

SC tax-free weekend offers savings on Clemson campus

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CLEMSON — The upcoming South Carolina tax-free holiday will be an opportunity for Clemson University faculty, staff, students and incoming students to save some money on computers.

The Clemson Computer Store will be selling all computers and iPads tax-free during Friday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 4, according to store manager Michael Schulenberg.

"Basically anything that's used for school purposes is eligible, and iPads can be that as well," he said.

Members of the general public won't be able to take advantage of tax-free sales at the store, but Clemson University faculty, staff and students can.

"Unfortunately we're not allowed to sell outside of those three (categories)," Schulenberg said.

Incoming students are eligible as well.

"Even though they may not have their IDs yet,

technically they're still able to buy from us if they're accepted to Clemson," Schulenberg said.

Because the tax laws require that tax-free weekend purchases be paid in full when the customer leaves the store, purchases by university employees will not qualify for the university's payroll deduction program.

A couple of special promotions may further entice campus shoppers.

"For any of the qualifying Apple laptops, you get a pair of Beats Solo3 headphones," Schulenberg said. "iPad Pro purchases will qualify for a smaller Bluetooth headphone."

The tax-free weekend should give eligible buyers significant savings.

"For a \$2,000 computer, you'll save \$140," Schulenberg said. "It's quite a savings."

He's anticipating a big demand during the tax-free weekend.

"It's going to be a pretty popular day," Schulenberg said. "It should be a big day of sales for us."

The store has "quite a bit of stock available," but

it's best if interested parties call or email ahead of time, he said.

"We can put their name on the items and make sure we have them when they get here," Schulenberg said.

To reserve a computer, email computerstore@clemson.edu or call (864) 656-1563 for Apple products or (864) 656-0404 for Dell or Lenovo products.

Institutional purchases do not qualify for the tax-free holiday or the Apple Back to School promotions. Only personal purchases by faculty, students or staff qualify.

The Clemson Computer Store has two locations on campus. The store in the Edgar Brown Student Union sells Apple products. The Hendrix Student Center location sells Dell and Lenovo products.

The store is usually closed on Saturdays, but will be open on Aug. 4 for the tax-free weekend.

Tax-free weekend hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Aug. 4.

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