



Samford University

Parent and Family Engagement

We polled local parents and asked them to share their favorite Birmingham spots and services. From special campus deliveries to hotels to physicians, this is a list of those Birmingham Parents' Picks - recommendations "from Samford parents, for Samford parents!"

We hope you will find this list helpful as your student makes Birmingham his or her home over the next few years.

SPECIAL DELIVERIES

Campus Deliveries for Birthdays, Greek Recruitment Week, Bid Day, Special Days

[Charm Char Charcuterie Boards](#)

[Cookie Fix](#)

[College Care Package Company](#)

[Crumb!](#)

[Edgar's](#)

[Hey MOM!](#)

[Savage's Bakery](#)

[Smith's Variety](#)

[Taste and See Cakes](#)

[The Blessing Basket](#)

Gluten-Free Bakery

[Joyful Food Company](#)

Flowers

[Dorothy McDaniels](#)

[Flowerbuds](#)

[Hey MOM!](#)

[Leaf and Petal](#)

[Sunnie Leigh Floral](#)

BANNERS/SIGNS

[Claire Allen, 251-610-8180](#) (brown paper banners)

STORAGE UNITS AND MOVING SERVICES

Storage Units

[ArmorSafe Storage](#)

[Attic Plus Storage](#)

[Blue Sky Storage](#)

[Extra Space Storage](#) (Columbiana)

[Vestavia Uhaul](#)

Moving and Storage

[Dorm Vault Storage](#)

Moving items into/ out of dorm; storing items in summer and/or academic year

MEDICAL

Chiropractic

[Hug Chiropractic](#)

[Reignite Chiropractic](#)

Counseling

[Covenant Counseling](#)

[Wellsprings Christian Counseling](#)

Dental

[Clairmont Dentistry](#)

Freeman Family Dentistry

[Fulton Dental](#)

[Liberty Park Dentistry](#)

[Luma Dentistry - Dr. Phillip Huggins](#)

[Stone Dental](#)

Dermatology

Dr. Matthew Abele (St Vincent's Hospital)

[Inverness Dermatology](#)

[Renew Dermatology](#)

[Rocky Ridge Dermatology](#)

[Village Dermatology](#)

ENT

[ExcelENT](#)

[McCool & Bhuta](#)

Optometry

[Eye Care Associates](#)

[Insight Eye Care](#)

Orthodontics

[Yanosky Orthodontics](#)

[Backus Smiles Orthodontics](#)

Physical Therapist

[ATI Physical Therapy](#)

[Benchmark-Homewood](#)

[Beyond PT, JP Church](#)

[Eskridge and White](#)

[Therapy South, Liberty Park](#)

Primary Care

[Dr. Colleen E. Tobe-Donohue](#)

[Dr. Doug Alford](#)

[Dr. Stephen King](#)

[MedHelp, Samford Health Clinic](#)

[Seale Harris Clinic](#)

Urgent Care

[Hoover Urgent Care](#) (Staffed by ER doctors)

[MedHelp 280](#) - Dr. Vaughn

ACADEMIC

Organization, Time Management, and Executive Functioning Coaching

[Focus on Fewer](#)

SERVICES

Alterations

[Alabama Reweaving and Alterations](#)
[Diane's Reweaving & Alterations](#)

Car Wash and Maintenance

[Anthony's Car Wash](#)
[Auto Whiz](#)
[Carl's Car Clinic](#)
[Express Oil Change](#) (Hollywood Blvd)
[Franklin Automotive](#)
[Garage in Pelham](#)
[Green Garage](#)
[Greystone Automotive](#)
[Hoover Toyota](#)
[John's Auto Repair and Tires](#)
[Rainaldi's](#)
[Rob'e Mans](#)
[Vulcan Tire](#)

Hair Salon

[Male Room](#)
[Oak Street Hair](#)
[Speed Spa](#)
[Stone Salon](#)
[Studio 21 Salon](#)
[Treadwell's Barbershop](#)
[Tutwiler Barbershop](#)
[Vestavia Barbershop](#)

Nail Salon

[Daisy Nails](#)
[Genesis Nail Spa](#)
[Hoover Nails](#)
[Liberty Nails](#)
[Nail Fever](#)
[Paris Nails](#)
[Sapphire Nails](#)
[Soho Nails](#)
[Vestavia Nails](#)
[Nail Bar](#)

Printing/ Shipping

FedEx
[Hoover Shipping](#)
[Pete's Printing](#)
UPS Store

Shoe Repair

[Cahaba Heights Shoes](#)
[Homewood Shoe Hospital](#)
[Upsidedown Shoe Repair](#)
[Hoover Shoe Repair](#)

Spas

[Escape Day Spa](#)
[Retreat Day Spa](#)
[Ross Bridge](#)
[St. Vincent's 119](#)

PLACES TO SEE AND THINGS TO DO

Free/ Inexpensive Events and Venues

[Aldridge Gardens](#)
[Bluff Park Lookout Spot](#)
[Birmingham Botanical Gardens](#)
[Birmingham Zoo](#)
[Grace Klein Community](#)
[Pepper Place Farmer's Market](#)

Libraries

[O'Neal Public Library](#)
[Homewood Public Library](#)
[Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest](#)

Museums

[Barber Motorsports Park Museum](#)
[Birmingham Museum of Art](#)
[Civil Rights Institute](#)
[Southern Museum of Flight](#)
[Vulcan Museum](#)

Outdoor Activities

[Bluff Park Trail](#)
[Jemison Trail](#)
[Oak Mountain State Park](#)
[Moss Rock Preserve](#)
[Railroad Park](#)
[Red Mountain](#)
[Ruffner Mountain](#)
[Top Golf](#)
[Turkey Creek](#)
[Veteran's Park](#)

Sporting Events

[Birmingham Barons](#) (baseball)
[Birmingham Legion](#) (soccer)
[Birmingham Stallions](#) (football)
[Birmingham Squadron](#) (basketball)

Theatre

[Alabama Theatre](#)
[AMC Vestavia](#)
[Lyric Theatre](#)
[Red Mountain Theatre](#)
[Virginia Samford Theatre](#)

SHOPPING

Areas/Villages

[Crestline Village](#)
[Downtown Homewood](#)
[Mountain Brook Village](#)
[Shoppes at Grand River](#)
[The Summit](#)

Athletic Wear

[Academy](#)
[Athleta](#)
[Hibbett Sports](#)
[Homewood Sporting Goods](#)
[Lululemon](#)
[Mountain High Outfitters](#)
[REI](#)
[Trak Shak](#)

Beauty Products

[Sephora](#)
[Ulta](#)

Book Stores

[Barnes & Noble](#)
[Books-A-Million](#)
[Church Street Books and Coffee](#)
[Little Professor](#)

Boutiques

[Alter'd State](#)
[Duke's](#)
[Elle](#)
[Francesca's](#)
[Leah's](#)
[Lizard Thicket](#)
[Monogram's Plus](#)
[The Clothes Tree](#)
[The Pants Store](#)
[The Pink Tulip](#)
[Ryan Reeve](#)
[Serendipity](#)
[Soca](#)

Department Stores

[Belk](#)
[Gus Mayer](#)
[Saks](#)
[Von Maur](#)

Formal Wear

[David's Bridal](#)
[LOFT](#)
[Mr. Burch](#)
[The Clothes Tree](#)

Home Décor

[At Home](#)
[Bed Bath and Beyond](#)
[Hobby Lobby](#)
[Home Accents](#)
[Home Goods](#)
[Popshelf](#)

Outdoor/ Sporting Goods

[Academy](#)
[Alabama Outdoors](#)
[Bass Pro Shop](#)
[Dick's Sporting Goods](#)
[Mountain High Outfitters](#)
[REI](#)
[Woods and Water](#)

Pharmacy

[Birmingham Apothecary](#)
[Crestline Pharmacy](#)
[CVS](#)
[Harbin Pharmacy](#)
[Homewood Pharmacy](#)
[Mill's Pharmacy](#)
[Target](#)

Shoes

[B. Prince](#)
[DSW](#)
[Flip Flops and What Not's](#)
[Gus Mayer](#)
[Pants Store](#)
[Rack Room](#)
[Trak Shak](#)

BIRMINGHAM HOTELS

with links to discounts for Samford families

Scroll down for Step Sing and Family Weekend room blocks.

Mountain Brook/ Homewood

[Grand Bohemian Mountain Brook, Autograph Collection](#) (In the Bonvoy app, enter S95 under special rates>corporate/promotional code)

[Courtyard Birmingham Homewood](#)

[Valley Hotel Homewood, Curio Collection by Hilton](#) (call hotel, 205-354-0171, for Samford discount rate)

[Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham/ Lakeshore Drive](#) (Use corporate account code: 2623284)

Colonnade/ Grandview

[Fairfield Inn & Suites Birmingham Colonnade/ Grandview](#)

Downtown

[Elyton Hotel](#)

Hoover

[Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Resort and Spa](#)

I-459/ Liberty Park

[Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham SE/Liberty Park](#)

Short-Term Rental Options:

[Wake Up In Birmingham](#) (call 205-656-1144 for 10% discount for Samford families)

Step Sing 2025 Room Blocks

[Courtyard Birmingham Homewood](#), \$169/ night
(Last day to book is Thursday, January 9, 2025.)

Start Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025

End Date: Sunday, February 02, 2025

Family Weekend 2025 Room Blocks

[Aloft Birmingham Soho Square](#), \$159/ night
(Last day to book is Wednesday, August 27, 2025.)

Start Date: Friday, September 26, 2025

End Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025

[Courtyard Birmingham Homewood](#), \$169/ night

(Last day to book is Thursday, September 4, 2025.)

Start Date: September 25, 2025

End Date: September 28, 2025

AIRBNB LIST

[Beautiful 4 bedroom with Indoor Fireplace](#) – sleeps 7

[Charming 2 Bedroom Vestavia Home](#) – sleeps 4

[Charming Edgewood Condo in the Heart of Homewood](#) – sleeps 6

[Downtown Lofts](#)

[Edgewood](#) – sleeps 6

[Meadow View – One Bedroom Apartment](#) – sleeps 2

RESTAURANTS

Find over 300 Birmingham restaurant menus [here](#).

Breakfast/ Brunch

[Alabama Biscuit](#)
[Another Broken Egg](#)
[Big Bad Breakfast](#)
[Biscuit Belly](#)
[Crestline Bagel](#)
[Demetri's](#)
[Edgar's](#)
[First Watch](#)
[The Flying Biscuit](#)
[Frothy Monkey](#)
[Heavenly Donuts](#)
[Homewood Bagel](#)
[Ironwood](#)
[Ladybird Taco](#)
[Maple Street Biscuit Co.](#)
[Original Pancake House](#)
[Ranch House](#)
[Rolls](#)
[Ruby's Sunshine](#)
[Salem's Diner](#)

Coffee Shops

[Baba Java](#)
[Church Street Coffee and Books](#)
[Domestique](#)
[Filter - Coffee Parlor](#)
[OHenry's](#)
[Red Cat](#)
[Red Mountain Expresso](#)
[Santos](#)
[Saturn](#)
[Seeds](#)
[Wild Roast](#)

Lunch/ Dinner

[Ashley Mac's](#)
[Automatic Seafood](#)
[Bistro V](#)
[Blueprint on 3rd](#)
[Bottega](#)
[Brick and Tin](#)
[Café Iz](#)
[Cheesecake Factory](#)
[Chicken Salad Chick](#)
[Chopt](#)
[Davenport's Pizza](#)
[El Zun Zun](#)

[Firebirds](#)
[Fish Market](#)
[Gianmarco's](#)
[Jack Brown's](#)
[Johnny's](#)
[Little Donkey](#)
[Mellow Mushroom](#)
[Michael's](#)
[Mr. Chen's](#)
[Niki's West](#)
[Olexa's](#)
[Ono Poke](#)
[Paw Paw Patch](#)
[Perry's Steakhouse](#)
[Pizzeria G.M.](#)
[Real and Rosemary](#)
[Rock n Roll Sushi](#)
[Saw's Bbq](#)
[Shake Shack](#)
[Shrimp Basket](#)
[Silver Coin](#)
[SoHo Social](#)
[Surin](#)
[Taco Casa](#)
[Taco Mama](#)
[Taj India](#)
[Urban Cookhouse](#)
[Village Tavern](#)
[Wasabi Juan's](#)

Dessert

[Bendy's Cookies and Cream](#)
[Big Spoon](#)
[Bluff Park Ice Cream](#)
[City Bowls](#)
[Cookie Fix](#)
[Crumbl Cookies](#)
[Doodles Italian Ice](#)
[Edgar's](#)
[Edgewood Creamery](#)
[Insomnia Cookies](#)
[Jeni's](#)
[Mountain Brook Creamery](#)
[Nothing Bundt Cake](#)
[Olexa's](#)
[Village Tavern](#)