



# Special Events for Rice Fans

## **INTRODUCTION**

Fellow Rice fans:

A few loyal Rice alums have organized special events in conjunction with the Rice-Stanford baseball series in Palo Alto. Here is your invitation to RSVP for those events. Note that some of the events have limited space, so a definitive RSVP is essential.

If you have questions about a particular event, please contact the particular host directly.

Thanks and Go Owls!

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George Webb '88, '91

## **OVERVIEW OF EVENTS**

Friday March 9:

12:30 pm	Lunch at Stanford Faculty Club
2:15 pm	Private tour of Stanford campus

Saturday March 10:

8:45 am	Private tour of SLAC Accelerator National Laboratory
11:00 am	Rice Tailgate Party (hosted by Association of Rice Alumni)
6:30 pm	Dinner at Sundance the Steakhouse private dining room



**SPECIAL RICE EVENTS – FRIDAY MARCH 9**

**A. Friday Afternoon: LUNCH AT STANFORD FACULTY CLUB**

We have a group reservation for lunch at the Stanford Faculty Club. Details are below. The Faculty Club has a nice atmosphere, and their dessert table is outstanding.

Our tradition (since 2010) is that if you know any Rice alumni who are current Stanford grad students, they are invited to join us for lunch as guests of the group. Please provide their names with your RSVP.

**PARKING TIP:** Bring a roll of quarters (you'll need a lot of 'em) so you can use the metered parking next to the club.

**Event Summary**

Friday March 9

12:30 pm

Lunch at Stanford Faculty Club

439 Lagunita Drive

Stanford CA 94305

(650) 723-9313

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/facultyclub/cgi-bin/>

RSVP to:

George Webb '88, '91

[gwebb@alumni.rice.edu](mailto:gwebb@alumni.rice.edu)

(713) 269-5061 mobile

Deadline:

RSVP by March 1



**SPECIAL RICE EVENTS – FRIDAY MARCH 9 (continued)**

**B. Friday Afternoon: PRIVATE TOUR OF THE STANFORD CAMPUS**

A private campus tour just for Rice fans! This is a tour of architectural, historic and academic interest, designed for adult visitors; it is NOT an admissions tour.

**Event Summary**

Friday March 9

2:15 pm

Stanford campus tour (ends at 3:30 pm)

Begins and ends at Stanford Visitor Center

(near the varsity track, close to Sunken Diamond)

295 Galvez St

Stanford CA 94305

<http://campus-map.stanford.edu/index.cfm?ID=09-390>

RSVP to:

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\$2 per person (approximately)

\*\* Limited to 20 people \*\*



## **SPECIAL RICE EVENTS – SATURDAY MARCH 10**

### **A. Saturday Morning: PRIVATE TOUR OF STANFORD LINEAR ACCELERATOR LABORATORY**

Located on the western edge of the Stanford campus, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory (formerly Stanford Linear Accelerator Center) is a Department of Energy national laboratory that is home to the world's longest linear particle accelerator (2 miles long), one of the first synchrotron (soft x-ray) sources and the world's most intense free-electron x-ray laser – all of which are now used by scientists worldwide to discover and characterize new materials, medicines and phenomena. Six Nobel Prizes in physics and chemistry have been awarded to scientists whose research was conducted at SLAC.

On our tour, we will visit the “klystron gallery” that powers the accelerator, the master control room (the accelerator will be running while we're there) and have a driving tour through the 426-acre SLAC site in the scenic foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

#### **Event Summary**

Saturday March 10

8:45 am SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory tour  
(ends at 10:30 am, allowing time to get to the  
Rice Tailgate Party at 11:00 am)  
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory  
2575 Sand Hill Road  
Menlo Park, CA 94025-7015  
[http://www6.slac.stanford.edu/maps\\_directions.aspx](http://www6.slac.stanford.edu/maps_directions.aspx)

RSVP to: Mike Ross '70, '74  
[mikeross2@prodigy.net](mailto:mikeross2@prodigy.net)  
[mikeross@slac.stanford.edu](mailto:mikeross@slac.stanford.edu)  
(408) 221-3359 mobile

Deadline: RSVP by March 7. \*\* Limited to 20 people \*\*



Restrictions: Host must provide all participant names to security in advance. Participants must be 12 years or older. We will be getting in and out of vehicles, walking, standing in some locations and climbing some stairs. Not suitable for those in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.

Visitors report to the front gate on Sand Hill Road, where they will be checked off the RSVP list at the guard post and then directed to drive to/park in a nearby parking lot, where we will consolidate into as few cars as possible. The first stop is at the Visitors Center, which is near that parking lot.



**SPECIAL RICE EVENTS – SATURDAY MARCH 10 (continued)**

**B. Saturday pre-game: RICE TAILGATE PARTY**

For complete description, see the Rice Alumni Events Calendar  
<http://alumni.cgi.rice.edu/events/calendar.php>

**Event Summary**

Saturday March 10

11:00 am      Rice Tailgate Party  
Jimmy’s Sports Cafe in the Arrillaga Family Sports Center  
(between Taube Tennis Stadium and Maples Pavilion)  
461 Campus Drive East  
Stanford, CA

Register via the Events Calendar. Direct link:  
<https://online.alumni.rice.edu/default.aspx?Page=EVNTEventDetail&EventID=1461>

Deadline:      Register by March 6

**C. Saturday Evening: DINNER AT SUNDANCE THE STEAKHOUSE**

We have reserved a private dining room for 16 on Saturday evening at this restaurant very near Sunken Diamond.

**Event Summary**

Saturday March 10

6:30 pm      Dinner at Sundance the Steakhouse private dining room  
1921 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
(650) 321-6798  
<http://www.sundancethesteakhouse.com/>

RSVP to:      Leonard Lane ’74  
lane@cpdhouston.com  
(832) 216-0755 mobile  
\*\* Limited to 16 people \*\*



## **OTHER INFORMATION FOR RICE VISITORS**

### **A. RECOMMENDED HOTELS**

Westin Palo Alto

675 El Camino Real

Palo Alto, California 94301

(650) 321-4422

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1198>

Sheraton Palo Alto

625 El Camino Real

Palo Alto, California 94301

(650) 328-2800

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=214>

These two hotels are right next to each other and share a parking lot. They are also very well-located for the baseball games (a pleasant walk or extremely short drive to Sunken Diamond); for the train to San Francisco (the station is behind the hotels); and for the restaurants of downtown Palo Alto (a few blocks past the train station).

The Westin is somewhat nicer but also somewhat costlier than the Sheraton.

### **B. TRAFFIC TIP**

To get to the Stanford campus or the Westin/Sheraton hotels from the US 101 freeway, take the Embarcadero exit rather than University Ave. Embarcadero is one exit south of University.

- University Ave has a good deal of traffic and stoplights, and the key intersection at University and El Camino can be congested and confusing.
- In contrast, Embarcadero has much less traffic; it gives you an easy right turn onto El Camino for the hotels; and it also runs straight into Galvez St, the campus road that leads to Sunken Diamond and the Visitors Center.