THE 105 THINGS EVERY PARENT OF A CORNELLIAN SHOULD DO

1. Wander through the F.R. Newman Arboretum and ring the bell at Newman Overlook in Cornell Plantations
2. Visit the Green Dragon
3. Kiss someone on the Suspension Bridge so it doesn’t collapse as you cross it
4. Climb the 161 steps of McGraw Tower and watch a chimesmaster at work
5. Buy a Cornell-grown apple from a vending machine
6. Learn the first two verses of the Cornell “Alma Mater”

Verse 1:
Far above Cayuga’s waters
With its waves of blue
Stands our noble alma mater
Glorious to view.

Chorus:
Lift the chorus, speed it onward
Loud her praises tell.
Hail to thee, our alma mater
Hail, all hail, Cornell.

Verse 2:
Far above the busy humming
Of the bustling town,
Reared against the arch of heaven
Looks she proudly down.

7. Hear the echo in the side of the Johnson Museum of Art and then stroll through the inside and outside art exhibits, as well as exhibits in nearby Hartell Gallery (Sibley Hall) and Tjaden Gallery (Tjaden Hall)
8. Go to an ice hockey game
9. Visit the Lab of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods
10. Walk around Beebe Lake hand in hand with someone you love and be sure to cross the Sackett Bridge as you explore the Beebe Lake Loop trail
11. Cross-country ski at the Plantations
12. Bowl at Helen Newman Lanes
13. Drive out to the Hartung-Boothroyd Observatory on Mt. Pleasant and try to get a peek at the stars and planets through the telescope
14. Do the Cayuga Wine Trail tour
15. Visit the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center (626 Thurston Avenue)
16. Follow the Carl Sagan Planet Walk and tour the solar system beginning on the Commons in downtown Ithaca
17. Pedal a bicycle (or take a nice drive) around Cayuga Lake—it’s 85 miles
18. Have a cup of coffee at Carol’s Café
19. Visit the Martha Howell Young Flower and Decorative Arts Garden in Cornell Plantations
20. Go on a campus tour and ask about the Ostrander Elms memorial on East Avenue
21. Go to a theater production on campus
22. Visit the State Theatre in downtown Ithaca for a local, national, or international performance
23. Go to the 3rd floor of the Space Sciences Building to touch a meteorite and watch a live broadcast from NASA
24. Have a Cornell ice cream cone at Trillium, then one at Purity Ice Cream and compare
25. Have your picture taken in A.D. White’s lap

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26. Go to an a cappella concert
27. Explore the Murial B. Mundy Wildflower Garden in Cornell Plantations
28. Watch the sunset from the top of Libe Slope—do this as frequently as you can
29. Go to the ROTC museum in Barton Hall
30. Sit quietly and alone in Sage Chapel to admire the stained-glass windows
31. Attend a Cornell Concert Series performance in Bailey Hall
32. Always smile and say hi to the people serving food at the dining halls
33. Go to the Synchrotron and ask for a tour
34. Shop at the Friends of the Library spring or fall book sale
35. Stick your hand in the rumen fistula cows as part of a Vet School Open House
36. Immerse yourself in the Cornell Program House experience by visiting Akwe:kon, Ecology House, Holland International Living Center, Just About Music, Language House, Latino Living Center, Multicultural Living Learning Unit, Risley, and Ujamaa Residential College
37. Visit Ruloff’s brain and learn his legend in Uris Hall as part of the Cornell Brain Collection
38. Visit your child during First-Year Parents’ Weekend
39. Play frisbee on the Arts Quad
40. Go see the rock and mineral collection and the seismograph in Snee Hall
41. Go strolling through Forest Home and walk over at least one of the single-lane bridges
42. Visit the Fuertes Observatory to watch the stars on a beautiful, clear night
43. Go to the Rare and Manuscript Collection in Kroch Library and see some of Cornell’s greatest treasures
44. Shake the hand of the current president of the University
45. Visit the American Indian Program (Caldwell Hall), Asian American Studies Program (Rockefeller Hall), Africana Studies and Research Center (310 Triphammer Road), and Latino Studies Program (Rockefeller Hall)
46. Visit the two war memorials on campus and reflect on the service of past Cornellians—Anabel Taylor Hall and Lyon Tower, West Campus
47. Walk between the Arts Quad statues at midnight and maybe see the founder and the first president come together to shake hands in the middle
48. See a classic at Cornell Cinema
49. Take a virtual tour of Cornell online at explore.cornell.edu/tour_home.cfm
50. Visit the 5th floor of the Johnson Museum of Art and take in the view after checking out the latest art exhibit
51. See the birds in Seeley Mudd Hall
52. Check out the bugs in Comstock Hall
53. Sing along to “We Didn’t Go to Harvard” with Cayuga’s Waiters
54. Watch This is Cornell, a YouTube video created by Cornell students at youtube.com/watch?v=EWXK4npGxKE
55. Get a midnight snack at the Hot Truck on Stewart Avenue
56. Check out the Deans Garden behind Warren Hall
57. Arrange a time to see your Cornell student via live web cam on Ho Plaza at cornell.edu/visiting/ithaca/live_views.cfm
58. Visit Taughannock Falls—walk up to the falls from the lake
59. Visit the Fish Bowl and Cocktail Lounge in Uris Library
60. Attend at least one home game of any sport
61. Put at least one Cornell sticker on your car
62. Have the Cornell Daily Sun delivered to your home to keep up with the campus news
63. Sit among the Jewels to recognize the Centennial Memorial for Alpha Phi Alpha on Ho Plaza
64. Sit in the A.D. White Room in Uris Library
65. Strap on some skates and hit the ice at Lynah Rink
66. Climb the wall in Bartels Hall
67. Stop by the gates of Cornell and reflect on how much campus has grown since the beginning
68. Read at least one historical account of Cornell University
69. See the Farrand Garden in full bloom between the A.D. White House and the Big Red Barn
70. Attend a lecture by a world-renowned Cornell faculty member and understand why your student loves attending Cornell
71. Handpick some apples or get some fresh cider from the Cornell Orchards
72. Walk up Libe Slope at least once at the steepest part
73. Follow the falls through Robert H. Treman State Park
74. Stop by the A.D. White House to catch a glimpse of the original view from the President’s House
75. Visit the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI, 200 Computing and Communications Center)
77. Visit a CyberTower study room to learn more about the latest research done on the hill (cybertower.cornell.edu)
78. Hit some balls at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course
79. Walk the smaller but equally impressive second suspension bridge on campus, found in the Plantations over Fall Creek
80. Visit the Ithaca Farmer’s Market at Steamboat Landing on Cayuga Lake, 3rd Street
81. Understand Cornell’s important trademark statement “freedom with responsibility” as coined by University Historian Carl L. Becker (carlbeckerhouse.cornell.edu/who-was-carl-becker.cfm)
82. Walk on top of the Cornell Store
83. Pause through Minns Garden and breathe deeply
84. Attend one of the numerous seasonal festivals on the Commons in downtown Ithaca
85. Explore Buttermilk Falls from the feeding lake to the bottom, all 500 feet of it
86. Grab a bite at Louie’s Lunch (truck) across the street from Risley Hall, 500 Thurston Avenue
87. Catch a glance of the frozen Ithaca Falls below Gun Hill
88. Take an evening cruise on Cayuga Lake
89. Peddle a bike, walk a dog, or have a jog on the Cayuga Waterfront Trail
90. Try a cup of locally roasted coffee while enjoying the live and local music scene
91. Try out the Whisper Arch on the Arts Quad
92. Check out the current art exhibit at the Carol Tatkon Center
93. Ask Uncle Ezra a question at ezra.cornell.edu
94. Play a game of tennis on the Appel Commons courts
95. Stop by the Big Red Barn for some grub
96. Step back in time by dining in the Risley Dining Room—designed to look like the Christ Church Refectory at Oxford University with a royal atmosphere
97. Visit the landing between the second and third floors of Risley Residential College to see a piece of art signed by a Henri Matisse, but more likely the work of a Risley student
98. Stop by Sunset Park to take in the view as the sun heads below the hills
99. Visit Llenroc, the historic stone mansion built by Ezra Cornell more than 120 years ago, and home of Delta Phi fraternity since 1911
100. Read the statement left to us by Ezra Cornell in the Sage Hall cornerstone at rmc.library.cornell.edu/Ezra-exhibit/additions/sage.html
101. Visit the Nines in Collegetown and order a deep-dish pizza
102. Attend Convocation and Commencement
103. Visit the Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room to read the inspirational words of Willard Straight
104. Stop by the Reuleaux Collection in Duffield Hall and be sure to check the time on the Engineering Quad sundial
105. Play the musical steps at Olin Library by tossing rocks on the steps