General Information

- **What is there to do this weekend?**
  - We’ll have some social events Friday evening, and activities available all day Saturday. You can check out the full weekend’s programming schedule [here](#).
  - Please note: some activities have a limited capacity, and require paid tickets. Be sure to register for programming ASAP!

- **Is this event family friendly?**
  - Absolutely! There will be activities for everyone of all ages to enjoy.

- **Will there be people my age?**
  - Return to the Redwoods invites alumni from all decades to stay on campus for the weekend - this is the first year that we are hosting this sort of event, so we cannot guarantee who will be in attendance. So far we have Slugs registered from every decade!

- **Can I see who else is registered?**
  - You will have the option to share your info on our “[See who’s coming](#)” page when you register for programming.

- **Do I have to stay on campus in order to participate?**
  - While so much of the fun happening this weekend will be on campus, you do not have to stay there if dorms aren’t your thing! Just don’t forget to [register](#) for the activities you’d like to attend and stop by the check-in table when you arrive!
  - You can find alternative off-campus housing suggestions [here](#).

- **Can I bring alcohol?**
  - Guests over the age of 21 are permitted to drink in their rooms/apartments. Please see the [Alcohol & Drug Policies](#) page for more information.

- **Can I bring my pet?**
  - Domestic animals that are not service animals as defined by the [Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)](https://www.ada.gov) are prohibited on all UC Santa Cruz property. You can learn more about rules and regulations regarding animals on campus [here](#).

- **Will the dining halls be open?**
  - Some of the dining halls will be open and running at a more limited capacity (due to the summer session). There will be a continental breakfast available Saturday and Sunday. This year you’ll be able to visit the Crown/Merrill dining hall.

- **My friend let me know this event was happening. Why didn’t I get the email?!**
  - We don’t always have everyone’s correct contact information! Be sure to update your info [here](#), so that you can always be kept up to date with campus news and alumni events!
On-Campus Housing

- **Where is the housing?**
  - Housing will be offered at Cowell/Stevenson, and if that reaches capacity, more housing will be available in College 9/John R. Lewis.

- **Can I stay in my old dorm room?**
  - Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to stay in your dorm room and it is extremely unlikely that this kind of request can be granted. Rooms and apartments are assigned in the order that guests purchase.

- **Who should I contact to secure any accessibility accommodations?**
  - If you have any accessibility requirements/requests/questions, you can contact alumni@ucsc.edu.

- **Where do families with kids stay?**
  - We require families with anyone under 18 be housed in the apartments and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- **Why does an apartment cost $415 a night?**
  - While a full apartment does cost $415/night, this unit sleeps 6 ($70/person) and is a more affordable option than most local accommodations in Santa Cruz. Alternative off-campus accommodations can be found here.
  - The on-campus rate includes:
    - 4 linen packages ($40/each - a $160 value)
    - 1 parking pass for the weekend ($10/day - a $30 value)
    - Complimentary breakfast for Saturday and Sunday ($10/person-a $120 value)

- **What does a dorm room cost?**
  - Price ranges from $75/$250 depending on how many beds per room you choose.
  - The on-campus rate includes:
    - 1 parking permit
    - Complimentary breakfast for Saturday and Sunday
    - Note: dorm room rates do not include linen packets, though they are available for purchase when registering for housing and onsite.

- **Do I need to bring my own sheets/blankets/sleeping bag?**
  - 4 linen packets are included with each apartment. Dorms do not come with linen packets.
  - You are welcome to bring your own bedding if you’d prefer that!
  - A linen packet includes:
    - Bed Linens
    - One Pillow
    - Two bath towels
    - One washcloth
On-Campus Housing Cont.

- **What happens if I show up after check-in time?**
  - The housing office closes at 8 PM and is not able to guarantee access to housing outside of open hours. Be sure to let us know who will be in your room/apartment here.
  - Check-in hours are:
    - Thursday: 3–6 p.m. *if you’ve purchased Thursday housing*
    - Friday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
    - Saturday: 8 a.m–4 p.m.
  - Check-out is by Noon on Sunday, August 20.

- **Can we camp instead?**
  - Currently, we’re not able to offer any on-campus camping options. If you’re interested in camping nearby, options include Henry Cowell State Park, Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort in Felton, or Santa Vida RV Park.

- **Will the rooms have WiFi?**
  - Yes! Guests will have access to campus guest WiFi.

- **What should I pack?**
  - We expect it to be warm during the day and cool at night. We recommend bringing layers, comfortable shoes (and something warm for the evening/night).
  - On-campus housing does not include toiletries, so don’t forget yours!
  - Feel free to bring lawn games/camp chairs/blankets, and other ways to relax out on the east field or in the college quads.
  - Gym passes are available for purchase during the weekend. This gives you access to the fitness center! Be sure to bring your workout clothes if you’re interested in getting a pass.
  - Don’t forget a water bottle! There are spots around campus to refill.
  - Remember, the UCSC campus is quite remote, and it can sometimes feel like a bit of a trek down the hill to grab essentials.

- **Can I cook if I’m in an apartment?**
  - Apartments include a fridge and kitchen space, but they DO NOT include dishes, cookware, utensils, or a stove/microwave.
  - New Leaf and Safeway are nearby grocery stores where you can stock up on groceries and other essentials.
Parking/Transportation

- **Where do we park?**
  - Permitted parking will be available in the Cowell/Stevenson lots (109 and 110) as first come/first serve. Additional parking will be available in the East Remote Lot.
  - Take a look at this map of campus parking before you arrive.

- **Do I need a permit to park on campus?**
  - The lots closest to the main housing area (Cowell/Stevenson) require permitting throughout the weekend.
  - Many lots on campus do not require a permit on the weekends. Visit the Where Can I Park for Free page to learn more.

- **Does a parking permit come with my housing?**
  - Each apartment and each dorm room come with 1 parking permit. You are able to purchase additional passes when purchasing housing.

- **Will there be buses running on campus?**
  - You can learn more about the public bus options here.
  - We will run a special loop bus to help guests get around town. We will provide additional details ahead of the event.