

# Spelman Homecoming 2025 Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Is the tailgate free?

Yes! You can enjoy all **Spelman** tailgate experiences on Saturday, October 18, free of charge. If you'd like to enter Morehouse's "Spelhouse" Tailgate, tickets are \$50 and available for purchase [here](#).

Spelman's tailgate is free and includes:

- An Engagement Zone, where you can view the Spelhouse tailgate.
- A Sensory and Family-Friendly Zone, created for families to enjoy.

Catered meals will be available, and we encourage you to pay in advance to guarantee your meal. Those who pre-pay are prioritized. Meals will be served beginning at 12 p.m. and available until the vendor runs out. [Register for your meal here](#).

## 2. Will there be safety measures in place during Homecoming?

Yes. The safety of our students, alumnae, families, and guests remains Spelman's highest priority. The College is working closely with campus police, local law enforcement, and emergency management partners to ensure a secure and enjoyable Homecoming experience. There will be proper safety measures in place, such as additional security, limited access to campus, and helpful tips to guide attendees throughout Homecoming week. In adherence to Spelman the visitation policy, alumnae and visitors will not have access or permission to enter any residential buildings, Packard Hall and Rockefeller Hall.

We encourage all guests to review the [Public Safety Homecoming Safety Tips](#) and the [Parking and Campus Access and Instructions](#).

## 3. Will there be a clear bag policy during Homecoming?

Yes. To help ensure a safe environment for all guests, a clear bag policy will be enforced during all Homecoming activities. Guests are encouraged to bring only clear bags or small clutch purses. *Prohibited items include large bags, backpacks, and other opaque containers.*

## 4. Can my friends just walk up to the tailgate experience, or do they have to pay?

Yes, your friends can attend Spelman's tailgate experiences for free. Alumnae and friends will only need to pay for a catered meal on Saturday, October 18, starting at noon. You can pay onsite, but we encourage paying ahead to guarantee your meal. [Register for your meal here](#).

## 5. Do I need to register my friends for all Spelman events?

Yes, we encourage you [to register for all events](#) on behalf of yourself and your guests to help the campus manage accordingly. However, friends and guests may still attend even if they are not registered.

## 6. Do I need to tell my Spelman sisters to register as well, or can they just show up?

Yes, please encourage your Spelman sisters [to register](#). However, they are welcome to attend even if they forget to register.

## 7. How much are the catered meals?

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Meals are \$15 for guests ages 12 and under and \$35 for guests ages 13 and up. You can pay for your meal in advance [here](#). Meals will be served on Saturday, October 18, beginning at noon.

**8. Can I buy a catered meal on the spot? Which form of payment is accepted?**

Yes, you may buy a catered meal on the spot, but we encourage paying ahead to guarantee your meal. Those who pre-pay are prioritized. Food will be available until the vendor runs out. *Preferred payment methods include credit card and Apple Pay. Cash is not preferred.*

**9. Can I walk over to Morehouse's Tailgate Row?**

Yes, you may walk over, but please note that you must have a ticket to enter. Available for [purchase here](#).

**10. Where is the Engagement Zone located?**

The Engagement Zone is located at the Lee Street Parking Lot, also referred to as the commuter lot. It is located across the street from the Morehouse School of Medicine at the corner of Lee Street and Westview Drive.

**11. Where is the Sensory and Family-Friendly Zone located?**

The Sensory and Family-Friendly Zone is located inside the Spelman gates at the Amphitheater. You can access it by exiting the second level of the Spelman parking deck.

**12. Can I go to both zones — the Engagement Zone and the Sensory and Family-Friendly Zone?**

Yes, you are welcome to visit both Spelman tailgate zones and enjoy each experience.

**13. Where can I park my car?**

Parking options are as follows:

- Friendship Baptist Church with security officer onsite (\$50 per car, per day in advance): <https://bit.ly/SCHC2025EventRegistration> (Spelman Managed)
- Morehouse School of Medicine (pay upon entry — first come, first served, cashless)
- Oak Street (pay upon entry — first come, first served, cashless)

**14. Will there be ADA assistance at the parking lots?**

Yes. For Oak Street and Friendship Baptist, there will be shuttles available. Additional assistance, including golf cart service, will be available from the shuttle at Friendship Baptist.

**15. Can I bring alcohol? Will alcohol be available on Spelman's campus?**

As Spelman is a dry campus, alcohol will not be available and may not be brought onto campus.

**16. Can I bring in outside food?**

Yes, you may bring in outside food.

**17. Will the bookstore be open? If so, what are the hours?**

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Yes, the Spelman College Bookstore will be open during Homecoming. Special Homecoming hours are as follows:

- Thurs: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Fri & Sat: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Sun: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.