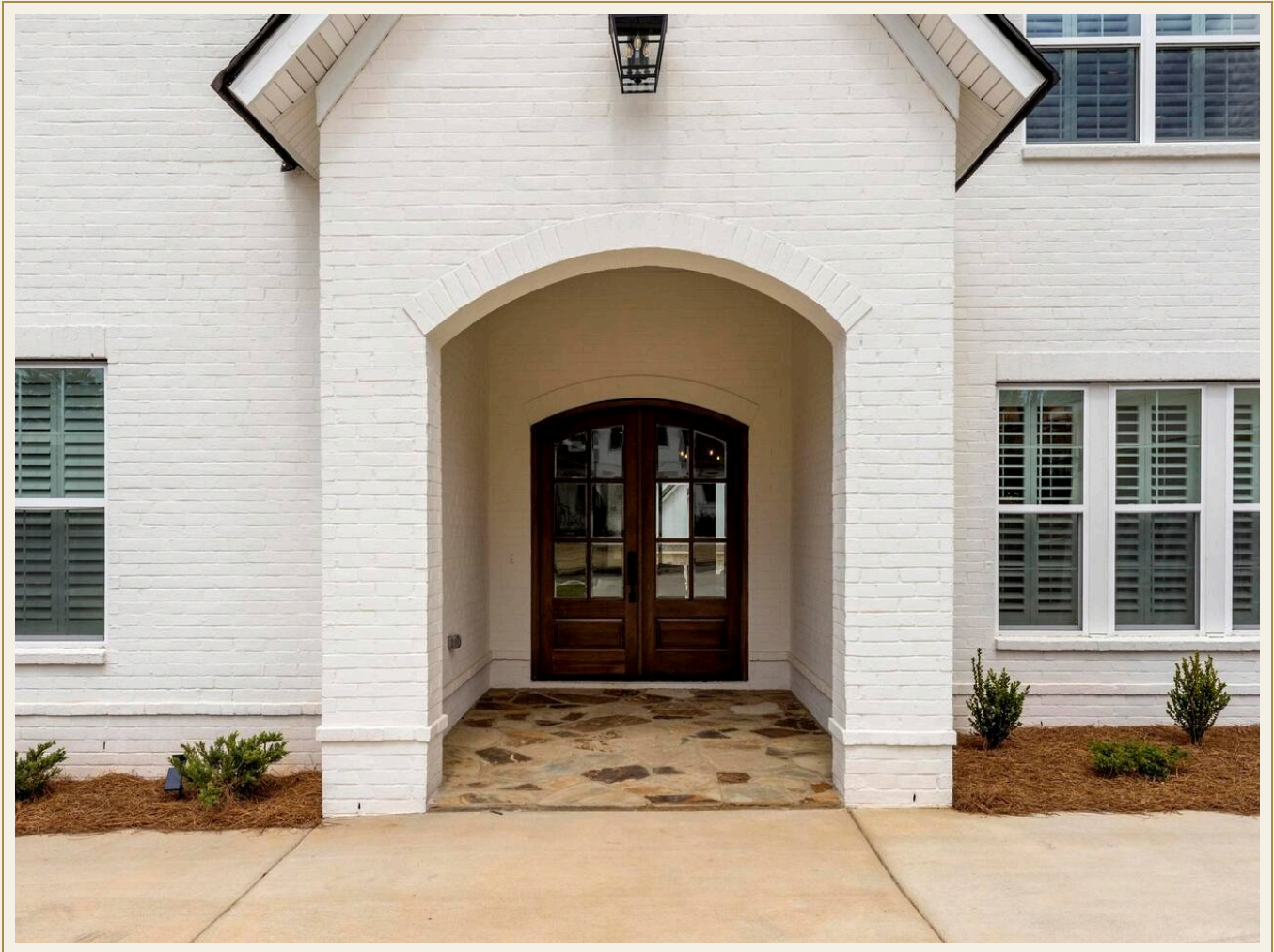




THE HYDRANGEA HOUSE · AUBURN, ALABAMA



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The Auburn Gameday Insider Guide

*The home calendar, the gameday playbook, and the local list,
from the hosts on Club Creek Drive.*

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The front door at 1636 Club Creek Drive.

A NOTE FROM YOUR HOST

Welcome to *the Plains.*

We live in Auburn, a few minutes from Club Creek Drive, and like everyone else in town we plan our falls around Jordan-Hare. This guide is what we tell friends when they text us the week before a game: when to get here, where to park, which tables to book weeks out, and how to time the walk to Toomer's.

The Hydrangea House is the house we wanted for those weekends. A home game, a graduation, the year your oldest moves into the dorms. Five bedrooms, room for ten, a porch with the fire going, and a kitchen island big enough for everybody to stand around and argue about the fourth quarter.

Keep this handy. Some 2027 dates are still TBA, and we'll email Insiders as each one is announced. Insiders also hear about open weekends first.

War Eagle,
Tyler Dalton

YOUR HOST ON CLUB CREEK DRIVE

Saturdays at *Jordan-Hare*

Two dates are set. The five SEC home games are confirmed by opponent, with dates still to come. We list only what has been announced.

Sep 4

SATURDAY

Middle Tennessee

Season opener · Jordan-Hare Stadium · Kickoff TBA

CONFIRMED

Sep 18

SATURDAY

Austin Peay

Jordan-Hare Stadium · Kickoff TBA

CONFIRMED

TBA

Alabama *The Iron Bowl*

Home this year · The weekend the whole state plans around

DATE TBA

TBA

Georgia

The Deep South's Oldest Rivalry, at home

DATE TBA

TBA

Oklahoma

SEC home game

DATE TBA

TBA

South Carolina

SEC home game

DATE TBA

TBA

Texas A&M

SEC home game

DATE TBA

TBA

Homecoming + Fall Family Weekend

Always paired with a home game · Details expected February 2027

DATE TBA

Plan on a Friday arrival.

Kickoff times are often announced only days before the game. If you arrive Friday, a noon kick or a night game both work.

The SEC dates drop all at once.

When the conference releases the 2027 slate, the big weekends go fast. Insiders get an email from us the same day.

Opponents and dates from auburntigers.com/future-schedules, checked October 17, 2026. Road trip: at Notre Dame, Sep 25.



The dining table at the Hydrangea House seats eight, with four more at the island

MAJOR AUBURN EVENTS · 2026-2027 · I

The weekends *that fill the town*

Graduations, festivals, and the games still waiting on a date. Auburn and Opelika fill early on each of these, so we note why to plan ahead.

2026

Dec 5–6

SAT – SUN

Rumble on the Rails youth soccer

Opelika Sportsplex · About 200 teams, ages 8U to 19U

Team hotel blocks take the Opelika rooms first, one week before graduation.

CONFIRMED

Dec 12

SATURDAY

Fall Commencement

Neville Arena · Ceremonies at 9 AM, 2 PM and 7 PM · Arrive Friday, Dec 11

Every graduate's family needs a bed the same Friday night.

CONFIRMED

2027

Feb 25–27

THU – SAT

Banana Ball World Tour, opening weekend

Plainsman Park and Jordan-Hare Stadium · All six teams · Savannah Bananas vs. Firefighters at Jordan-Hare on the 27th · Game times TBA

Tickets go by lottery, and fans travel from across the country for the season opener.

CONFIRMED

Apr 1–4

THU – SUN

Opelika Songwriters Festival

Historic downtown Opelika · Four days of songwriter rounds, fifteen minutes away

Downtown Opelika has only a handful of inns, and pass-holders book them early.

CONFIRMED

April

DATE TBA

A-Day spring game

Jordan-Hare Stadium · The 2026 game was Saturday, April 18

The date usually posts in January. Book the weekend once it does.

DATE TBA

Further out, *and still to be dated*

Apr 30–May 3

FRI – MON

Spring Commencement

Neville Arena · Ceremony-by-college schedule released Thanksgiving week

The year's biggest graduation. Families book as soon as the schedule posts.

CONFIRMED

Aug 7

SATURDAY

Summer Commencement

Neville Arena

A smaller weekend than spring, with the same Friday arrival.

CONFIRMED

TBA

FALL 2027

The Iron Bowl: Alabama at Jordan-Hare

Jordan-Hare Stadium · Home this year · Date set when the SEC releases the 2027 slate

The weekend the whole state plans around. It goes the day the date drops.

DATE TBA

TBA

FALL 2027

SEC home games

Jordan-Hare Stadium · Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas A&M · Dates out all at once

Georgia and the night games fill first. Insiders get the dates the same day.

DATE TBA

TBA

FALL 2027

Homecoming + Fall Family Weekend

Campus-wide · Always paired with a home game · Details expected February 2027

Parents fill the town that weekend. Book once the game is named.

DATE TBA

Dec 11

SATURDAY

Fall Commencement

Neville Arena · Ceremony times posted closer to the date

Same Friday-night rush as every graduation.

CONFIRMED

ALSO ON THE CALENDAR

Mar 6 Men's basketball vs. Alabama

Mar 16 Tiger Invitational golf, AU Club

Mar 19–21 Baseball vs. Florida, Plainsman Park

Apr 24 Auburn CityFest, Kiesel Park

Sep 4 Home opener vs. Middle Tennessee

Sep 18 Football vs. Austin Peay

No 2027 concerts at Jordan-Hare or Neville Arena have been announced yet. Several shows a year are booked under Auburn's live-music partnership, and Insiders hear from us when one posts.

Sources: auburntigers.com, the auburn.edu commencement office, and each event's organizer. Checked Oct 17, 2026. This edition lists events from Oct 17, 2026 through Dec 2027.



Jordan-Hare Stadium. Photo: Auburn Alumni Association, CC BY 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons

GAMEDAY PLAYBOOK · I

Getting there, *and getting in.*

i.

Arrive Friday

Saturday traffic into town starts early, and on-campus tailgating opens at 4 PM Friday. Check-in at the house is 4 PM. Downtown and the stadium are about ten minutes away.

iii.

Rideshare, with a plan

There is one designated rideshare zone near Duncan Drive and Samford. Pick a meeting spot before the fourth quarter. Phones are slow when 88,000 people leave at once.

ii.

Park once

Free Tiger Transit gameday shuttles start four hours before kickoff and run until two hours after the game, from War Eagle Way north of the Nichols Center. Ask us about home game parking passes.

iv.

Tiger Walk

About two and a half hours before kickoff, the team walks down Donahue Drive into the stadium through a tunnel of fans. Get a spot on the sidewalk twenty minutes early.

THE GAMEDAY CLOCK

<i>Fri 4 PM</i> Tailgating opens. Check in at the house.	<i>Kick – 4 hrs</i> Free shuttles start running.	<i>Kick – 2½ hrs</i> Tiger Walk down Donahue Drive.	<i>Pregame</i> Be in your seat for the eagle’s flight.	<i>Final + 2 hrs</i> Last shuttles. Then Toomer’s.
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Times follow the 2026 gameday advisories. Check the week’s advisory at auburntigers.com before you go.

Toomer's Corner

Where College Street meets Magnolia Avenue is the front porch of Auburn. Before the game, get a lemonade at Toomer's Drugs, which has been pouring it on that corner since 1896.

Rolling the Corner

After a win, the town walks downtown and throws toilet paper into the oaks until they look like it snowed. Bring your own roll, aim high, and stay for a while. Kids remember this part more than the score.

After a big night game it can go well past midnight. The house is a short ride back.



Toomer's Corner. Photo: Tyler Lahti, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

TAILGATE NOTES FROM THE HOUSE

Claim your spot after 4 PM Friday

Chairs, tents or tape put down on campus grass earlier can be removed. Large tents and long stakes need a university permit.

Pack the night before

Prep the food in the big kitchen, load the coolers Friday night, and you leave Saturday with nothing left to do but find parking.

Dress for the month

September is hot, so bring sunscreen and a lot of water. November nights get cold in the upper deck. Jordan-Hare follows a clear-bag policy.

The tables *we send friends to*

AUBURN

210 E. GLENN AVE.

Acre

Chef David Bancroft's Southern dining room, three blocks from Toomer's. Gulf oysters and the lacquered cornbread. Book on Resy, and call for eight or more.

124 TICHENOR AVE.

The Hound

Bourbon, bacon, and the weekend brunch everybody wants. Reservations open 60 days out, with separate rules for graduation weekends.

124 MITCHAM AVE.

The Depot

Seafood in Auburn's restored train depot, a five-minute walk from campus. Good for a Friday night before a game.

174 E. MAGNOLIA AVE.

Hamilton's on Magnolia

A downtown standby with a patio. No reservations, so go early on a game weekend.

THE HOTEL AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Ariccia Cucina Italiana

Central Italian cooking across from campus. A reliable choice for the grandparents.

2298 E. UNIVERSITY DR.

Bow & Arrow

Bancroft's Texas-meets-Alabama barbecue. Order brisket by the pound for the tailgate.

OPELIKA AND NEARBY

1702 FREDERICK RD., OPELIKA

Botanic

A nursery, market and garden restaurant in one. Lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch, and drinks on the patio with live music.

706 N. RAILROAD AVE., OPELIKA

John Emerald Distilling

A small-batch distillery downtown. Book a tour with a tasting ahead of time. Single malt smoked with peach and pecan wood.

704 N. RAILROAD AVE., OPELIKA

Red Clay Brewing

Next door to the distillery and reopened in 2026 under new owners. Walk between the two.

905 S. RAILROAD AVE., OPELIKA

Jefferson's

Oysters, wings and every game on TV, in a restored building downtown. Good for the away-game Saturday.

1465 PATRICK ST., WAVERLY

The Waverly Local

Dinner in tiny Waverly, a pretty drive up the road. Worth it on a Friday night.

100 N. COLLEGE ST.

Toomer's Drugs

Fresh-squeezed lemonade at the corner. Not optional.

Graduation dinner, booked early: Botanic opens May 2027 graduation reservations Monday, December 14, 2026. The Hound opens each graduation weekend on its own schedule. Set a reminder.



The back porch at the Hydrangea House, with the outdoor fireplace

GOLF

A round *before the game*

ON THE COURSE

AU Club

The Hydrangea House sits in the AU Club neighborhood, on the course. AU Club is a private club, so tee times go to members and their guests. If you know a member, this is the round to call in.

RTJ GOLF TRAIL

Grand National

Opelika's stop on the Robert Trent Jones Trail, less than ten miles from the house. Three courses: the Lake, the Links, and an 18-hole par-3 Short Course. Tee times are booked online.

PUBLIC, IN TOWN

Pines Crossing

Auburn's public 18 for an easy Friday morning loop. Then it's back to the porch, a fire, and the early games on the outdoor TV.

A GOLF WEEKEND, THE WAY WE'D PLAN IT

Friday

Check in at four. Oysters at The Depot, then the porch fire.

Saturday

Morning tee time on the Links. Afternoon game on the outdoor TV.

Sunday

Eighteen quick holes on the Short Course, then brunch at The Hound.

Spring note: Auburn men's golf hosts the Tiger Invitational at AU Club on March 16, 2027.

The weekends *you only get once.*

Do the ticket math

Tickets are issued by the university for every guest, regardless of age. For Fall 2026, each graduate could reserve up to eight guest tickets. The graduate plus eight is nine. The house sleeps ten, so somebody gets a plus-one.

Doors open 90 minutes early

Ceremonies are at Neville Arena. Spring runs four days, each college at its own time, so check the schedule before you book flights.

Book dinner when it opens

Restaurants release graduation tables months ahead and fill in hours. See page 8.

Have the party at the house

The backyard and porch were made for this. We can stock the fridge and set out fresh flowers before you arrive. Just ask.

Family Weekend

It is always Homecoming weekend. Book once the Homecoming game is set, since parents fill the town on that date.





1636 CLUB CREEK DRIVE • AUBURN

The *Hydrangea* House



5

BEDROOMS

4.5

BATHS

10

GUESTS

AU Club

ON THE COURSE

A newly built white-brick house on a quiet street, ten minutes from Toomer's and Jordan-Hare and twenty from downtown Opelika. The great room, kitchen and dining table open into one space, so the whole group is together even when somebody is cooking.

Out back, the covered porch has a stone fireplace and a 65-inch TV for the early games. The yard is flat and wide: cornhole, a graduation party, or a slow Sunday morning with coffee.



INSIDE THE HOUSE

Room for *everyone*, and a door for each.

We live in Auburn and are usually close by on the weekends the house is booked. If you need something, text us.

- Main-level king suite with soaking tub and walk-in shower
- Two queen rooms upstairs, each with its own bath
- A fifth room set up for little ones: crib, glider, pack-n-play
- Chef's kitchen: gas range, double oven, long island
- Coffee bar, Peloton room and a two-desk office
- Outdoor fireplace and TV, EV charger, parking for four
- Ask about a stocked fridge, flowers and game parking passes



THE INSIDER LIST

First look at *open weekends.*

Insiders get first access to open weekends before they hit Airbnb. When a game date posts or a weekend opens up, you hear from us first.



BOOK DIRECT

Same house.
No service fees.

Scan to see open dates and book with us directly.

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