THURSDAY, June 9

Noon – 11:00 pm  
**Class Registration at Mission Park**
Please check in here for official counts and to receive your ’97 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
**50th Reunion Alumni Seminar: TBD**

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
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6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
**Welcome Dinner for the Class of 1997**
Join your classmates for an informal dinner and beverages. Families are welcome. We will be joined by President Maud Mandel for mingling and conversation from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

8:00 pm  
**Trivia Night**
Come on down to The Log and show your smarts! Enjoy five competitive rounds of trivia for you and your friends.

FRIDAY, June 10

***For a complete list of Friday’s activities, please check the general reunion schedule for all classes***

6:00 am – 8:30 am  
**Sunrise Hike Up Pine Cobble**
With Scott Lewis, Director of the Outing Club
Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and a cup for hot drinks.
6:30 am – 9:30 am  
*A la carte breakfast available for all classes  
(Cost for breakfast not included in reunion fees)*  
Snack Bar (Paresky, formerly Baxter Hall)

9:00 am – 11:00 pm  
**Class Registration at Mission Park**  
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10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**50th Reunion Alumni Seminar: TBD**  
Mainstage ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance

11:30 am – 2:30 pm  
**Free ice cream courtesy of the Ephraim Williams Society**  
Front Porch Paresky

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
Mainstage ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm  
**Dwelling of the Gallant: Women of Williams**  
Mainstage ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**A Conversation with Williams President Maud S. Mandel**  
Society of Alumni President, Kate Boyle Ramsdell ’97 will engage in conversation with President Mandel.

5:15 pm  
Shabbat Services  
Jewish Religious Center

5:30 pm – 11:00 pm  
**Class of ’97 Gathering and Family BBQ**  
’97 Tent, Poker Flats

Relaxed, family-friendly BBQ under the tent for the whole class. Games and kids’ activities provided on the lawn. We’ll also have a DJ for fun and dancing. Dinner starts at 6:30pm.

**SATURDAY, June 11**

***For a complete list of Saturday’s activities, please check the general reunion schedule for all classes***

6:30 am – 9:30 am  
*A la carte breakfast available for all classes  
(Cost for breakfast not included in reunion fees)*  
Snack Bar (Paresky)

6:30 am – 9:45 am  
**Breakfast for the Class of ’97 and their families**  
*To-go options available as well*  
Mission Park Dining Hall

7:00 am – 8:00 am  
**Bird Walk led by Drew Jones, Hopkins Forest Manager**  
Hopkins Forest

Some binoculars provided. Coffee available!
7:00 am – 10:00 am

**Hike through Hopkins Forest**  
Chapin Hall

Join other reunion attendees for an early morning 4.5 mile hike through Hopkins Forest. Sturdy shoes recommended for the rolling terrain. If you’d like a ride to the trailhead, meet behind Chapin Hall in the parking lot for a van ride to Petersburg Pass on Route 2 at 7am. Vans will shuttle hikers back to campus from the Rosenburg Center at about 10am.

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Fun Run**  
Chapin Steps

Join other reunion attendees for an early morning run in the Purple Valley (Gale Road loop)

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Class Registration at Mission Park**  
Mission Park

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*To help the Class of ’97 win the Reunion Attendance Trophy, please check in by 8:00 am!*

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Williamstown Farmer’s Market**  
Spring Street

Stroll. Snack. Shop local.

9:30 am – 10:00 am

**Create a Spectacle**  
Paresky Porch

Dress up for the parade by making your own festive sunglasses, hats, and signs to carry and wear! Rain or shine.

9:30 am

**Gather for the Alumni Parade of Classes**  
Chapin Lawn

(1997 will gather near the Frosh Quad)

Join the Class of ’97 to meet up with old friends and to show that we have the highest numbers! Wear your purple 25th reunion short-sleeve wicking shirt! The 25th reunion class is one of two featured classes and will lead the parade directly behind the 50th reunion class.

10:00 am

**Parade of Classes**  
Paresky Lawn

*Please note that the parade route is different this year. We’ll march along Park St., turn left on to Route 2, turn left on to Chapin Drive before making our way to Sawyer Quad.

10:30 am – 11:30 am

**Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumni including the presentation of the 1997 Class Gift**  
Sawyer Quad

Our class leaders will be announcing our 25th Reunion Class Gift. Join us in celebrating our achievements!

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Wheels! (Ages 2-4)**  
Weston Gate

After the parade, join other young families to explore a fire engine, police cruiser, ambulance, backhoe, front loader, mowers and street sweeper! Rain or shine.

10:30 am –12:00 pm  
**Soccer Clinic (Ages 5-12)**  
Weston Athletic Complex

Join a soccer session for all levels. We’ll work on development and refinement, and end with small-sided games. Rain or shine.

10:30am – 12:00 pm  
**Ultimate Frisbee Clinic (Ages 10+)**  
Weston Athletic Complex

Come and learn this team sport, led by members of the Williams Ultimate Frisbee Organization. Rain or shine.
10:30 am – 2:00 pm  
**Toddler and Preschool Playdate (Ages 2-4)**  
Toddlers/preschoolers and their parents/caregivers are welcome at the Williams College Children’s Center to play with purple Play Doh, run around the outdoor play spaces, and enjoy other activities.  
**Williams College Children’s Center, Whitman Street**

Noon – 1:00 pm  
**All Campus Lunch for all classes and families – rain or shine!**  
**Chapin Lawn/Paresky**

Afternoon  
*Affinity Group Gatherings, Tours, Hikes, Open Houses, and Information Sessions*

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Visit the Treetops of the Canopy Walkway (Ages 12+)**  
The walkway is a pair of tree platforms set 70 ft. above the ground and originally used for research. Participants are harnessed to safety cables and aided by guides. No children under 12. Shuttles leave and return from the intersection of Chapin and Mission Park Drive. (See main schedule for shuttle times.)  
**Hopkins Forest**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Busload of Books Tour Open House (All ages)**  
Children’s book author/illustrator duo Matthew Swanson ’97 and Robbi Behr ’97 will be spending the 2022-2023 school year traveling the country in a tiny home school bus, visiting Title I schools in all fifty states, doing presentations on creativity and storytelling, and giving away 25,000 free books to students and teachers from underserved communities. Come tour the bus and learn more about their project and coming adventure. Brief presentations and Q&A at 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm and 4:30pm; otherwise, just stop by!  
**Chapin Beach**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Plenty of Purple Projects (All ages)**  
Get your creative juices flowing and make decoupage frames, boxes, jewelry, stationery, painted cow bells, and more. Materials in Williams’ colors, of course!  
**Science Quad**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Library Special Collections Open House**  
Staff of the Chapin Library and the College Archives will be on hand to introduce exhibits and collections featuring rare books, manuscripts, yearbooks and other artifacts of college history.  
**Chapin Library, Sawyer Library**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
**The Presidency of Phinney Baxter**  
Dustin Griffin ’65 is a retired English professor turned local Historian. Since he retired from 40 years of teaching, he has published two volumes of essays on the local history of Williams College and Williamstown. Many of the essays have been the basis of public lectures he has given in Williamstown over the last ten years about notable people, places, and events. Having written about Williams presidents Tyler Dennett (1934-37) and John Sawyer (1961-73), he now turns his attention to the president who came between them, James Phinney Baxter, III (1937-61) – what he was able, and unable, to accomplish. Dusty is president o the Class of 1965 and a former trustee of the college. His lecture will be illustrated.  
**Brooks Rogers**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
**Student-Led Admission Tour**  
Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to participate.  
**Paresky Front Steps**
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
*Forest Critter Exploration (Ages 5-12)*  
Come run and play in Hopkins Forest while looking for forest critters.

Hopkins Forest

1:30 pm  
*Hike up to Stoney Ledge*  
Meet at the Haley Farm Trailhead/parking lot around 1:30pm, returning around 4:30pm. Led by Hagen Yang ’97.

Haley Farm Trailhead

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm  
*Campus Tour*  
If you haven’t been to campus in a while, this tour is for you. A reunion ranger will show you the Sawyer Library, Hollander and Schapiro Halls, Weston Athletic Complex, The Class of 1966 Environmental Center, Horn Hall and the South Science Bldg.

Paresky Front Porch

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm  
*The Williams Admission Picture*  
Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to attend this informal, interactive session with Williams admission officers.

Weston Hall (outside)

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm  
*Community Drum Circle (All Ages)*  
In this musical environment, learn rhythms, playful games, and songs from Africa, South America, and Asia. Instruments provided!

Paresky Front Steps

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm  
*Lee F. Jackson '79 Memorial Track Meet and Family Games (Ages 5-12).* Participate in races, water games, and more. Ribbons for all participants. (Rain location: Towne Field House)

Lee Track, Weston Athletic Complex

3:30 pm  
*Williams Rocks*  
A walking tour of campus, from bedrock to building stones, and the stories they tell. With Bud Wobus, Edna McConnell Clark Professor of Geology.

Meet outside Clark Hall

3:30 pm  
*Eph Meet-Up @ Reunion*  
This casual networking reception features industry-specific chat areas where you can meet other Ephs who do what you do – or would like to do someday! Career shifters and other Ephs in professional transition are welcome, as are non-Eph spouses and guests. Come as you are; business cards optional!

Faculty Club Porch

3:30 pm  
*Family Yoga*  
Infants, toddlers, kids of all ages are welcome to practice yoga with Amy Sosne ’05

Sawyer Quad

3:30 pm  
*Drawing Class (Ages 5-12)*  
Enjoy an outdoor drawing session. No experience necessary; come to learn or practice what you already know. Supplies provided.

Park Street Entrance to Alumni Center

3:30 pm  
*Ultimate Frisbee Games (Ages 10+)*  
Practice the skills you learned in the morning clinic! Led by WUFO members. Rain or shine.

Farley-Lamb Field Weston Athletic Complex

3:30 pm  
*Take Me to the River (Ages 10+)*  
A guided hike on Hopkins Forest's Hoosic River Trail with David Dethier and Hank Art.

Hopkins Forest
**5:00 pm – 11:30 pm**

**'97 Dinner and Activities for Kids and Teens (ages 5+)**

_Dinner: 5:00 – 7:00 pm; Activities: 5:30 - 11:30 pm_

Organized by the 25th Reunion Program and staffed by Williamstown Youth Center Staff and Reunion Rangers. Activities include arts & crafts, outdoor and indoor games, movies at Images Cinema, and more. Children ages 10+ will have the opportunity to visit the local high ropes course Ramblewild ($30 fee applies; advance registration required)

**6:00 pm – 11:30 pm**

**Dinner:** 5:00 – 7:00 pm; **Activities:** 5:30 - 11:30 pm

Williamstown Youth Center

66 School Street

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
**Class of ’97 Cocktail Reception (adults only)**

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7:00 pm – 7:15 pm  
**Class of ’97 Photo**

7:30 pm – Midnight  
**Class of ’97 Adult Reunion Party – Celebrate under the Stars**

This is our chance to party like it’s 1999 (or 1997)! We have locally-sourced food by Wheelhouse Farm.

**SUNDAY, June 12**

7:30 am – 11:00 am  
**Class of ’97 Farewell Brunch**

Join us for brunch with the Class of ’94 and their families

9:30 am – 10:30 am  
**Reunion Service of Gratitude and Remembrance**

A multi-faith service to honor the passing of beloved classmates and celebrate the blessings of relationship to the Williams community. Led by Williams chaplains and alumni clergy.

Noon  
**Dorm Checkout Deadline**