



## HOSTING A 2025 SUMMER SEND OFF

Thank you for your interest in hosting a **Samford Send Off** this summer!

**Send Offs** are hosted by Samford parents and will be held between July 14 and August 3. Samford staff do not typically attend Send Offs. (*Samford staff attend Welcome Parties only.*)

### ***What is the difference between a Welcome Party and Send-Off Party?***

- *Welcome Parties are hosted by Samford because we are “welcoming” you to Samford. These are held in the three cities with highest populations of incoming students, where it is usually not possible to host in a home or restaurant.*
- *Samford Send Offs are hosted by parents, because you are “**sending your students off**” to Samford. These are held in cities with smaller populations of incoming students, where families can easily gather in a home, neighborhood clubhouse, or restaurant.*

**You will choose a date, time, and location**, and we will handle promotion and registration, keeping you updated along the way. We will provide a PARTY-IN-A-BOX for the first 25 parties to be scheduled. This box includes some decorations, get-to-know-you games, Samford-specific hosting tip sheets, and important move-in information to share at the party.

If hosting in your home, **food can be simple**, such as desserts or ice cream sundae bar, or you can provide a meal. You can determine a per-person cost, and we will ask each family to Venmo you upon registration. If hosting in a restaurant, we will let each family know they are financially responsible for their own meals.

We can let you know **how many Samford families live in your city**. For cities with very few incoming freshmen, you may want to include upperclassmen. This helps with attendance and provides some veteran “experts” to answer questions that incoming families may have.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to connect parents and families in your city. Please contact us with any questions. When and if you are ready to proceed, you can email [parents@samford.edu](mailto:parents@samford.edu) with the date, time, and location for your Samford Send Off!

We look forward to working with you on this event!

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