

Cornell
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Greetings Class of '85 classmates,

It's time to register for our Reunion! Can you believe it's been 40 years since we graduated? We are hoping you will join us for a fun, relaxed Reunion on June 5-8.

Because we're a strong class, we secured a coveted West Campus housing assignment at Carl Becker House—a fantastic space where we can all stay together. With its amazing common area, our HQ will be Party Central throughout the weekend! Each morning, we'll serve breakfast, with food and beverages available all weekend long. Many of our class activities will take place here, and for those looking to skip the hike up Libe Slope, transportation options will be available. If you choose to stay on campus, there are plenty of rooms available. Free parking is nearby and free and you can leave your car for the weekend. As always, for those who register by May 15, we will work to accommodate housing requests so you can stay near your friends.

There is an array of special class events planned to choose from including:

- A welcome party at Class HQ with food, beverages, and a chance to relax after your journey to Ithaca.
- A boat tour of Cayuga Lake Friday midday with Cayuga Discovery Tours (added fee applies).
- Watch the sunset from Libe Slope at our Friday night dinner near Johnson Museum.
- A lovely Saturday evening reception followed by dinner on the Ag Quad.

Other class activities throughout the weekend include appearances by student vocal groups, the Big Red Band, and Touchdown the Bear. We will also have a remembrance gathering for classmates we have lost. Stay tuned for email and social media updates of additional events.

For the third time in Reunion history, Cornell will present Redstock on Saturday evening. The brainchild of Class of '83 Correspondent Tom Helf, Redstock 2025 will have Cornell alumni gather onstage to show off their Big Red talent. Let's help make this a new Cornell tradition!

We know Ithaca is not the easiest travel destination, so make your travel plans now. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with friends, near, far, new, and old!

Register by May 15 to secure an early-bird discount.

Your registration fees for the full weekend will include cover class activities, class souvenir, and many university activities throughout the weekend.

Don't miss this chance to come back to the Hill for a casual, fun-filled, and memorable weekend.

We can't wait to CU!

Jen Cornelssen Ellis '85
Reunion co-chair

Sharon Tolpin Topper '85
Reunion co-chair

Reunion Weekend

June 5–8, 2025

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 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 reception	Friday breakfast	Friday dinner	Saturday breakfast	Saturday dinner	Sunday breakfast	University button	Souvenir
"The Rah Rah" 40th Reunion Full Weekend (Thursday noon–Sunday)	\$385	\$415	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
"The Weekender" 40th Reunion Partial Weekend (Friday after breakfast–Sunday)	\$350	\$385			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
"The Mini Weekender" 40th Reunion Mini Weekend (Friday after dinner–Sunday)	\$295	\$325				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
"The Day Tripper" 40th Reunion Saturday Only (Not available with on-campus housing)	\$195	\$230					✓		✓	✓

*If our fees represent a hardship for you at this time, please contact Jen or Sharon so that we can make it possible for you to join us.

Additional opt-in selections	TIME	COST
Boat tour of Cayuga Lake, Friday: Limited availability; Lunch included	10:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	\$85

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 23. 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.

Package FAQs

What does the registration fee include?

All packages include class receptions and meals, Tent Parties, class shuttles, headquarters refreshments, and most university events.

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.

2. HOUSING AT OUR CAMPUS HEADQUARTERS

Carl Becker House, West Campus

	1 night	2 nights	3 nights	SAVINGS (by staying all 3 nights)
Adult (13 years and older)	\$97	\$194	\$225	\$66
Child (12 years and younger)	\$55	\$97	\$97	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?

Conference and Events Services is happy to offer refunds if you cancel on or before May 23. After this time a refund may not be possible.

I have special medical or mobility needs—is it practical for me to stay in the residence halls?

For many guests, the answer is, yes! To communicate specific medical or mobility needs, please contact your class registration chair by May 23.

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 favorite 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 or 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. We plan to announce our class totals during Reunion weekend and we want to make sure your gift is included, so please don't delay.

5. WHERE TO FIND DETAILS

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP: Search "Cornell University Class of 1985"

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

Jen Cornelissen Ellis '85
Sharon Tolpin Topper '85
cornellclassof85@gmail.com

We are seeking class officer nominations for our new officer slate to be presented during Reunion weekend. Interested in an officer role? Please contact Mark Sheraden at msheraden@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.

1985 Reunion weekend class schedule

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Noon

Registration opens: Class of '85
Carl Becker House
West Campus
Our 40th Reunion begins!

5:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Hang out at Carl Becker House

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

7:00–10:00 a.m.

Breakfast with Class of '85
Carl Becker House

8:30 a.m.

Morning Yoga with Class of '85
Carl Becker House

10:30 a.m.

Boat tour of Cayuga Lake
Cayuga Discovery Tours
Registration and fee required

10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Enjoy your day!
Explore the campus
(Check the Reunion site
for preregistration for some events.)

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

CU for Lunch
Terrace Restaurant
Statler Hotel
Tickets at the door: \$24 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
Going for the gold: A panel of Big Red
Olympians share their journeys from
Cornell student-athletes to competing at
the world's foremost sporting event.

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Mix and Mingle
Willard Straight Hall

5:00–8:00 p.m.

Class of '85 reception and dinner
Johnson Tent on Libe Slope

9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Tent Parties
Arts Quad

9:00–10:30 p.m.

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

9:30 p.m.–midnight

HQ Hangout: Class of '85
Carl Becker House

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

7:00–10:00 a.m.

Breakfast: Class of '85
Carl Becker House

8:00–9:00 a.m.

Reunion 5K
Cornell Botanic Gardens
Registration and fee required

10:30 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Enjoy your day! Lunch on your own.

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1:30–2:30 p.m.

Alan H. Treman Concert
Sage Chapel

1:30–3:00 p.m.

Class of '65: Student Well-Being
Coaching Program
Alice Statler Auditorium
Hear an update on the innovative and
successful student well-being coaching

project funded by the Class of '65,
featuring Julie Edwards, EdD, assistant
vice president for Student Health and
Wellbeing, and moderated by Dr. Bruce
Smoller '65.

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Cocktail reception: Class of '85
Ag Quad

6:35 p.m.

Class photo

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Dinner: Class of '85
Ag Quad

9:00–10:15 p.m.

***Cornelliana Night**
Bailey Hall and Call Auditorium
Kennedy Hall
Celebrate Reunion successes while
singing along to Cornell songs.

9:00–11:00 p.m.

***Redstock**
Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium
Klarman 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

9:30 p.m.–midnight

HQ Hangout: Class of '85
Carl Becker House

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

7:30–10:30 a.m.

Farewell brunch: Class of '85
Carl Becker House

Noon

Checkout time: Reunion 2025 comes to
an end...until we meet again in 2030!

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