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Unique traditions to experience on game weekend

- Pregame "Skull Session" marching band concert. The skull session is a popular concert/pep rally that takes place two hours before kickoff at every home football game.
- Singing of "Carmen Ohio" with football team and 100,000+ fans after the game

Best local hangout/restaurant to watch the game

- 4th Street Bar and Grille
- Little Bar

What to wear to the tailgate/game

- Buckeye Jersey
- If you REALLY want to fit in, add a Buckeye necklace.
- Under no circumstances should you wear a tie. This is not the SEC.

Must-sees at the tailgate

- Varsity club – located less than 500 yards from the football stadium, it is the ideal location for pre-game and post-game festivities offering live entertainment, cold beverages, and great food.
- Hineygate (near the Varsity club) - for live music/party atmosphere
- Cornhole games and chocolate Buckeyes

The food/drink must-have at the game

- IN-STADIUM food menu - Ohio Stadium recently revamped their menu!
- Buckeye Donuts
- Jeni's Ice Cream

Best shops to purchase team merchandise

- HOMAGE
- Buckeye Corner (for non-T-shirt related merchandise)

Favorite part of the campus

- Mirror Lake
- Top Observation Floor of Thompson Library

Other insider tips and hidden gems in Columbus

- The Columbus Zoo is excellent and worth a visit.
- Visit German Village, home of great bookstores, the legendary Thurman Café, and Schmidt's Sausage Haus, which has a buffet of sausages.