

New Samford Parents

Welcome to Samford!

The following slides are meant to provide helpful resources for the parents during 2025-26 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office of Parent and Family Engagement.

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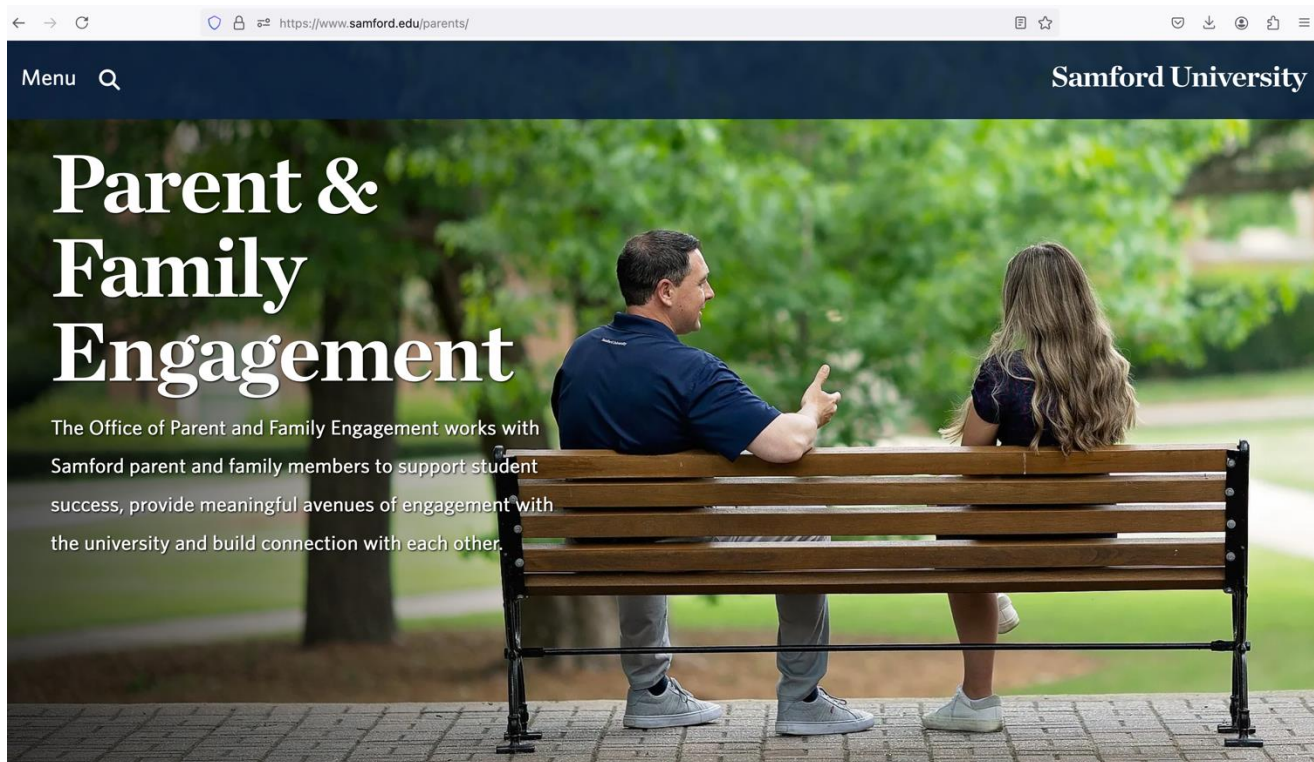
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The Samford Parent website is the best place to go for up-to-date information, dates, and deadlines.

[samford.edu/parents](https://www.samford.edu/parents)



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Social Media

Facebook: [Samford Parents](#)

Instagram: [@SamfordParents](#)

*Warning: We do not monitor or oversee the Class Facebook pages.
When you join these pages, they might be owned by outside organizations, and your information
may be data mined and you will receive ads that may not reflect the Samford mission.*

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State Facebook Pages

Please ONLY join your state/region's Facebook page.
These pages are for parents only.

If your state or region is not listed, contact parents@samford.edu.

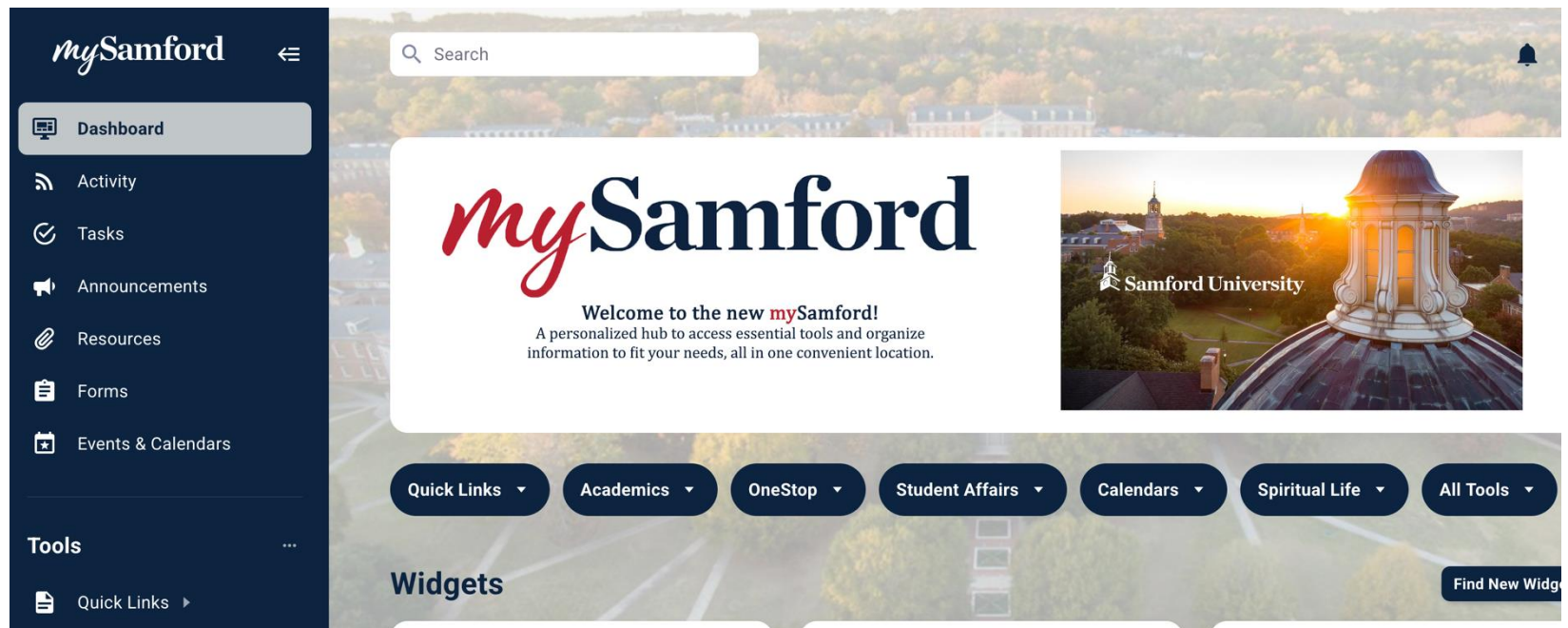
[Alabama](#), [California/ West](#), [Florida](#), [Georgia](#), [Kentucky](#),
[Louisiana](#), [Midwest](#), [Mississippi](#), [North Carolina](#),
[Northeast](#), [South Carolina](#), [Tennessee](#), [Texas](#)

**These state pages are meant to build community and are for general questions.
If you want official dates or university information or have a concern, please contact
Julie Boyd (jboyd10@samford.edu) or Tanya Hindman (thindma@samford.edu).*

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**Students log in to the Student Portal with their ID and password.
Parents do not/should not have access to this Portal.**

my.samford.edu



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How can students stay involved on campus?

Over 100 registered student organizations and clubs

SGA and Freshman Forum

Student Success and Diversity

Greek Life – follow all chapters on IG; Samford Guides

Spiritual Life – small groups and cadres

Student Activities – follow on IG @samfordactivities

Campus Rec, Intramurals

Wellness Events

Caf Events

Step Sing: January 29-31, 2026

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Greek Recruitment

www.samford.edu/greeklife

Finances

Greek Life Zoom Calls for Parents

Find registration links at www.samford.edu/parents/events

[IFC Recruitment Call](#): Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m. Central
[Panhellenic Recruitment Call](#): Tuesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. Central
[NPHC Recruitment Call](#): Thursday, August 12, at 7 p.m. Central

(Calls will be recorded for later viewing.)

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Freshman Retreat

Freshman Retreat

Where: Shocco Springs Conference Center

When: August 29-30, 2025

Cost: \$125

(includes T-shirt, lodging, 3 meals, transportation, and all retreat activities)

*Note: A parent signature is required for all students under 19 in the state of Alabama.

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Campus Resources for Student Support

[Academic Success Center](#)

[Student Success and Diversity](#)

[Writing Center](#)

[Career Development Center](#)

[Accessibility and Accommodations](#)

[University Health Services](#)

[Counseling and Wellness](#)

[CARE Team](#)

[Residence Life](#)

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SAMFORD CARES

How does Samford CARE?

Samford's mission begins with a commitment to “nurture persons”, which includes paying attention to the academic, mental, emotional and spiritual concerns of students and responding to those concerns with compassion and support. One of the distinctive characteristics of our campus culture is the thoughtful and thorough efforts made to identify students that need help, to connect them with the right resources and to invest in their long-term healing and success.

Samford Cares for students in many tangible ways, but mostly through people.

- Faculty
- Health Services and Counseling Services Staff
- Office of Spiritual Life & Student Affairs Staff
- Residence Life Staff
- The CARE Team

What is the CARE Team?

Who is a “Student of Concern”?

Students of concern typically demonstrate behaviors that include but are not limited to, extended absences from classes, physical illness, emotional distress or any behavior that causes another member of the community concern.

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Important Numbers

Julie Boyd: 205-726-2375

Tanya Hindman: 205-726-4559

Campus Safety: 205-726-2020

Residence Life: 205-726-2956

Residence Life After Hours: 205-726-2030

The Hub: 205-726-2407

Technology Support: 205-726-2662

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Meal Plans

www.samford.edu/departments/dining

19-Meal Plan + \$200 Quick Service Cash

Required for entering freshman and students
who have earned less than 24 credits

Each Caf meal allows for unlimited station swipes within a 2-hour period.

Use up to 10 Passes per week at a variety of locations.

Automatically added to your student's bill

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Paying the Bill

www.Samford.edu/go/ebill

One Stop

onestop@samford.edu

205-726-2905

Payment Plans

Five-installment plan: register July 16-August 5

Four-installment plan: register July 16-September 2

ONE STOP RESOURCE GUIDE

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Parking Permit

Students will receive an email with information from Chief Tommy Taylor in August.

1. Log in to the [Samford portal](#).
2. Select the *Transportation Services* tab.
3. From the menu, choose *Purchase Parking Permit*.

Please note: You cannot purchase the permit until Chief Taylor sends this email in August.

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Health and Immunization Forms

www.medproctor.com

Encourage your student to check their Samford email for instructions.

If your student has health complications that require an ongoing relationship with the on-campus physician, you may want to reach out to University Health Services. 205-726-2835

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Textbooks

New, Used, Rent: [Samford Shop](#)

Used: www.slugbooks.com

Type in the ISBN # and you will be given
10 different options for buying or renting.

You can compare prices without having to shop around.

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Post Office

USPS, UPS, FedEx, Amazon – [Post Office](#)

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

205-726-2933

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How to Mail a Letter or Package

Student's Full Name

800 Lakeshore Drive (Don't forget to write Drive.)

Box 29XXXX (Write box, not PO Box.)

Birmingham, AL 35229

Students can soon find their SU Box number in August,
by going into Banner on the my.samford.edu portal.

Click on Personal Information, then Addresses and Phone Numbers.

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Parents Association Care Packages

Parents Association sells care packages four times a year.
You will received emails when orders open.
Students will be notified of pickup times and location.

Back to School
Fall Exams
Step Sing
Spring Exams

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Pack & Pray Parties

(Care packages prepared by parents for their student)

In addition to care package sales, parents in cities around the country gather for **Pack & Pray** care package parties, where they **pack** care packages to be distributed to their students during fall and spring exams and **pray** for students together.

To find out more details about hosting or attending a Pack & Pray in your region, email parents@samford.edu.

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Special Deliveries

Several local businesses deliver to Samford regularly and usually take items to the HUB.

Always give your student's name and cell phone number when ordering.

The Hub is located in the University Center, first floor lobby.

For a list of local businesses that deliver to Samford for birthdays, Bid Day, and special days throughout the year, as well as pharmacies that will deliver medications to the Hub, visit www.samford.edu/parents/resources and click on [Birmingham Resources](#).

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Samford Parents Association

Parents Association Co-Chairs,
Sharla and Eric Stafford

Other Leaders within Parents Association:

State and Regional Chairs

Parents in Prayer Leaders

Family Weekend Tailgate Coordinator

Regional Chairs

Local Event Hosts (coffees, dinners, Pack & Pray parties)

Contact thindma@samford.edu if you are interested in leadership.

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State/ Regional Chapters of the Samford Parents Association

Alabama – Gelaina and Robert Allen

Southern California – Jennifer Humora

Northern California – open position

Florida – Payton Albritton

Georgia – Michelle Annett, Mary and Tim Francine

Kentucky – Patti Dennard

Louisiana – Dixie and Brian Patrick

Midwest – Emily Bradford

Mississippi – open position

North Carolina – Georganne White

Northeast – Nikki and Ian Allred

South Carolina – Logan Wolfram

Tennessee – Amy Fenton

Texas – Dana Manley

West – open position

Visit www.samford.edu/parents/leadership-council-contact to find
Parent Chairs and Parent Advisory Board members who represent your state or region.

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Books for Parents

[Praying the Scriptures for Your Adult Children](#)

[Praying through the Bible for your Kids](#)

[The Gift of Failure](#)

[51 Tips for Parents of College Students](#)

[Doing Life with Your Adult Children](#)

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Parents in Prayer Zoom Calls

First Monday of each month during the academic year, at 7 p.m. Central

Fall 2025: [Register Here](#)

September 1

October 6

November 3

December 1

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Family Weekend

September 26-28, 2025

State shirt sales open in early August.

Registration opens August 25.

Schedule coming soon!

Pops with the Prez
Family Service Project
Lakeshore Concert
Planetarium Shows
Choral Vespers
Dinner on the Quad
Parents Prayer Walk
Parents Association Breakfast
Tailgate
and more!



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Family Weekend

State Tent Tailgate

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Volunteers: thindma@samford.edu



Alabama
Arkansas
California
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Midwest
Mississippi
North Carolina
Northeast
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
West

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Residence Halls

Residence Life

Click on links for room floor plans and VR tours.

Central Campus

Women's Halls: Vail, Pittman, Gaston

Men's Hall: Smith, Mann

West Campus

Mountainview

Greek Housing

West Village

Beeson Woods

Evergreen, Treetop, and others

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Res Life Zoom Calls for Parents

Find registration links at
www.samford.edu/parents/events

[Move-In Day Process for Parents of Returning Students](#)

Thursday, August 7, at 6 p.m. Central

[Move-in Day Process for Parents of Incoming Students](#)

Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m. Central

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Beds and Lofting



Standard



Collegiate Bed Loft - pre-Move In
Do It Yourself - during Move In

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Tips and Tricks for Decorating Your Student's Small Space



Samford Living:
A Conversation
with the Ross Family

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Laundry and Kitchen



No quarters needed



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Photos



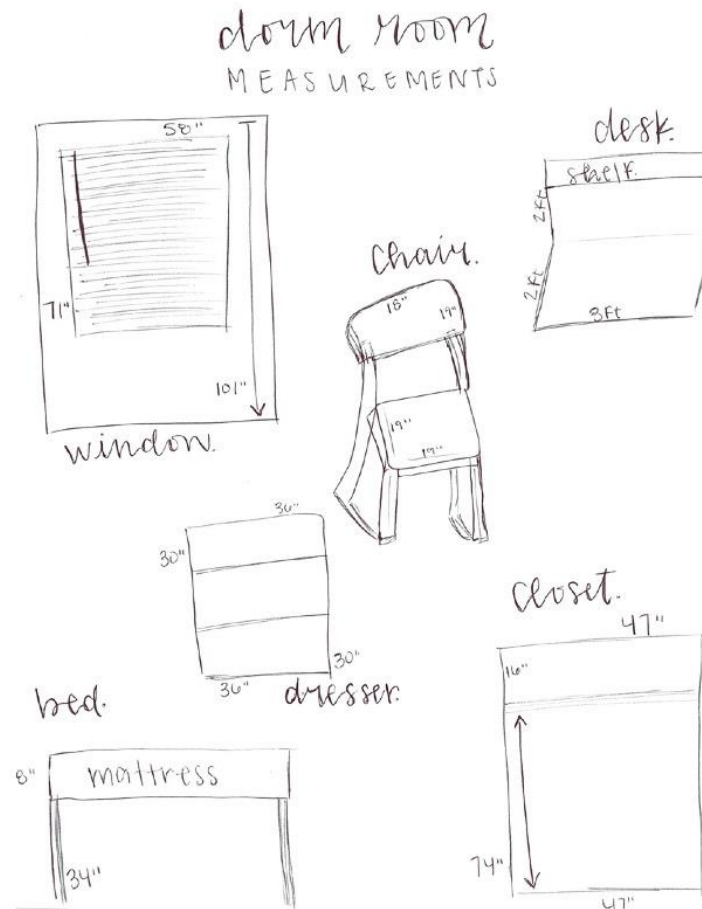
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6th floor of Vail, 4th floor of Smith



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Room Measurements – Pittman 227



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Approximate Furniture Measurements

Questions? reslife@samford.edu

Measurements below were taken from Pittman 227.

Window

58" wide x 71" tall

Top of window to floor: 101"

Bed x 2

Mattress: 8"

Bottom of mattress to floor: 34"

Twin Sheets

33" bed skirt

3-Drawer Dresser under bed: 36" wide x 30" tall

Closet x 2

47" wide

Top section: 16" tall

Bottom section: 74" tall

72" Shower curtain

Desk x 2

Top: 3' wide x 2' tall

Surface: 3' wide x 2' deep

Chair x 2

Back: 18" wide x 19" high

Seat: 19" x 19"

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Move-In Day Tips

- Label everything!
- Pack items in cardboard boxes, Rubbermaid tubs, and Ikea bags
- Choose a different time slot from the roommate
- Rug first
- Headboards second
- Larger pieces next
- Cooler with drinks and snacks
- Stair-climbing dolly
- Good tool kit
- Extra clothes to change into after moving (It's a hot and sweaty day!)

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- Ikea bags



- Stair-climbing dolly



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What to Bring

- Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, windex, paper towels, [vacuum](#), laundry detergent, dish detergent)
- Suites – toilet paper, bathroom cleaning supplies, shower curtain, rug
- [Power strips](#) – 3 pronged, 5 foot (USB ports is a plus)
- [Brita pitcher](#)
- [Keurig](#)



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What to Bring

- [Mattress Topper](#)
- [Door Stops](#)
- [Laundry Hamper](#)



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What to Bring

- Rain jacket, rain boots, umbrella
- Odds and Ends: Ziplocks, [Chip Clips](#), Trash Cans/ Trash Bags, Flashlight, Pepper Spray, [Battery-powered Jump Start Cables](#)
- Medical Kit – Band-aids, First Aid Cream, Tylenol/ Advil, Digital Thermometer, Insect Cream, Benadryl, Heating Pad
- Personal medications, vitamins
- Insurance Cards
- Small Tool Kit
- Command Strips Curtain Rod Holders



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Odds and Ends

Target, Homewood – In Store, Drive up, Shipt

Goodbyes – Look for an email from Parent and Family Engagement to make your Goodbyes a special time.

Connections Weekend

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Storage Units

The following storage units were recommended by other Samford parents and are close to campus.

[Attic Plus Storage](#)

[Blue Sky Storage](#)

[Extra Space Storage](#) (Columbiana)

[Vestavia Uhaul](#)

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Moving and Storage Service

The following moving and storage service was recommended by other Samford parents.

Dorm Vault Storage

dormvaultstorage@gmail.com

615-962-1058, Alex Dickey

- Moving items into/ out of dorm room
- Storing items during academic year and/or summer

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