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NIU HUSKIE FOOTBALL

2022 TAILGATING GUIDE



JOIN US
at
MISSION'S GROVE!



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VS.
 **EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
SEPT. 1, 2022

VS.
 **VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**
SEPT. 17, 2022

VS.
 **UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO**
OCT. 8, 2022
115TH HOMECOMING

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ODERKIRK PARKING LOT
ADJACENT TO THE BARSEMA ALUMNI & VISITORS CENTER,
LOCATED AT 231 N. ANNIE GLIDDEN RD. DEKALB, ILLINOIS, 60115

MISSION'S GROVE

Mission's Grove is located in the Oderkirk parking lot, which is adjacent to the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center, located at 231 N. Annie Glidden Rd. in DeKalb, Illinois, 60115. This event is free of charge.

"Mission's Grove will give alumni and friends of the University a chance to reconnect and celebrate the Huskie community together," said Executive Director of Operations and Alumni Relations Reggie Bustinza. "I am so excited to see what this designated space will do for Huskie fans and their families, and I hope it brings us together in a meaningful way, as we celebrate our defending Mid-American Conference champions."

Mission's Grove will open three hours prior to kickoff for each game. In addition to a variety of food and beverages available for purchase, attendees will also be able to purchase NIU alumni merchandise at our alumni gear table. Last call for beverage purchases will be 45 minutes prior to kickoff, and food trucks will end service 30 minutes before kickoff.

Keep the fun and energy from Mission's Grove going as you make your way to the game! Join Mission, the NIU Huskie Marching Band and your fellow Huskies on "Mission's March" to Huskie Stadium 45 minutes before kickoff.



THE YARD at Huskie Stadium is also open for all Huskie fans prior to every NIU football home game this fall. Free and open to the public, The Yard is located on the West Lawn within, well, yards of the stadium entrances and is the official pregame tailgate for ALL FANS. The Yard will be outside on the West Lawn for the first three home games of the 2022 season.

Big Dawg Beer Brats

INGREDIENTS:

3 (16-ounce) cans Pollyanna Dawgma Beer
1 large onion, thinly sliced
10 bratwursts
1 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp salt
½ tsp ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Combine beer and onion slices in a large pot; bring to a boil. Add bratwurst, pepper flakes, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 10 to 12 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate.

Remove bratwurst to a plate. Reduce heat to low and let onions simmer until needed.

Cook bratwurst on the preheated grill, turning occasionally to get char marks, until no longer pink in the middle, 5 to 10 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

Serve bratwurst with onions. Makes 10 servings.



DeKalb Corn Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb. cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered
3 ears of corn, grilled/roasted and cut off the cob
2 avocados, peeled, pitted and sliced
½ red onion (medium), thinly sliced
¼ cup cilantro, chopped (1/2 small bunch)
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 to 3 tbsp lime juice, from 1 to 2 limes
2 garlic cloves, pressed or finely minced
1 tsp sea salt
⅛ tsp black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

In a large salad bowl, combine sliced tomatoes, corn kernels, sliced avocado, thinly sliced red onion, 1/4 cup chopped cilantro and press in 2 garlic cloves.

Drizzle the top with 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil, 2-3 Tbsp lime juice (adding it to taste). Add 1 tsp sea salt and 1/8 tsp black pepper, or season to taste. Toss the salad gently just until combined and serve.



Mission's Puppy Chow

INGREDIENTS:

9 cups Rice Chex™, Corn Chex™ or Chocolate Chex™ cereal (or combination)
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
½ cup peanut butter
¼ cup butter or margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 ½ cups powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Into large bowl, measure cereal; set aside.

In 1-quart microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter uncovered on High 1 minute; stir. Microwave about 30 seconds longer or until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour mixture over cereal, stirring until evenly coated. Pour into 2-gallon resealable food-storage plastic bag.

Add powdered sugar. Seal bag; shake until well-coated. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.



Eggstra Point Breakfast Sliders

INGREDIENTS:

1 package slider buns	Freshly ground black pepper
8 eggs	10 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
¼ cup milk	4 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
2 tbsp. sliced chives	3 tbsp. butter, divided
kosher salt	1 tsp. maple syrup

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Slice slider buns in half lengthwise and place in a baking dish.

On the bottom layer of the slider buns, sprinkle 2 cups of the cheddar cheese.

In a large bowl, beat eggs with milk and chives. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, heat 1 tbsp butter. Cook eggs to desired consistency.

Top bottom layer of sliders with eggs and crumbled bacon. Top with remaining cheese. Place the slider tops on top.

In a small bowl mix the butter with the maple syrup. Brush on top of sliders. Bake for 10-15 minutes, or until cheese is melted and slider tops are golden. Serve.



STADIUM INFORMATION

ANIMALS: Animals are not permitted inside Huskie Stadium, with the exception of trained service animals for fans with disabilities.

ALCOHOL POLICY: Alcoholic beverages or containers of any kind are not permitted inside Huskie Stadium.

ATM MACHINE: Located at Entrance 2 of Convocation Center and located in the parking lot on the west side of Huskie Stadium outside Gates 4, 5, & 6.

BANNERS: Fans are welcome to display banners in Huskie Stadium during games provided the sign does not contain derogatory comments, profanity, impede another fan's view of the field, cause a disturbance among other fans, or cover any stadium signage. Flags and banners on poles or sticks are prohibited. NIU Game Operations Management reserves the right to remove any sign or banner from Huskie Stadium.

CLEAR/SMALL BAG POLICY: To provide a safer environment to spectators in Huskie Stadium and the Convocation Center, a clear bag/purse policy has been instituted. No large bags or purses will be permitted for NIU football, volleyball or men's and women's basketball games. Approved bags include one clear plastic 12" x 12" x 6" stadium bag OR a one (1) gallon clear plastic storage bag OR one (1) clutch purse size 5.5" x 8.5" x 3" or smaller. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection.

GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES: Seating for guests with disabilities is located between the 40-yard lines in the East Grandstand. Three bleacher seats are available for those wishing to accompany the disabled guest. This area can be accessed through the marked entrances on the concourse.

FIRST AID: Basic first aid is provided on the east side at Gate 31 and opens five hours prior to kickoff. West side first aid is located inside the stadium athletic training room and opens five hours prior to kickoff. NIU does not provide physicians for spectators at intercollegiate athletic events.

GATE OPENINGS: Gates are opened 90 minutes before kickoff.

LOST AND FOUND: Articles found should be turned into the Stadium Information Window at the Ticket Office. Fans can claim their lost item at the kiosk. Any unclaimed items will be turned over to NIU Police, who can be reached at 815-753-1212.

RE-ENTRY POLICY: Guests who leave Huskie Stadium with the intention to return, must have their ticket electronically 'scanned out' at any gate. Please have your mobile or printed ticket ready as you exit the stadium. Upon return, guests must be electronically scanned back in to re-enter the stadium. Failure to have a ticket properly scanned out will result in denial of admission upon return to the entry gate.

SMOKING POLICY: As of July 1, 2015, Northern Illinois University is a smoke free campus. Smoking is prohibited on all campus property both indoors and outdoors, but is allowed within your personal vehicle as long as it does not impact others. All lighted smoking materials are prohibited, including but not limited to pipes, cigars, cigarettes and electronic cigarettes.

STADIUM SEATBACKS: Huskie fans can bring their own seat cushions and seatbacks into Huskie Stadium provided the seatbacks do not have armrests or pockets and do not exceed 16" across.

SUITES: The Sky Box and The Sky Club are accessible via the elevator, level 2. Guests with the proper ticket are allowed access. The Sky Club seating is outside of The Sky Box and alcohol is NOT allowed in the seating area. The Terrace Club is accessible via the Northwest Field Gate and the North End Zone stairs to The Terrace Club. Guests with the proper ticket are allowed access and must stay on the terrace—NO Yordon Center first-floor or field access is allowed. The Coaches Club is located within the West Grandstand of Huskie Stadium and is accessible via the ramps. Guests can access The Coaches Club between Gates 4, 7, 10, 13.

NIU SCHOOL SONGS

Huskie Fight Song

Huskies, come on, you Huskies
And make a score or two
Huskies, you're Northern Huskies
The team to pull us through
Forward, together forward
There's victory in view
Come on, you Huskies, Fight on, you Huskies
And win for N.I.U.

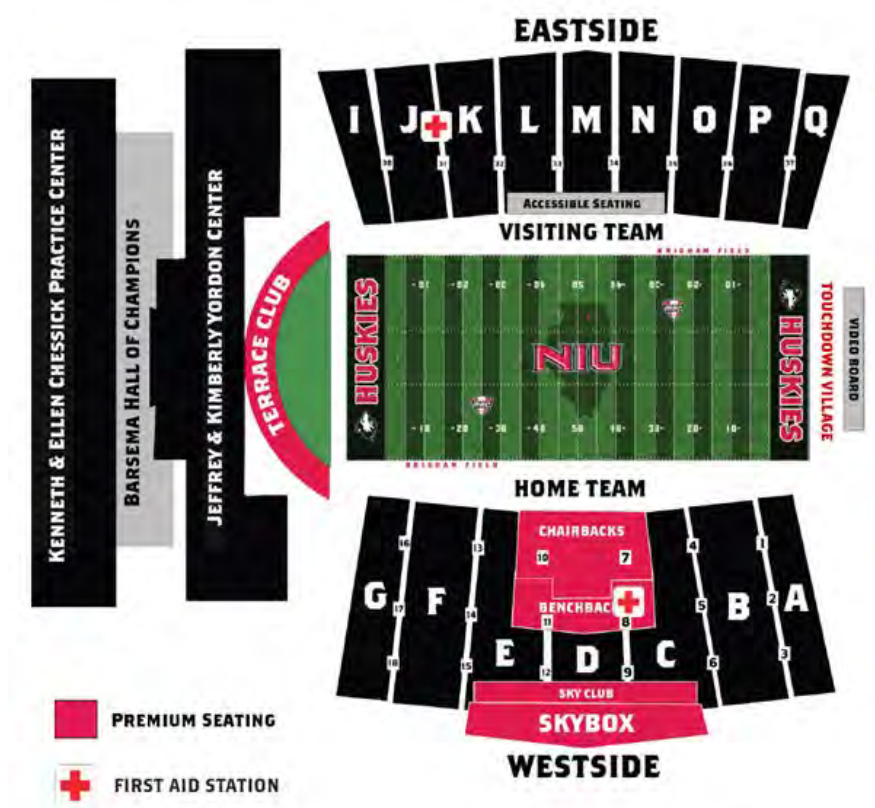
Lyrics by Francis Stroup | Music by A. Neil Annas

Hail NIU Alma Mater

Hail to THEE our Alma Mater
Ever shall we praise your name
Here, we proudly lift our voices
Thousands strong, we sing your fame
Free, steadfast, devoted, true
We will always stand by you
Let our cheers resound for Northern
Hail, N.I.U.

Lyrics by Wilbur Smith / Orville Baker | Music by Wilbur Smith

TICKET INFORMATION



TICKET PRICES: The prices for single-game reserved seats in Huskie Stadium range from \$23-\$40 on the West grandstand and \$18-\$35 on the East grandstand. Season tickets, depending on the plan, cost between \$88 - \$162. Admission for full-time NIU students with a valid One Card I.D. is FREE.

ONLINE Huskie fans can order tickets 24 hours a day online at www.NIUHuskies.com/MyHuskies.

MAIL: Specify the game, date, number of tickets, and price. Order forms can be downloaded from the tickets section of NIUHuskies.com. Send order, payment, name, address, and telephone number to: NIU Athletics Ticket Office, Convocation Center, NIU, DeKalb, IL 60115-2854.

GROUP RATE: Reserved tickets for groups over 15 individuals are \$18 for weekend games per ticket and \$15 per ticket for MAAction (weeknight) games. Call 815-753-PACK (7225) or click here for more information.

More Ticket Information

WILL CALL: Tickets can be picked up on game day at the Huskie Stadium Will Call Window (Window #7) three hours prior to the scheduled kickoff time. The Will Call Window is located in the stadium ticket booth near the base of the elevator on the west side.

CHILDREN: Tickets are required for all children two years of age or older. Children younger than two years old receive free admittance, but no seat and must sit on the lap of a parent or guardian.

GUEST TICKETS: Visiting players and coaches can pick up their tickets at Gate 16, the entrance just south of the Huskie Stadium Ticket Office.

VISITING TEAM TICKETS: Complimentary tickets will be sent to each visiting team's ticket manager who will be responsible for their distribution at the pass table located on the south end of the West Grandstand, near Gate 1. Gate opens 90 minutes prior to kickoff.

2022 FOOTBALL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.
0	Akanimo Asuquo	LB	6-0	215	R-Fr.
0	Terron Kellman	RB	5-8	185	Fr.
1	Antario Brown	RB	5-10	218	So.
1	James Ester	DT	6-3	295	R-So.
2	Javaughn Byrd	CB	6-0	186	So.
2	Ethan Hampton	QB	6-3	204	R-Fr.
3	Mason Blakemore	RB	6-1	207	So.
3	Devin Lafayette	S	6-2	197	R-Fr.
4	Dustin Fletcher	QB	6-3	219	R-Fr.
4	Raishein Thomas	DE	6-4	256	So.
5	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	225	R-Sr.
5	Justin Lynch	QB	6-1	205	So.
6	CJ Brown	S	5-11	194	So.
6	Jeffery Lomax	QB	6-3	209	R-Fr.
7	Jordan Hansen	S	6-1	200	So.
7	Fabian McCray	WR	6-2	192	R-So.
8	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DT	6-0	301	R-Jr.
8	Kacper Rutkiewicz	WR	5-8	172	Jr.
9	Daveren Rayner	LB	6-3	208	So.
10	Billy Dozier	RB	5-10	191	So.
10	Demond Taylor Jr.	DT	6-2	299	R-So.
11	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	226	6th
11	Messiah Travis	WR	5-10	183	R-So.
12	Rocky Lombardi	QB	6-3	227	R-Sr.
12	Eric Rogers	CB	6-2	184	So.
13	Nevan Cremascoli	QB	6-2	215	Fr.
13	Ty Myles	CB	5-10	185	R-Fr.
14	Jordan Gandy	CB	5-10	182	Jr.
14	Mason Pierre-Antoine	WR	6-0	182	R-Fr.
15	Izayah Green-May	DE	6-6	242	R-Sr.
15	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	195	R-Sr.
16	Jalen Johnson	WR	6-3	198	Fr.
17	Alex Crawford	WR	5-11	183	R-Fr.
17	Louis Frye	S	6-0	203	So.
17	Eli Reed	WR	5-11	182	Fr.
18	Elijah Hamm	LB	6-1	208	R-Fr.
18	Jeremiah Howard	WR	5-11	192	R-Fr.
19	Isaiah Bragg	WR	5-9	177	R-Fr.
19	Shemar Thornton	WR	5-11	191	Sr.
19	Nate Valcarcel	S	6-1	182	So.
20	Tyler Brueckner	WR	6-0	198	R-Fr.
20	Jacob Finley	CB	5-11	178	Fr.
21	Jaiden Credle	RB	5-11	195	Fr.
21	Muhammed Jammeh	S	6-1	198	R-Fr.
22	Cyrus McGarrell	CB	6-2	183	R-Fr.
23	Dane Pardridge	WR	5-11	175	Fr.
23	Jordan White	S	6-2	208	So.
24	Nathan Castor	RB	6-0	185	Fr.
24	Jashon Prophete	S	5-11	186	So.
25	Jake Gassaway	LB	6-0	205	Fr.
25	Christian Nash	RB	5-11	228	Fr.
26	Jaden Dolphin	LB	6-2	216	So.
26	Chris Stinson	TE	6-4	210	Fr.
27	Keyshaun Pipkin	WR	6-2	202	Fr.
27	Trey Porter	S	6-0	197	Fr.
28	Sam Robertson	CB	6-1	183	So.
29	Amariyun Knighten	CB	6-0	170	Fr.
30	Harrison Waylee	RB	5-10	192	So.
30	Zeke Williams	CB	5-10	179	Fr.
31	Trevor Laffin	S	6-0	195	R-So.

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.
32	Quinn Urwiler	LB	6-0	228	R-So.
33	Andre Cobb	CB	6-1	174	Fr.
34	Anthony Hernandez	LB	6-2	209	R-Fr.
35	Logan Jacobson	P	6-0	220	Fr.
35	Brian Whitsey	LB	6-0	218	R-Fr.
36	Dayven Shinhoster	LB	6-0	217	So.
38	Nick Rattin	LB	6-2	222	Jr.
39	Joey Rattin	LB	6-0	201	So.
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	173	R-Jr.
40	Izuchukwu Ozoh	TE	6-4	237	R-Fr.
41	Rashon Myles Jr.	LB	6-1	195	Fr.
42	Dawson Ripperda	DE	6-3	215	Fr.
43	Brett Bostad	FB	6-0	243	R-Jr.
44	Ryan King	LB	6-0	218	R-Fr.
45	Makhi Nelson-Douglas	LB	6-1	223	So.
46	Nathan Ruble	LB	6-1	215	Fr.
47	Drew Cassens	TE	6-2	243	So.
48	Nick Alvarado	LB	6-0	205	Fr.
49	Brock Lampe	FB	6-1	238	So.
50	Pete Nygra	OL	6-4	287	R-Fr.
51	Cade Haberman	DT	6-2	298	So.
52	Ivan Davis	DE	6-3	241	So.
53	Tony Webb Jr.	OL	6-5	295	Fr.
54	Evan Malcore	OL	6-6	285	Fr.
55	Abiathar Curry	OT	6-3	295	Fr.
55	Jaden Wilson	DE	6-2	262	R-Fr.
56	Liam Rempel	DE	6-4	238	R-Fr.
60	Evan Buss	OL	6-6	313	So.
62	Seth Thompson	OL	6-4	296	R-Fr.
64	Matt Schooley	OL	6-2	303	R-Fr.
65	Logan Zschernitz	OL	6-3	319	R-So.
66	Mike Florentine	LS	6-1	219	Fr.
69	Nolan Potter	OT	6-6	309	R-Jr.
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-6	309	R-Jr.
71	Drew Hoth	OT	6-4	313	R-Fr.
72	Bubba Hubbard	OL	6-3	275	Fr.
73	Brandon MacKinnon	OL	6-5	280	R-Fr.
74	Tyler Pitcel	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.
75	Leif Engstrand	OL	6-8	335	R-So.
76	John Champe	OL	6-4	322	So.
77	Luke Pinnick	OL	6-4	302	R-Fr.
79	J.J. Lippe	OL	6-5	311	R-So.
80	Miles Joiner	TE	6-4	251	R-Sr.
82	Tristen Tewes	TE	6-3	251	R-So.
83	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-7	261	R-Sr.
84	George Gumbs	WR	6-4	230	So.
85	Trayvon Rudolph	WR	5-10	182	So.
86	Trey Urwiler	WR	5-9	183	R-Fr.
88	Malik Armstrong	WR	6-0	170	Fr.
89	Kaymar Mimes	TE	6-5	255	R-Jr.
90	Reggie Jean	DT	6-1	280	Fr.
91	Isaac Hatfield	LS	6-2	228	R-Fr.
92	Kanon Woodill	K	5-11	168	R-Fr.
93	Cameron Crowell	DE	6-3	245	Fr.
94	Jalonnie Williams	DT	6-4	304	R-Fr.
95	Devonte O'Malley	DT	6-2	276	So.
96	Jacob Waskow	DT	6-2	282	So.
97	Roy Williams	DE	6-6	246	Fr.
98	Tom Foley	P	6-4	218	R-So.
99	Pierce Oppong	DE	6-3	257	So.

2022 HOME GAME SCHEDULE



VS.



EASTERN ILLINOIS

SEPT. 1 (THU) 7:00 P.M.



VANDERBILT

SEPT. 17 (SAT) 2:30 P.M.



TOLEDO (Homecoming)

OCT. 8 (SAT) 2:30 P.M.



CENTRAL MICHIGAN

NOV. 2 (WED) 6:00 P.M.



MIAMI

NOV. 16 (WED) 6:00 P.M. OR 7:00 P.M.



AKRON

NOV. 26 (SAT) TBA

MAC CHAMPIONSHIP POLL (first place votes)

EAST DIVISION

1. Miami (20) - 139 Points
2. Kent State (3) - 116 Points
3. Buffalo - 78 Points
4. Ohio - 72 Points
5. Bowling Green (1) - 71 Points
6. Akron - 28 Points

WEST DIVISION

1. Northern Illinois (11) - 122 Points
2. Toledo (9) - 120 Points
3. Central Michigan (4) - 112 Points
4. Western Michigan - 56 Points
5. Eastern Michigan - 52 Points
6. Ball State - 42 Points

MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPION VOTES



Northern Illinois (9),



Toledo (6),



Miami (5),



Central Michigan (4)