2023
Homecoming Events & Team Competition
Information

October 22-28, 2023
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Revisions

When applicable, all revisions to the Homecoming Events and Team Competition Information packet will be noted on this page and uploaded to homecoming.unt.edu. Team Captains will be notified when revisions beyond grammar or the like have been made.
Student Director’s Letter

Howdy participants!

The University of North Texas is home to more than 47,000 students, making it one of the largest universities in Texas. With that comes 133 years of traditions since the university's inception in 1890. As we pass traditions from one generation to the next, Homecoming week is guaranteed to embody UNT’s ongoing traditions while incorporating new festivities. The first Homecoming was celebrated in 1927 with a commencement anniversary celebration for alumni, and since then, it has transformed into a seven-day celebration with daily events ranging from the iconic bonfire (which is the largest human-made pallet bonfire in the nation) to service events to Scrappy Games and several others.

Since May, seven student leaders and I have been collaborating as members of Homecoming Crew to put on the most enjoyable experience for students. We have been working very hard to help uphold UNT traditions as well as incorporate new ones. We are dedicated to giving you a Homecoming experience to remember, and we encourage you to embody the spirit of UNT during your collegiate years and in the future.

This year’s Homecoming theme is “Mean Green Scream” so please join us as we get into the spirit of UNT.

If your team has any questions, issues or concerns, please reach out through your Team Captain so we can help you out wherever necessary. The Homecoming Crew wishes you the best of luck in this year’s festivities, and we hope everyone has a great experience during the week! Go Mean Green!

We look forward to seeing you October 22 through October 28, and make sure to follow us on social media @UNTHomecoming to stay up to date on what’s going on in the world of Homecoming!

In the spirit of Homecoming!

Deborah Adegun
2023 Homecoming Crew Student Director

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All communication regarding Homecoming must be sent to homecoming@unt.edu. For student teams competing in any events, correspondence must come from their Team Captain using their my.unt.edu email address.
# Homecoming 2023 Schedule

*Events highlighted in Green are Team Competition Homecoming Events*

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  - Royalty Application  
  - Team Competition Sign-Up  
  - Student Organization Funding Request  
  - Picnic Tabling Reservation | homecoming.unt.edu              |
| TBD                   | TBD    | Service Event                                                        | TBD                             |
| Friday September 22nd | 3:00pm | Team Competition Info Session #1                                     | Zoom                            |
| Wednesday September 27th | 3:00pm | Team Competition Info Session #2                                     | BLB 005                         |
| Sunday October 1st    | 11:00pm| Royalty Application Deadline                                         | homecoming.unt.edu              |
| Monday October 9th    | 11:00pm| OrgSync Form Deadline for:  
  - Team Competition Sign-Up  
  - Student Organization Funding Request  
  - Picnic Tabling Reservation | homecoming.unt.edu              |
| Wednesday October 11th | 3:00pm | Team Competition Info Session #3                                     | BLB 005                         |
| Friday October 13th   | 3:00pm | Team Competition Info Session #4                                     | Zoom                            |
| Monday October 16th   | 5:00pm | Deadline to reserve Homecoming tent                                  | UNT@5StarRental.com             |
| Monday October 16th   | 11:00pm| Yell Like Hell music and mic request due                              | homecoming@unt.edu              |
| Thursday October 19th | 8:00pm | Information Emailed to Team Captains:  
  - Team Category Designations (S/M/L)  
  - Student Organization Funding Allocations  
  - Scrappy Games Information  
  - Yell Like Hell Schedule | Email                           |
| Sunday October 22nd   | 4:00-5:30pm | Spirit Board Placement (Scrappy Cup Event) | South Lawn                        |
| Monday October 23rd   | 8:00am  | Royalty Voting Opens                                                 | homecoming.unt.edu              |
| Monday October 23rd   | 9:00am  | Spirit Board Judging                                                 | No presence necessary            |

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Non-Competition Information and Opportunities
Student Organization Funding Request

In an effort to assist registered student organizations in funding their participation in Homecoming activities and Team Competition events, Student Activities has a limited amount of funding available. The amount of funding granted will depend on the number of organizations that submit funding requests. When determining the amount of funds to allocate to an organization, Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will look at how the funds benefit the student body. For example, a request to purchase Homecoming Week t-shirts for your organization is unlikely to receive funds, whereas a request to host an event open to all students or to participate in an official Homecoming event is more likely to.

All registered student organizations (including those affiliated with the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life) are invited to submit a Student Organization Funding Request Monday, October 9th at 11:00pm.

Student organizations will be notified of their approval for funding by 8:00pm on Thursday, October 19th. Student organizations will be reimbursed for purchased items as long as they meet the stipulations outlined in their funding approval email. Prior to allocated funds being released, the organization must email (homecoming@unt.edu) or deliver receipts to Student Activities (Union 345). Students should provide a short explanation of each line on each receipt (for example, $10.25- paint for spirit board). The deadline to submit receipts is Wednesday, November 1st by 5:00pm. Money is typically distributed a few weeks after receipts are submitted, in the form of electronic funds transfer to the student organization's bank account. If paying for items in advance is a barrier to your student organization’s participation in Homecoming events, please email homecoming@unt.edu to discuss the circumstances.

Homecoming Tailgating

Any student organization interested in reserving a spot for tailgating may do so by contacting Victoria Ortiz with UNT Athletics at VictoriaOrtiz2@my.unt.edu Tailgating spots are free for students; however, if you would like a tent, you can rent one through 5 Star Rental by contacting UNT@5StarRental.com. The deadline to reserve a tent and pay is Monday, October 16.

Homecoming Picnic Tabling Reservation

Each year, our Homecoming Week celebrations kick off with the Homecoming Picnic! Join us on Monday, October 23rd, from 11:00am-1:00pm on the Library Mall (Union 314 if rain) to begin a week of festivities with free food, friends, and fun. As part of the event, registered student organizations have the opportunity to host a table to publicize their organization. Hosting a table is free for registered student organizations and campus departments.

Details:
- **Sign-up** by 11:00pm on Monday, October 9th
- Check-in will be from 10:15-10:45am on October 23rd
- A 6-ft rectangular table will be provided
- No chairs or electricity will be provided
• You must have a representative present at your table from 11:00am-1:00pm
• Tables are limited and reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the form submission date

**Service Event**

Homecoming will host one service event during the week of Homecoming. This event will be open to all UNT students and is not part of the Team Competition.

Homecoming will be partnering with Carter BloodCare for donations; date, time, and location coming soon!
Royalty Competition Information
Homecoming Royalty

Homecoming Royalty is awarded to a student who serves as a role model of and for the University’s diverse student body. The expectation is that they exhibit qualities such as leadership and upstanding character, as well as a commitment to academic and extracurricular success and contributing to or having a positive impact on campus. The student selected as the 2023 Homecoming Royalty should be a positive representation of the University of North Texas student body.

Homecoming Court Qualifications

- Be nominated by a registered student organization or University-Sponsored Student Group (e.g., North Texas Dancers, Intercollegiate Athletic Team, Eagle Ambassadors)
  - Organizations/groups may only nominate one candidate
  - The nominee must be a current member of the organization/group
- For Graduate Students:
  - Must have earned 18 UNT credit hours at the time of application
  - Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative UNT GPA
- For Undergraduate Students:
  - Must have earned 30 UNT credit hours at the time of application
  - Must be classified as a Junior or above
  - Must have at least a 2.75 cumulative UNT GPA
  - Must be a full-time student, unless graduating in December 2023
- Must be currently enrolled
- Must be in good conduct standing with the University
- Must not have been on the Homecoming Court in previous years
- Must not be on the 2023 Homecoming Crew

Application

The Royalty Application is available on OrgSync and is due on Sunday, October 1st, at 11:00pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.

The application will ask you to enter your student organization/group President’s (or equivalent) email address. If you are the President, the email address of the Vice President or next officer in succession must be entered. On October 2nd, Homecoming Crew will email the President (or other officer, if applicable), asking them to confirm your nomination. It is strongly encouraged that you notify the President (or other officer, if applicable) of the need to reply and confirm the nomination via that email. If the President (or equivalent) does not receive the email by 3:00pm on October 2nd, please contact homecoming@unt.edu immediately. For your application to be considered, this officer must confirm the nomination. If confirmation is not completed by 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 4th, your application will not be considered.

Applications include a section for a photo and 200-word maximum biography. If you are selected to Court, this photo and biography will be placed on the Homecoming website. You may include things such as your classification, major, campus involvement, hobbies, interests, etc.

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A panel of judges comprised of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni will review each application. Applications will be scored on the written essays and résumé. Applicants will be asked to answer the following essays, with each question’s response being limited to 300 words:

1. What does Homecoming mean to you?
2. Based on your experience at UNT, what advice would you share with peers regarding how to be a successful student and leader?
3. Royalty will be given a chance to make an impact on campus via a one-time $1,000 funding grant. Assuming you have no other funding resources, what would you do with that funding to make UNT a better place and why? *Must follow the guidelines laid out under the Campus Impact Project section.

In your application, you will also be asked to provide a copy of your class and work/internship schedule for the week of Homecoming.

**Interview**

Candidates selected for an interview will be notified on Friday, October 6th. Interviews will be conducted by a different panel of judges, also comprised of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni. Interviews will be held on October 10th and 11th between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

Candidates will be judged on the following:
- University involvement in activities and organizations/groups
- Academic pursuits, interests, and achievements
- Demonstration of leadership skills and abilities
- Commitment to UNT values and demonstration of school spirit
- Personal presentation, including professionalism
- Enthusiasm and sincerity

Following interviews, the 10 candidates with the highest combined interview and application scores will be selected for the 2023 Homecoming Court.

**Event Participation**

Court members are expected to participate in Homecoming events throughout the week and will receive points for every official (i.e., supervised by members of the Homecoming Crew) Homecoming event they assist with. If a member has class, an internship, or work, this will be counted as an excused absence and they will receive points for that event. Each member of Court will receive a schedule of events that lists every event that is required for full points. Court members will be expected to participate in each event for a pre-determined amount of time. If a member does not stay for the expected amount of time, or finish the tasks needed, they will not receive any points for attending.

**Selection Criteria**

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Royalty selection will be calculated as follows:

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<td>Interview</td>
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<td>Student Vote</td>
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Total: 100%

The candidate with the highest combined score will be named Homecoming Royalty!

**Homecoming Court Campaigning**

Court members may campaign from Monday, October 16th at 8:00am until Thursday, October 26th at 11:00pm. Court members are limited to spending up to $150 on their campaigning efforts. UNT faculty and staff may not be included in any promotional material or other efforts to earn votes—faculty and staff may only comment on the student’s actions, not promote students to vote for them.

Court is expected to abide by all university policies (including the UNT Solicitation, Signs and Postings Policy) and the Student Code of Conduct. Vulgar, inappropriate materials and campaign smearing will not be tolerated. Again, Royalty should be role models for other UNT students. Any Court member believed to be in violation of university policy or the Student Code of Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students office.

Any Court member who does not follow these rules may be disqualified.

**Student Vote**

The student vote will take place on OrgSync from Monday, October 23rd at 8:00am until Thursday, October 26th at 11:00pm.

**Recognition**

In 2018, one of the goals of the Homecoming Crew was to increase the prestige of the position as well as recognition for the student deserving of the honor. As such, Student Activities has committed to recognizing Royalty in the following way:

- $1,000 one-time funding towards a campus-impact project or activity, approved by appropriate campus entities, that Royalty will help coordinate
- Brick with Royalty’s name installed at the Alumni Pavilion near Apogee Stadium
- Digital media campaign promoting Royalty
- Opportunity to represent the University at speaking engagements

**Important Dates**

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In addition to previously mentioned event participation, activities in bold are MANDATORY for the Homecoming Court.

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<td>Candidate interviews for selection to Court</td>
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<td><strong>Royalty announced at football game</strong></td>
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Campus Impact Project

As you decide on what you would like your Campus Impact Project to be, you will want to follow the guidelines below to determine whether your project will be feasible. These guidelines are not meant to discourage you from pursuing a project, but to ensure that your idea can be successfully executed if you win. The idea is for you to run for Homecoming Royalty with a campus impact project platform that you can actually deliver on. This project is yours and we want you to take ownership of it. You will be responsible for executing the project with guidance from Student Activities, so make sure it’s something you’re passionate about and that you’re excited to plan.

Questions

>Does it already exist?
Make sure your idea or something very similar to your idea doesn’t already exist somewhere else on campus. A quick search should tell you the answer, but if you’re unsure, ask.

>Is it sustainable long term?
If you’re wanting to implement a new program that would require student and/or staff oversight, like a mentorship program or a new composting system, think about what that would entail in the long term. Often, implementing a program is easy but maintaining it can be difficult and more costly. We don’t want to transfer cost to another department to take on the project after you have left/the first time.
Examples:
- A mentorship program would require a department to take on additional responsibilities like hiring student staff, training them, coming up with goals and execution plans, marketing for students to be mentored, etc.
- A composting system would require a department to move compost daily from the original location, maintain the composting site, appropriately market to students how/when to compost, etc.

Categories of Projects

When you’re thinking about your idea, it will likely fit into one of these 3 categories: Event, Beautification, or Donation. These categories are not all-encompassing and it is entirely possible that you could come up with an idea outside of these categories. Once you figure out which category your project may belong in, use the guidelines below to hone in on your idea.

>Event
If you want to host an event, there are many items to take into consideration. Some examples of past event ideas include a seminar to assist first-generation college students, mental health training day, and disaster preparation seminar.
- What is the event?
  - Are you spreading awareness about a cause?
  - Do you want to provide an opportunity for learning?
- Who do you hope to impact most?
  - Keep in mind that your event may target a specific group of students, but cannot exclude others

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Is this event open to just students? Can staff/faculty attend?

>Beautification
If you want to make some sort of physical improvement to campus, there are many aspects to take into consideration. Some examples of past beautification ideas include adding fairy lights to the outdoor space of the Union Starbucks, purchasing a freezer for the campus food pantry, and creating a community reflection space for students to plant flowers/plants and share their stories.

- What are you adding/improving?
  - Is there something on campus that doesn’t function as best as it could or is there a need that isn’t currently being filled?
- Where will it go? Is there space available for this project?
  - This will be the number one issue with any beautification project
  - If you want to create a space for a group of people or a purpose, there either needs to be a room on campus that isn’t currently being utilized or a room that could have its purpose changed

>Donation
As far as staying within budget, donating the money is the easiest way to ensure you do that, although not likely to provide the specific impact you’re looking for (compared to an event or beautification project of your choosing). Before you decide who to donate the money to, keep in mind that the point of the Campus Impact Project is to fund a project/donate the money somewhere that directly impacts campus and/or the UNT student body. Therefore, you will be looking on campus for a recipient, which could be a department or even a specific program. After you have selected a department or other on-campus entity, reach out to them and see if they have any specific projects or needs coming up that they could use the funds for. Your campaign will be more effective if you have a specific purpose for the money rather than just saying you’ll donate it.

Budget

In order to help you get a better idea of the costs associated with the project, you will be required to submit a sample budget with your Homecoming Royalty Application. This budget at this point is a good-faith estimate and is intended to give you and Student Activities an idea of the cost of the project, to ensure it is realistic.

When creating your budget, you will want to keep in mind the following considerations based on the type of project you choose:

<Event>
- Anticipated attendance?
  - How many people do you think will attend? This will determine which spaces are available to house your event
- Where will the event take place? There is a charge for use of many spaces on campus
  - Do you want the event to take place inside or outside?
  - What will be taking place at the event?
    - Are there speakers and/or activities that would be better suited for one environment over the other?
  - Will your expected attendance fit in the space?
• What equipment will you need?
  o Depending on what is taking place at your event, you may need items like a stage, microphone, sound system, etc.
  o Assume everything you need has a cost associated with it
• How will you market the event?
  o Boosting posts on social media, creating lawn signs, and promoting the event on the Union TVs all cost money
  o You want your event to be well-attended so taking marketing costs into account will be important
• Event date/time
  o We will likely host the event in the spring semester to ensure the event can occur before you graduate
  o Does the event coincide with a specific day, month, week?
    ▪ If so, is it important to you that it takes place during this same time?
  o Hosting a single workshop/event is feasible; hosting a week’s worth of events may not be
• Will there be speakers?
  o Keep in mind if you need to pay someone to speak at the event or provide a service at the event
  o Utilize on-campus departments and resources when possible as they typically would not charge
• Will there be food, giveaways, etc.?
  o Assuming you have money left in your budget, do you want to include some sort of catering or a giveaway for attendees?
  o If being able to offer these items is important to you and your event, you may have to limit attendance in order to make up the cost

>Beautification
• What materials and/or labor costs will be involved?
  o Anything involving breaking ground will likely be over $1,000
  o If you want to build or tear something down, it’s very likely that it will not be in the $1,000 budget
    ▪ You may know someone who could build the project for less (think a DIY budget), but UNT has its own architects and construction teams that have to follow certain guidelines and codes

When submitting your budget, please use the provided template and follow these steps:
1. Enter a brief description of the cost next to the expense type under the description column
   a. For example: if you want to hand out t-shirts at your event, you may put “50 t-shirts” in the description column next to “Giveaways”
2. Enter the estimated cost next to the expense type under the financial estimate column
   a. For example: if you received an estimate for 50 t-shirts that comes out to $350, you will enter that in the financial estimate column next to “Giveaways”
3. You will not necessarily fill out an estimate for each expense type
   a. For example, if you want to plan an event for your project, you likely won’t have an estimate for “Donation”
Team Competition Information
Team Competition Overview and Policies

About the Team Competition

The Homecoming Team Competition includes a variety of activities and events throughout the week. Competition consists of three events. Teams may compete in as many or as few events as desired. Each event will award teams points towards the Scrappy Cup. The team in each category with the most overall points, combining all events, will win the Scrappy Cup. Teams interested in participating in any of the Team Competition events must complete the Team Competition Sign-Up Form on OrgSync by Monday, October 9th by 11:00pm.

Team Categories

There will be four categories for Team Competition events, and teams will only compete against the groups within their own category.

The categories include:
- Residence Hall Team
- Large* Team
- Medium* Team
- Small* Team

Teams are made up of a minimum of five currently enrolled UNT students. Non-Residence Hall teams can consist of one registered student organization (including those affiliated with the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life), multiple registered student organizations, or a group of friends. Friend groups allow students who are not involved in a registered student organization or residence hall to participate in Homecoming Team Competition events. Depending on the size of the friend group, they will be placed in either the Large, Medium, or Small Team category. Although friend groups are not registered student organizations, all rules/regulations and deadlines still apply.

*The difference between the Large, Medium, and Small Team categories will be determined after the Team Competition Sign-Up deadline. The goal is to split the categories to make the competition as fair as possible, and to allow for approximately the same number of teams to compete in all three categories. Team Captains will receive an email indicating their assigned team category by 8:00pm on Thursday, October 19th.

Scrappy Cup Winner

The Scrappy Cup is the award given to the overall Team Competition winner. It will be awarded to the 1st place team in each team category, combining scores from competition events. Events include:

- Spirit Board

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• Scrapy Games
• Yell Like Hell

**Team Competition Policies and Procedures**

Even if your team participates in only 1 of the 3 Team Competition events, all policies apply.

In this packet, you will find information regarding Homecoming Team Competition events, including forms, deadlines, rules, and the point system. **Please read the information carefully, as some details are different than in previous years.**

It is impossible to predict all situations that may occur during the Team Competition events. Therefore, in the absence of established rules or guidelines, decisions of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will be made in the spirit of fairness and school unity, and when reasonable, consistency. As per “Revisions,” edits made to this packet after initial publication will be sent to the Team Captains and placed online at homecoming.unt.edu.

**Sportsmanship and Conduct**

Derogatory conduct directed towards others, or conduct not in the best interest of building school spirit and unity, will not be tolerated. Foul language, gestures, or destruction of another individual’s or group’s property, as well as violation of any law (e.g., public intoxication), UNT policy, or Homecoming Rules can result in immediate disqualification from all events for the team(s) in question and will be referred to the Dean of Students office. All decisions about disqualification are at the discretion of Student Activities and the Homecoming Crew.

**Accommodations and Accessibility Requests**

All students are invited to participate in Homecoming activities and Team Competition events. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation (e.g., ramp to the stage at Yell Like Hell) or have questions about the access provided, please email homecoming@unt.edu at least 72 business hours prior to the event in question. Student Activities will make all reasonable attempts to provide an accommodation.

**Team Captains**

All Teams competing in any number of Homecoming Team Competition events must select and list one (and only one) Team Captain on the Team Competition Sign-Up Form. In an effort to decrease opportunities for miscommunication, the Team Captain will be the **only** student from their team who may communicate (e.g., ask questions, air concerns) in an official capacity with the designated Student Activities/Homecoming Crew Representative. The Team Captain will also be the only person on the team who receives communication from the Student Activities/Homecoming Crew Representative.

**Information Sessions**

If you have any questions regarding Homecoming:
Aisa Terry [Homecoming Advisor]
homecoming@unt.edu
In order to assist with understanding and to answer any questions, Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will host information sessions to provide a more detailed explanation of the Homecoming Team Competition and additional events. Information Sessions are open to any student who will be competing on a Homecoming Team.

For all teams, Team Captain attendance is strongly encouraged. For teams whose Team Captains do not attend an Information Session, 10 points will be deducted from the team’s overall competition score.

**Eligibility to Participate**

All student organizations (including those affiliated with the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life) must be currently registered (2023-2024) with Student Activities at the time of entry and through Homecoming Week to participate in Homecoming events. Multiple student organizations can combine to form one Homecoming team to participate in Team Competition events. If you choose to combine for any one event, you must also combine with the same student organization for all other events in which you participate. When more than one student organization combines to form a team, all student organizations within the team must be registered; otherwise, the entire team will be ineligible to compete. If unsure about your registration status for 2023-2024, you may contact Student Activities.

Participants in all Team Competition events must be currently enrolled UNT students, and an individual student may only compete on one Homecoming team within a category. For example, an RA who is also a member of a student organization may participate on their Residence Hall team and their Large Team, since they are in separate competition categories. However, a member of two organizations that are both competing in the Large Team category may only participate on behalf of one of those organizations.

**Homecoming Awards Ceremony**

Team Competition event winners will be announced at an award ceremony at the Homecoming Bonfire on Thursday, October 26th. Teams are invited to join in celebrating the accomplishments of students throughout the week, in the awarding of the Scrappy Cup in each team category.

**Questions and Concerns**

All questions regarding Homecoming activities and Team Competition events should be directed to homecoming@unt.edu and must come from the Team Captain’s my.unt.edu email address. Any UNT student may submit a complaint or concern (including a report of a team’s potential rule violation) from their my.unt.edu email address within 24 hours of the completion of the Homecoming Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 26th, and may be able to remain anonymous upon request. When not possible, the Homecoming Advisor will notify the student and allow them to decide if they would like to retract the complaint. In some situations, the Homecoming Advisor may require that the complaint be submitted through the Team Captain.

**Decision Appeals**

If you have any questions regarding Homecoming:
Aisa Terry [Homecoming Advisor]
homecoming@unt.edu
The Homecoming Grievance Committee will hear appeals of decisions made by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew or on behalf of Homecoming (e.g., judges’ decisions). Other complaints or concerns may be submitted per “Questions and Concerns” above. Additionally, the Committee will hear referrals by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew related to Team Competition events.

The Grievance Committee will consist of UNT students and faculty/staff. There will be a total of five people on the committee, at least two of which will be students. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Student Activities, who will have no voting rights and will serve only to facilitate the meetings.

Any committee member who is a member or advisor of a team competing in the team category involved in an appeal or referral shall recuse themselves from voting.

**Submitting an Appeal**

Appeals to the decisions of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew must be submitted in writing via the [Grievance Form](#) on OrgSync within 24 hours of the decision or incident in question. This means that if the Grievance Committee finds merit in a Grievance Form submitted after winners are announced at the Awards Ceremony (within the 24-hour deadline), points, and thus announced winners, could change.

The Grievance Committee will make all reasonable attempts to meet within one business day of receiving the Grievance Form. The Chair will notify all involved parties of the time and place of the meeting. All involved parties or their representatives shall have the opportunity to present their cases. The presentation may include a statement of their concern, presentation of testimony in person or in writing, arguments, and a summary that includes desired considerations and actions by the committee. Each involved party shall have no longer than five minutes to present, unless the time is extended by the committee.

The Committee can overturn a decision of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew by a two-thirds vote. The Committee can render a decision referred to it by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew with a majority vote.

The Grievance Committee chair will notify, as soon as reasonably possible, all involved parties of the committee’s decision. This will be sent via email to the Team Captain, Homecoming Crew Student Director, and Homecoming Advisor.

The decision of the Grievance Committee is final.
Team Competition Point Breakdown

All teams will receive points for events in which they participate. The first-place team within each category will receive the maximum number of points, determined by the number of teams participating in that event within that category. Since we can’t predict how many teams will compete until all Team Competition Sign-Up Forms are submitted, we’ve determined the number of points that the last place team will get in each event and created a point differential between the subsequent placements.

- For example, in the Yell Like Hell competition, if there are 8 teams in the Large Team category, the 8th place team will receive 40 points, 7th place team will receive 80 points, and so on. The 1st place team will receive the maximum, 320 points (40 points x 8 teams)
- In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement. Using the previous example, if there is a tie among two teams for 2nd place, both teams will receive 280 points. The next placement would be 4th (there would be no 3rd place), which will receive 200 points
- If a team is disqualified from competing in an event, it will receive no points for that event
- All teams’ event points will count towards their cumulative Team Competition scores

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Example: Point Breakdown for Category with 4 Teams

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Scoring for Large, Medium, and Small Team Categories

The Progressive Black Student Organization (PBSO) partners with Student Activities/Homecoming Crew to plan Yell Like Hell. For this reason, they are unable to participate in the event and thus cannot earn points for it. In the spirit of fairness, a separate scoring process will exist only for the team category in which PBSO falls, to be determined after the Team Competition Sign-Up Deadline.

In the event that PBSO competes in any event, scoring in their team category will be slightly different than the others. Once each team’s placement points (as described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown”) for all events are added, that point total will be divided by the number of events the team had the opportunity to compete in. For PBSO, it will be two (i.e., Spirit Board and Scrappy Games). For all other teams, it will be three. This will create an average score for each team in that category. The highest average will win the Scrappy Cup in that team category.
Team Competition Event Overview

Team Competition events are specifically designed to give students the opportunity to showcase their UNT spirit!

This year’s events include:

- Spirit Board
- Scrappy Games
- Yell Like Hell

Teams can register for as many events as they desire. Teams can only win points in the events for which they compete and will accumulate points for them. While all individual event winners will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony, the team in each category that has the most combined points from these events will win the Scrappy Cup.
Team Competition Event 1: Spirit Board

About Spirit Board

Spirit Boards are pieces of plywood painted and decorated to depict a team’s interpretation of the Homecoming theme integrated with Mean Green spirit. The boards will be placed on the South Lawn on Sunday, October 22nd and remain standing throughout the week to be admired by passersby.

Materials Needed

Teams must supply all of their own materials, which include:

- Piece of plywood, approximately 3/4” thick, sanded
  - Teams can purchase pre-sanded plywood at Home Depot or Lowe’s
- Items to make the board free-standing
  - We suggest wood beams to prop it up—for example, two 2x4’s and two 3¼” radius gate hinges
- Screws and screwdrivers to assemble boards, if necessary. Note: there will not be tools available onsite; teams must supply their own
- Paint, markers, or any other creative materials for decorating the board
  - Boards will be displayed and judged outside, so teams should ensure that any decorating media and materials used can withstand inclement weather
- A large car or truck to transport the board to and from the South Lawn
  - The board itself will not likely fit in a sedan-style vehicle

Activity Rules and Deductions

- Boards must be 4’x6’ or 4’x7’, designed vertically
  - Board sizes may differ based on where a team purchases their board, but must be one of the above sizes
- Spirit Boards must be completed and turned in to the team’s designated location on the South Lawn between 4:00-5:30pm on Sunday, October 22nd
- Spirit Boards must be picked up by 5:00pm on Friday, October 27th
  - Teams that fail to pick up their board by this time will forfeit the ability to participate in other campus-wide events hosted by Student Activities in 2023-2024 and will be submitted to the Dean of Students office, where they may face disciplinary and/or administrative action for violating the UNT Solicitation, Signs, and Postings Policy
- Boards must be free-standing (i.e., able to stand freely on their own) at approximately an 80-degree angle to the ground so that they are visible to those walking by
- If using paint, your board must be dry when you bring it to the South Lawn; painting on the South Lawn will not be allowed
- Paint and other background decorating media must be waterproof; any mess or damage caused by a team’s board (e.g., paint running off the board and onto the ground) will be the responsibility of the team
- The team name must be on the back of the board for identification purposes
The team name may also be listed on the front of the board if desired
- Teams will not be allowed to speak with judges
- Board designs must not convey any vulgar or inappropriate material; designs must be respectful towards all other teams and schools
- Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the “Questions and Concerns” section
- Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right not to display a board and to disqualify it if they feel it is not in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming

**Spirit Board Example**

![Spirit Board Example Image]
Judging

Judging of the Spirit Boards will occur at 9:00 am on Monday, October 23rd. Teams do not need to be present for judging, as teams are not allowed to speak with judges. Below is the judging rubric:

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Point Distribution

As described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown,” the last place team in the category will receive 30 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 30 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 30 points, 2nd place will receive 60 points, and 1st place will receive 90 points. In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement.

To participate, submit form on OrgSync by October 9th at 11:00pm.
Team Competition Event 2: Scrappy Games

About Scrappy Games

Scrappy Games will consist of four Fall Festival style activities. Activities range in format and difficulty, but all will require speed and willingness to have fun! All teams will compete in rounds of Fall Festival style games starting at 7:00 pm in Union 333. Scores will be kept for each activity and revealed at Bonfire during awards.

Event Details

As event details are still being finalized, additional information (e.g., how many team members will be needed for each activity) may be sent to the Team Captains. If needed, this would be done by 8:00pm on Thursday, October 19th.

Rules

- Participating team members must check in at the Union 333 between 5:15-5:45pm
- Unless otherwise indicated to the Team Captain, each team member will only be allowed to participate in one activity during the event
- For each activity, the entire competing team is welcome to come into 333 to cheer on the members competing in that round, provided safety regulations are being followed
- Additional rules may be sent to the Team Captains and would be included in the additional information sent to Team Captains on Thursday, October 19th
- Potential violations of the rules may be submitted per the “Questions and Concerns” section
- Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right to disqualify any team it feels is not acting in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming

Point Distribution

As described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown,” the last place team in the category will receive 20 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 20 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 20 points, 2nd place will receive 40 points, and 1st place will receive 60 points. In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement.

To participate, submit form on OrgSync by October 9th at 11:00pm.
Team Competition Event 3: Yell Like Hell

About Yell Like Hell

The Progressive Black Student Organization (PBSO) and Student Activities invite you to compete in the Yell Like Hell competition on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00pm at the UNT Coliseum.

Event Details

• Yell Like Hell is a competition in which teams develop a performance routine that showcases their skills, creativity, and school spirit. It is an opportunity for teams to showcase their talents, whether that be via dancing, skits, monologues, singing, stepping, strolling, or chants and cheers
  o All teams must submit their music and microphone requests by emailing homecoming@unt.edu by 5:00pm on Monday, October 16th. Failure to submit music will result in your team’s inability to perform and disqualification
  o Music must be submitted in an mp3 format
• An event schedule, listing the arrival time, assigned seating area, order of performances, and projected performance times, will be emailed to Team Captains by 8:00pm on Thursday, October 19th
• Stage Dimensions are 40’x30’ and the stage is approximately 39” off the ground
• Teams will not be able to practice on the Coliseum stage before the performance
• If your team becomes unable to participate, your Team Captain is required to notify PBSO by emailing at untpbso@gmail.com and cc’ing homecoming@unt.edu at least 48 hours before the event

Event Rules and Deductions

• Performances are limited to 2 minutes in length
• The maximum number of student performers is 25 during the course of a team’s 2-minute performance
• Teams may only utilize the talents of current student members to choreograph/plan their team’s performance routine. No team may utilize or pay an outside source to choreograph or plan their team’s routine
• On the day of Yell Like Hell, teams are required to check-in twice:
  o The Team Captain must check-in by 6:00pm to receive wristbands. Check-in will be inside the North Tunnel of the Coliseum; and
  o Your whole team must check-in at your team’s assigned seating area by 6:15pm
  o Failure to check in at both of these times will result in your team’s inability to perform and disqualification
• Teams will be assigned an area in which to sit and must sit in their assigned area after checking in and remain there until called to perform
  o Only the members who are part of the team’s Yell Like Hell performance (maximum 25 students) may be in the assigned seating area
  o Once a team has performed, they will return to their assigned seating area until the event is over
• Teams will be called to the “on deck” section from their assigned seating areas; any team who
misses their on deck call will forfeit their right to perform and be disqualified
• This is a family show, so no vulgar, explicit, or suggestive/inappropriate language (spoken or in
your performance music), gestures, or actions will be tolerated
• Lifting is allowed; however, there shall be no basket tosses or throwing into the air, even if the
people doing the stunts are trained to do so. The criterion by which it will be determined if this
has occurred is that the lifting and lifted students lose contact (i.e., there is air between them).
The lifting and lifted students must maintain contact at all times to limit the potential for injuries
• Cartwheels, back handsprings, back tucks, and other gymnastic skills are not permitted
• Any material that would leave a residue that requires clean up on the stage, floor, or property of
the Coliseum will not be allowed
  o This includes, but is not limited to, powders, glitter, confetti, and liquids
  o This includes event props and costumes. For example, costumes containing glitter that
could be shaken loose and fall onto the stage are not permitted
• Performance props must be removed from the Coliseum immediately following the conclusion
of the event; failure to do this will result in a deduction of five points, per piece, from the judges’
combined final scores and could result in a change of placement for the event
• Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the “Questions and Concerns” section
• Student Activities/Homecoming Crew in conjunction with PBSO, at their own discretion, reserve
the right to disqualify a team for egregious violations of the rules/regulations or if they feel it is in
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Judging Criteria

The judging rubric for Yell Like Hell is as follows:

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