



Greetings, Class of '86!

We are thrilled to welcome you back for our 40th Reunion, June 4–7, 2026. Get ready for an amazing, long-awaited return to Ithaca, as it's been 10 years since we were last together on the Hill.

We know that deciding whether to attend Reunion can be a little nerve-racking. You might wonder: *Will my old friends be there? Will I recognize anyone—or worse, will they recognize me?* We all have those same thoughts. But, those who return always report the same thing: it was an incredible weekend, and they can't wait for the next one. By the time we say goodbye on Sunday, it will feel as if no time has passed. You'll leave having reconnected with old friends and, we promise, having made new ones.

So, grab your friends or come solo—but please join us!

Home base: Our headquarters will be at the **Hans Bethe House** on West Campus. Plenty of rooms are available, ranging from four-bedroom suites—perfect for groups—to single hallway rooms. Free parking is available nearby, and if you aren't quite up for the hike up Libe Slope, campus transportation will be ready to assist.

Weekend highlights: We've balanced our class-specific activities with university-wide events to give you the best of both worlds. Highlights include:

- **Thursday night:** A welcome dinner at Klarman Hall, catered by the **Souvlaki House**.
- **Friday morning:** An optional hike through the gorges and trails of **Robert H. Treman State Park** with Cornell Outdoor Education.
- **Friday night:** Dinner by Olin Library followed by the iconic **Tent Parties** on the Arts Quad.
- **Saturday morning:** An informal breakfast discussion with classmate **Jeff Cochran**, a renowned (and hilarious) speaker on negotiations and influence.
- **Saturday exclusive:** A behind-the-scenes tour of historic **Lynah Rink** with legendary Cornell hockey coach and classmate **Mike Schafer**.
- **Saturday night:** Class dinner on the Ag Quad, and then we'll head back to headquarters to keep the party going.

Reunion is also the perfect opportunity to explore the changing campus and the surrounding Ithaca area.

Start making your travel plans now. Registration opens in early April. If you're looking to reconnect with specific classmates before the weekend, let us know and we can help provide contact information.

We can't wait to CU in June!

Your Reunion Co-chairs,
Lisa Hellinger Manaster and Katie Roth Boyar

Reunion Weekend

June 4–7, 2026

Register online now: alumni.cornell.edu/reunion

It's time to register for Reunion!

1. Choose a registration package
2. Select housing
3. Get information on attending Reunion with the family/children
4. Please consider making a gift to our 40th Reunion campaign at giving.cornell.edu/give
5. For details about accessibility, transportation, parking, childcare, attire, lodging, dining, campus sustainability, and more, explore the Reunion website at: alumni.cornell.edu/reunion

1. ADULT REGISTRATION PACKAGE AND FEES Early bird pricing available until May 15

Packages include	Fee by May 15	Fee after May 15	Thursday dinner	Friday breakfast	Friday dinner	Saturday breakfast	Saturday dinner	Sunday breakfast	Button	Souvenir
Full weekend (Thursday noon–Sunday noon)	\$450	\$485	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Partial weekend (Friday after breakfast–Sunday)	\$400	\$435			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mini weekend (Saturday after breakfast–Sunday)	\$310	\$345					✓	✓	✓	✓

Note that youth pricing fees are lower. Please visit our class/group page for additional details. *Please see the opt-in selections below for additional details.

Additional opt-in selections			
EVENT	DATE & TIME	COST	CAPACITY
Robert H. Treman Gorge Hike and Lunch with Cornell Outdoor Ed.	Friday, June 5 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	Adult: \$45 Teen/Youth (13–20): \$30 Child (<12): \$20	30 seats
SOUVENIR	SIZES	COST	NOTE
'86 sweatshirt	Unisex XS–XXXL	Included with registration	For registrations after May 20th, a sweatshirt can't be guaranteed.

What is NOT automatically included? CU for Lunch, Cornell Child Care Center services, some athletic events, concerts, and the additional opt-in selections listed here.

Can I celebrate with more than one class or group? Yes! Register with the class, school, or group with whom you wish to be housed and will participate most with. Contact your class/group registration chair to share which events hosted by another class or group you'd like to add to your registration.

What if I register and then can't come? We are happy to offer refunds if you cancel on or before May 22. After this date, a refund of registration packages fees may not be possible.

Can I register when I get there? Yes, you can—but there are many advantages to registering in advance, including lower fees (by May 15), expedited check-in, better chance of getting a room assignment near friends, and more.

Please note: Cash payments will not be accepted. Check and credit/debit card payments are the only acceptable payment methods for Reunion purchases. If you register when you get there, you will not receive a souvenir.

Package FAQs

What does the registration fee include? All packages include class/group receptions and meals, headquarters refreshments, campus transportation, most university events including Arts Quad Tent Parties, and the cost of hiring and housing Cornell student clerks.

2. HOUSING AT OUR CAMPUS HEADQUARTERS

Hans Bethe House, West Campus

	1 night	2 nights	3 nights	SAVINGS (by staying all 3 nights)
Adult (13 years and older)	\$101	\$202	\$231	\$72
Child (12 years and younger)	\$59	\$101	\$101	One night FREE

Housing rates are per person, not per room.

Housing FAQs

Please see the campus housing FAQ section of the Reunion website for full details.

What's included in the room fee?

The university provides bath towels, wash cloths, soap, hangers, bed linens, a pillow, a water glass, and a daily towel and wash cloth exchange. Daily housekeeping service is not provided. There is no charge for children who do not need a bed (sleep in porta-crib, on the floor, etc.) and stay in a parent's room.

When is check-in/check-out?

Check-in begins Thursday at noon and all classmates must check out by noon Sunday.

Can I get a room near my friends?

We can try! We will pre-assign rooms; you may request to room near someone when you register and we will do our best to accommodate your request on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that families are given priority for housing requests.

What if I need to cancel my housing registration?

A housing refund can be accommodated if you cancel on or before May 22. After this time, a refund may not be possible.

I have special medical or mobility needs, is it practical for me to stay on campus?

We want all alumni, family, and friends to enjoy campus while celebrating Reunion. Guests with housing and campus accessibility questions or concerns are invited to learn more about accessibility at Reunion at alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/accessibility, or contact Hazel Key in the Office of Alumni Affairs at class_reunion@cornell.edu or 607-255-7085.

Are there hotel rooms available in Ithaca during Reunion?

A limited number of rooms in several hotels have been blocked for alumni returning to Cornell. Please keep in mind that availability may be limited at this point. Review the hotel information on the Cornell Reunion website (alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/lodging/), and call your preferred hotel directly for a reservation on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to ask for the Reunion block.

3. REUNION WITH THE FAMILY/CHILDREN

Reunion is a family event, and there are an exciting range of university activities planned for everyone, including future Cornellians! See the childcare section of the Reunion website (alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/childcare) for more details about activities and childcare options.

4. MAKE A GIFT IN HONOR OF OUR 40TH REUNION CAMPAIGN

Every classmate who makes a gift to Cornell before June 30 is part of our Reunion Campaign. Although we do hope you'll choose to designate all or part of your gift to one of the annual funds, each gift to Cornell, regardless of amount of designation, counts in our class totals and helps support current and future Cornellians. You can make your gift by visiting giving.cornell.edu/give, or by calling the Cornell Annual Fund at 1-800-279-3099. All gifts made before June 1, 2026 will be included in the class totals that are announced during Reunion weekend.

5. WHERE TO FIND DETAILS

STAY CONNECTED: Search "Cornell Class of '86" on Facebook and LinkedIn.

GENERAL REUNION INFORMATION: See all the events the university is planning at alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.

Questions about registration, housing, or other class Reunion details, contact:

Reunion Co-chairs

Katie Roth Boyar '86
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We are seeking class officer nominations for our new officer slate to be presented during Reunion weekend. Interested in an officer role? Please contact Class President Dina Lewisohn Shaw '86
dinalshaw@gmail.com.

In addition to registering, you can visit alumni.cornell.edu/reunion to learn about additional university events and activities. Additional registration may be required.

1986 Reunion weekend class schedule

For the full range of Reunion events and activities, visit alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Noon

Registration opens: Class of '86 headquarters: Hans Bethe House on West Campus
Our 40th Reunion begins!

6:00–9:00 p.m.

Join us for a reception and dinner, with food provided by the Souvlaki House.
Groos Atrium, Klarman Hall

9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Hang out at our headquarters—Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:00–10:00 a.m.

Breakfast at headquarters

9:00–10:00 a.m.

Class of '86 morning yoga

9:00–10:00 a.m.

Class of '86 tour of the Mundy Wildflower Garden at Botanic Gardens.
Tour will begin at Nevin Welcome Center and includes steep steps.
Registration required, max of 20 attendees

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Class of '86 gorge hike and lunch at Robert Treman State Park with Cornell Outdoor Ed. Registration and fee required

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

CU for Lunch, Terrace Restaurant, Statler Hotel
Tickets at the door: \$25 for adults, \$13 for children ages 4–10; children 3 and under eat free; cash and credit card only

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Reunion Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, Sage Chapel

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Olin Lecture, Bailey Hall
The Future of the American University
A conversation with Eduardo Peñalver '94, incoming president of Georgetown University and former president of Seattle University, and Wendy Raymond '82, current president of Haverford College. Moderated by Cornell University Provost, Kavita Bala.

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Class of '86 cocktails at Olin Library Tent

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Class of '86 dinner at Olin Library Tent

9:00–10:15 p.m.

Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club Concert, Bailey Hall
Tickets: \$20 online or at the door

9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Tent Parties, Arts Quad
Reunion's largest dance party

9:30 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Hang out at headquarters and enjoy late-night snacks with friends

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:00–10:00 a.m.

Breakfast at headquarters

8:00–9:00 a.m.

Class of '86 morning yoga

8:00–9:00 a.m.

Reunion 5K, Cornell Botanic Gardens
Registration and fee required

9:30 a.m.

Breakfast keynote speaker Jeff Cochran '86 at headquarters

10:30 a.m.

State of the University Address, Bailey Hall
Featuring President Michael I. Kotlikoff

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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1:30–2:30 p.m.

Alan H. Treman Concert, Sage Chapel

4:30–6:00 p.m.

Exclusive tour of Lynah Rink with legendary coach and classmate Mike Schafer, Men's Ice Hockey Coach from 1996–2025

6:00 p.m.

The Big Red Band leads us from Lynah to Mann Library for cocktails.

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Class of '86 cocktails at Mann Library

7:00–9:00 pm

Class of '86 dinner on the Ag Quad

9:00–10:15 p.m.

***Cornelliana Night LIVESTREAM Watch Party, Call Auditorium**
Celebrate Reunion successes while singing along to Cornell songs livestreamed from Bailey Hall. A limited number of Bailey Hall seats may be available. Add your name to the waitlist during registration to indicate interest.

9:00–11:00 p.m.

Redstock, Alice Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall
Cornell musicians and bands unite for an epic alumni concert.

9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Tent Parties, Arts Quad
Reunion's largest dance party

10:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Party with the Class of '86 at headquarters, Hans Bethe House PMPs, Purity Ice Cream, and a DJ

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:00–11:00 a.m.

Farewell brunch at headquarters...
Until we meet again in 2031!

*Limited seating and/or ticket required. Visit the online schedule of Reunion activities and events at alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion for details.

