in the new campus center bearing his name; **faculty sessions** on technology, communications, financial aid, critical thinking and the theatre; a **barbecue picnic** on the Byrnes Auditorium lawn; a **soccer game**; **disc golf tournament** at the Winthrop Golf Course, an **Olympic finale** and **games** at the West Center and the trivia show.

The cost is \$25 for the first two participants, and a reduced cost for others. Family Weekend T-shirts also are for sale for \$10. Reservations are due by Sept. 17.

For more information, visit <http://www.winthrop.edu/familyprograms/familyday> or call 803/323-2270.

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