

Hotchkiss Reunions Frequently Asked Questions

What is Reunion?

Reunion is a time to reconnect with Hotchkiss classmates and friends and with your alma mater. Every Hotchkiss class gathers on campus at five-year anniversaries of its graduation.

What is there to do during Reunion?

Reunion includes a wide variety of events and programs that are open to anyone who is on campus for the weekend. You can participate in some or all -- it's up to you. Included in the weekend's offerings are:

- An opening night dinner with food stations for all classes on Friday
- Faculty and alumni workshops
- Campus tours, featuring new and renovated buildings
- Class stickball, soccer, and other games on Saturday afternoon
- A reception followed by individual class dinners on Saturday
- An after dinner dance on Saturday night
- A children's program (a special performance, live animal show, feature-length films, games, arts and crafts, and more).

Are spouses/partners/significant others/kids invited?

Absolutely! Families and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. For those alumni who bring children or grandchildren, we offer a program for children ages six months to 16 years. There are separate spaces for infants and toddlers, and a wide range of activities and entertainment for kids of all ages (see above for more detail).

Please note that advance reservations are required to participate in the Children's Program. We regret that we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. If you have a child with special needs, or general questions about the program, please contact Patty O'Connor in the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs (poconnor@hotchkiss.org or 860-435-4428).

How do I register?

We offer both an online and a paper registration option for Reunion. Online registration will open on January 13, 2020. In early April, a brochure and registration form will be mailed to all reunion alumni.

What is "Early Bird" Registration?

The Early Bird registration period is the first month that registration is open, usually mid-January to mid-February. During this time, each *adult full weekend* entry is discounted by \$10.

How much does it cost to attend Reunion?

Fees vary depending on your class year. For the 50th Reunion classes and older, there is no registration fee to attend Reunion. For other classes, the fees range from \$100 to \$130 per adult for the full weekend. The fee for children is \$55 per child (which includes the Children's Program).

Can I attend for a part of the weekend?

Yes. There are registration options for Friday only and for Saturday only. You may choose to come for just one of those days or for the entire weekend.

Is housing available in the dorms?

Yes. On-campus housing is available on the Friday and Saturday nights of June Reunion. There is a nominal, flat fee for all classes of \$55.00 per adult for dormitory housing. On-campus housing for children sleeping in beds is \$15.00.

Dormitories are assigned by class. The majority of dormitory rooms are singles. You may move mattresses to sleep two to a room. We do not accept room preferences in advance; guests select their rooms upon arrival.

If I am staying in a dorm on campus, do I need to bring my own sheets?

No. We provide a rental linen package that includes sheets (twin bed), a single use pillow, blanket, and towels. You will need to bring your own soap and toiletries for the showers.

Can I check in without pre-registering?

While we do accept walk-ins, we strongly encourage you to register in advance. We cannot guarantee availability of dorm housing or dining services if you do not pre-register. There is a \$20 per person late fee for anyone who registers after the June 5, 2020 cut-off date, including walk-ins.

Will faculty attend Reunion?

Yes. The Office of Alumni Relations invites all current and retired faculty members to Reunion, and many come. In addition, your class Reunion Committee will be in touch directly with teachers that your class has a particular interest in seeing.

Is there a dress code?

Dress is casual all weekend, except for the Saturday evening class dinners, for which attire tends to be dressier. If you plan to participate in any sports such as golf, swimming, tennis, volleyball, etc., bring appropriate athletic attire.

I forget the layout of the campus. Will someone help me find my way?

Members of The Alumni Office will be available to help you. When you enter the Main Scoville Gate, signs will direct you to the Welcome Center. There will also be "Reunion Rangers" - student workers - to help you find your dorm room, carry your luggage, or direct you to other locations.

May I get a refund if I need to cancel?

For Reunion, full refunds are available until the registration cut-off date of June 5, 2020. After that, we will not be able to issue refunds because all food and materials will have been ordered and staffing levels determined based on registrants.