2019 Homecoming Events and Team Competition Information

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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 and Greek Chapter Representatives will be notified when revisions beyond grammar or the like have been made.
Hello Participants!

The University of North Texas is home to over 39,000 students, making it one of the largest universities in the state! Founded in 1890, we’ve cultivated a history that has left its mark on Texas over the past 129 years. As we pass traditions down from one generation to the next, we can always count on Homecoming to embody everything that celebrates the spirit and traditions of UNT. Since the 1900’s, UNT has honored Homecoming traditions, from our football games to the highly anticipated bonfire, which is the biggest human-made pallet bonfire in the nation. With that said, we are excited that you are planning on participating in this year’s Homecoming and hope that you have an enjoyable and spirited experience.

Over the past several months, myself and 12 other student leaders on the Homecoming Crew have been working constantly, dedicating our time and energy to provide a successful and enjoyable Homecoming experience for the entire university. We have been working incredibly hard this year to make our events as inclusive as possible so that no student misses out on the opportunity to participate in one of the most anticipated weeks of the year. Our goal is to make sure your Homecoming experience is one that you will remember for a lifetime and we encourage you to embody the spirit of UNT beyond your college career.

This year’s Homecoming theme is “UNT is Out of this World,” which was chosen to highlight the endless frontier that is space. People from all walks of life, from alumni to our current freshman class, will challenge the unknown and discover new adventures, going to infinity and beyond, by shooting for the moon and landing among the stars. We are excited to show you what we have in store for this year’s Homecoming. Get ready to blast off!

If your team has any questions, issues, or concerns, please reach out through your Team Captain or Greek Chapter Representative so that we can assist you in the best way possible. The Homecoming Crew wishes everyone the best of luck in all the upcoming events, and we hope everyone has a great experience during Homecoming! Go Mean Green!

In the spirit of Homecoming,

Caitlyn Polloni

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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 or Greek Chapter Representative, using their my.unt.edu email address.
# Homecoming 2019 Schedule

Events highlighted in Green are Student Homecoming Events

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<td>Spirit March</td>
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<td>Mean Green Football vs. UTEP</td>
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<td>Student Organization Funding Allocation Receipt Deadline</td>
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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 is more likely to receive funds.

All registered student organizations (including Greek Life) are invited to submit a [Student Organization Funding Request](#) form. The deadline is Sunday, October 13th at 11:00pm.

Student organizations will be notified of their approval for funding by 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 15th. 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, $5.25: crepe paper for parade float). The deadline to submit receipts is Wednesday, November 6th by 5:00pm. Money is typically distributed a few weeks after receipts are submitted, in the form of a check made out to the student organization. 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 Tent Rental**

Any student organization interested in renting a tailgating tent may do so by contacting Chris Bowie with UNT Athletics at Chris.Bowie@unt.edu. The deadline to reserve a tent and pay is Friday, October 25th at 12:00pm.

**Homecoming Picnic Tabling Reservation**

Each year, our Homecoming Week celebrations kick off at the Homecoming Picnic! Join us on Monday, October 28th from 11:00am-1:00pm on the Library Mall 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** on OrgSync by 11:00pm on Sunday, October 13th
- Check in will be from 10:15-10:45am on October 28th
- 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

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- Tables are limited and reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the form submission date
- **UNT Spirit Table Decorating Competition:** Student organizations are encouraged to design their table to reflect this year’s theme, “UNT is Out of This World!” The student organization with the best integration of the theme into their table will receive a $100 co-sponsorship from Student Activities. The winner will be determined by the Homecoming Crew, but is **not** part of the Team Competition
  - Campus departments are also encouraged to decorate their table to reflect the theme, but will not be eligible to win the co-sponsorship prize

**Non-Competition Parade Participation**

Registered student organizations that do not wish to compete for points in the Spirit Cup or Scrappy Cup may still participate in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, November 2nd. To participate, organizations must **sign up** on OrgSync by Sunday, October 13th at 11:00pm. Details regarding parade entry rules can be found on the OrgSync form.
Royalty Competition Information
**Homecoming Royalty**

Homecoming Royalty is 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 to making a contribution to or having a positive impact on campus. The student selected as the 2019 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 have at least a 2.75 cumulative UNT GPA
  - Must be enrolled as a full-time student, unless graduating in December 2019
- 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 2019 Homecoming Crew

**Application**

The Royalty Application is available on OrgSync and is due on Sunday, October 6th 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 7th, 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 1:00pm on October 7th, please contact homecoming@unt.edu immediately. In order for your application to be considered, this officer **must confirm the nomination.** If this is not completed by 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 9th, your application will not be considered.

Applications include a section for a photo and 200-word maximum biography. If you are selected to Court, your 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 made up 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?

**Interview**

Candidates selected for an interview will be notified on Friday, October 11th. Interviews will be conducted by a different panel of judges from those that reviewed the essays and resumes, made up of University faculty/staff, students, and/or alumni. Interviews will be held on October 15th and 16th between 9:00am and 4:00pm. **Please bring a copy of your class and work/internship schedule for the week of Homecoming to your interview.**

Candidates will be judged on the following:
- University involvement in activities and organizations
- 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 2019 Homecoming Court.

**Student Vote**

The student vote will take place in OrgSync from Monday, October 28th at 8:00am until Thursday, October 31st at 11:00pm.

**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 attend. 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. Court members will need to find the Royalty Coordinator (Amal Rahhal or designee) at each event in order to check in and out. 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 stay at the event for a pre-determined amount of time (e.g., one hour, full event, etc.). If a member does not stay for the expected amount of time or fails to check in and/or out, they will not receive their points for attending.

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**Selection Criteria**

Royalty selection will be calculated as follows:

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

**Homecoming Court Campaigning**

Court members may campaign from Monday, October 21st at 8:00am until Thursday, October 31st at 11:00pm. Court members are limited to spending $300 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 other students to vote for them.

Court is expected to abide by all university policies (including the [UNT Solicitation 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.

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

**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 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 can 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 on and off-campus
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<td>October 11</td>
<td>Top candidates invited to interviews</td>
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<td>Candidate interviews for selection to Court</td>
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<td><strong>Royalty announced at football game, 2:30pm</strong></td>
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**Important Dates**

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

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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 service events and four spirit events. Teams may compete in as many or as few events as desired. Each event will award teams points towards the Service or Spirit Cups, as well as the Scrappy Cup. The team in each category with the most points from service events will win the Service Cup, while the team in each category with the most points from spirit events will win the Spirit Cup. The team in each category with the most overall points, combining both service and spirit 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 Sunday, October 6th 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:

- Greek Life
- Residence Hall
- Large* Student Organization Team and Friend Group
- Small* Student Organization Team and Friend Group

Friend Groups are made up of a minimum of five currently enrolled UNT students who have formed a team to participate in Team Competition events. 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 Student Organization Team or Small Student Organization Team category. Although Friend Groups are not registered student organizations, all rules/regulations and deadlines still apply.

*The difference between the Large and Small Student Organization Team and Friend Group categories will be determined after teams submit their team rosters, which are due by 11:00pm on Sunday, October 13th. 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 both categories.
Team Competition Event Categories

Service Cup

The Service Cup will be awarded to the 1st place team in each team category. Events include:
- UNT Food Pantry Food Drive
- Cook Children’s Craft Kit Making
- Rise Against Hunger

Spirit Cup

The Spirit Cup will be awarded to the 1st place team in each team category. Events include:
- Spirit Board
- Scrappy Games
- Yell Like Hell
- Parade

Scrappy Cup

The Scrappy Cup will be awarded to the 1st place team in each team category, determined by adding all event points earned over the course of the week from both service and spirit events. The winners will receive a trophy.

Note: A team can only win one cup. The Scrappy Cup winner will be determined first, followed by the Spirit and then Service Cups. In the event that the Scrappy Cup winner also has the most Spirit Cup or Service Cup points, the respective cup will be given to the team with the second most points for that cup. For example, if Team A wins the Scrappy Cup and also has the most Spirit Cup points, the team with the second most Spirit Cup points wins the Spirit Cup. Similarly, if the team that wins the Spirit Cup also has the most Service Cup points, the team with the second most Service Cup points wins the Service Cup.

Team Competition Policies and Procedures

Even if your team participates in only 1 of the 7 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 Greek Chapter Representatives and placed online at homecoming.unt.edu.

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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. 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 hours prior to the event in question. Student Activities will make all reasonable attempts to provide an accommodation.

Team Captains and Greek Chapter Representatives

Non-Greek Team Information

All Residence Hall and Student Organization Teams and Friend Groups 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 Representative. The Team Captain will also be the only person on the team who receives communication from the Student Activities/Homecoming Representative.

Greek Life Team Information

Greek Life teams will not have an official Team Captain, but rather a representative from each chapter on the team. Greek Life teams must list each representative on the Team Competition Sign-Up Form. In an effort to decrease opportunities for miscommunication, only these representatives may communicate (e.g., ask questions, air concerns) in an official capacity with the designated Student Activities/Homecoming Representative. Greek Chapter Representatives will also be the only people on the team who receive communication from the Student Activities/Homecoming Representative. When a Chapter Representative asks a question or requests clarification, Student Activities/Homecoming will make reasonable efforts to email the response to all Chapter Representatives on the team. However, it is ultimately that Chapter Representative’s responsibility to communicate the response to the other Chapter Representatives on the team.
**Team Roster Submission**

*Non-Greek Team Rosters*

All Residence Hall and Student Organization Team and Friend Groups competing in any event in the Team Competition must submit a roster via OrgSync by 11:00pm on Sunday, October 13th. The roster should be designed as an Excel document with 3 columns, as shown in the example below. Please note that the 3rd column should be EUID (initials and 4 digits), NOT Student ID Number (9 digits). The roster should be inclusive of all of the members of the student organization, residence hall, or friend group who will be participating in any Team Competition events for your team throughout the week.

Roster Example:

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*Greek Life Team Rosters*

Chapter rosters will be submitted to the Office of Greek Life and are due by Sunday, October 13th. Rosters for all chapters on a team must be submitted to the Office of Greek Life by the deadline. The Office of Greek Life will provide all chapter rosters to Student Activities; Greek Life teams do not have to submit a roster on OrgSync.

*Late Submission for Team Rosters*

If a team does not meet the October 13th roster deadline, they will have until 11:00pm on Sunday, October 20th to submit one. Please note: any team that misses the October 13th roster deadline will not be initially eligible to sign-up for Rise Against Hunger or Cook Children’s Craft Kit Making service shifts. If a roster is submitted by October 20th, they will be eligible to sign-up for the “bonus” shifts, if available, beginning on Monday, October 21st.

If a roster is not submitted by the October 20th deadline, a team will receive a 10 point deduction to their overall competition score and will lose the opportunity to participate in Rise Against Hunger, Cook Children’s Craft Kit Making, and Scrappy Games.

*Information Sessions*

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.

*General Information Sessions*

General Sessions are open to any student who will be competing on a Homecoming Team.

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For Student Organization Team and Friend Groups, Team Captain attendance is strongly encouraged. For teams in these categories whose Team Captains do not attend an Information Session, 30 points will be deducted from the team’s overall competition score.

For Residence Hall teams, Team Captain attendance is required to participate in any Homecoming competition events. Residence Hall Team Captains can attend any of the General Information Sessions or the Housing-Only Information Session on September 24th.

Greek-Only Information Session

There will be a special Greek Life Team Information Session on Wednesday, September 25th from 5:00-7:00pm in the Greek Life Center (GLC). This session is open to any member who will be participating on a Greek Life team. While it is strongly encouraged that all Chapter Representatives on a team attend, at least one Chapter Representative from each team is required to attend an Information Session (Greek-only or General) to participate in any Homecoming competition events.

Eligibility to Participate

All student organizations (including Greek Life) must be currently registered (Fall 2019) 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 Fall 2019, you may contact Student Activities.

Student organizations and residence halls may only participate on one team in the Residence Hall and Student Organization Team and Friend Groups categories. Additionally, 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 Greek organization may participate on their Residence Hall team and their Greek Life team, since they are in separate competition categories. However, a member of two organizations that are both competing in the Large Student Organization Team and Friend Group 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 Tailgate on The Hill at Apogee Stadium at 1:30pm on November 2nd. Yell Like Hell winners will be announced on the evening of November 1st at Bonfire. Teams are invited to join in celebrating the accomplishments of students throughout the week, in the awarding of the Scrappy Cup, Spirit Cup, and Service Cup in each team category.

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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 or Greek Chapter Representative’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 November 2nd, 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 or Greek Chapter Representative.

Decision Appeals

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, faculty, and 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 power 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.

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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(s) or Greek Chapter Representatives, 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.

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- For example, in the Spirit Board competition, if there are 8 teams in the Greek Life category, the 8th place team will receive 20 points, 7th place team will receive 40 points, and so on. The 1st place team will receive the maximum, 160 points (20 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 140 points. The next placement would be 4th (there would be no 3rd place), which will receive 100 points

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- 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 scores within the respective cup, including the Scrappy Cup
- Please see “Spirit Cup Event Overview” for additional information about Spirit and Scrappy Cup scoring for teams in the Student Organization Team and Friend Group categories

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Service Cup Event Overview

Service events are an important part of Homecoming activities and showcase the giving nature of UNT students.

The 2019 service events include:

- UNT Food Pantry Food Drive
- Cook Children’s Craft Kit Making
- Rise Against Hunger

Teams can register for as many service 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 points from service events will win the Service Cup.
Service Cup Event 1: UNT Food Pantry Food Drive

About the UNT Food Pantry

The University of North Texas is taking action to address food insecurity among its students, and is doing so with a vision of partnership and community building. The Dean of Students Office has established a pantry that provides an accessible on-campus food source for students in need. The food pantry launched at the start of the spring 2015 semester and moved to its new location in Crumley Hall in the fall 2019 semester.

Important Information

- All drop-off times will take place on Tuesday, October 29th from 9:00-11:00am in the Crumley Hall Rec Room
  - In an effort to be efficient and cognizant of team members’ time, teams will be assigned a specific drop-off shift during which they will bring their items
  - Teams are encouraged to prepare for it to take 30 minutes to have their items counted, and must be present until the counting of their items is complete
- Teams are strongly encouraged to count the number of food items collected prior to bringing them to the drop-off event

Point Distribution

- One (1) can will count as one (1) item
  - Example: three (3) cans of food will count as three (3) items
- Points are awarded based on the number of items that are donated. The team with the most items will win 1st place in their category. The second most will win 2nd place, and so on
- 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
- Deductions (see below) will be applied after placement and subtracted from the team’s points
- If a team receives a deduction, and the team’s points for the event become negative, those points will be counted in the team’s cumulative Scrappy Cup and Service Cup points

Definitions

- Solicitation: To request that others unaffiliated with your Homecoming team donate on your team’s behalf
- Mass Solicitation: To request on a mass scale (e.g., in a classroom setting, via class listserv, or any other class communication platform), that others unaffiliated with your Homecoming team donate on your team’s behalf

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Event Rules and Deductions

- In order to be accepted and counted for points, items must:
  - Be non-perishable and unopened
  - Be on the list provided by the Food Pantry
- All items must be delivered within the team’s assigned drop-off shift
  - Drop-off shift times will be sent by 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 15th
- At least one, but no more than two, team members must be present the entire time of item counting
  - Additional team members can assist with item delivery
- During the team’s assigned drop-off shift, a team member(s) will meet with a volunteer who will count each of the items that they have donated
  - Upon the completion of counting, the volunteer will record the number of items on a receipt and will ask a member of the team to confirm
  - If the team disagrees with the number that the volunteer recorded, they may ask for a recount with a different volunteer only one time
  - A team member will sign two copies of the receipt, indicating that the volunteer and team are in agreement of the number of donated items
- All of the team’s items must arrive at the event at approximately the same time, to be counted together
- Solicitation (see Definition) of potential donors on campus that does not follow the UNT Solicitation Policy (04.013) and other campus policies will result in a 10-point deduction per occurrence
- Mass solicitation (see Definitions) will result in a 15-point deduction per occurrence
- Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the “Questions and Concerns” section of this packet
- Deductions are given at the discretion of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew and participation in any act deemed unethical or not in the spirit of Homecoming by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will be grounds for disqualification

To participate, submit form on OrgSync by October 6th at 11:00pm.
Service Cup Event 2: Cook Children’s Craft Kit Making

About Cook Children’s Health Care System

Cook Children’s Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease, and injury. For nearly 100 years, they have served Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties. They believe that childhood should be simple. But when things get complicated, they also believe that every child has the right to the very best care possible.

Important Information

- The event will be held on Thursday, October 31st from 11:00am-1:00pm in Union 314
- Work time during the event will be divided into four, 45-minute shifts: 10:45-11:30am; 11:15am-12:00pm, 11:45am-12:30pm, and 12:15-1:00pm
- This event provides teams with an opportunity to earn bonus points, as described below, enabling the ability for more craft kits to be made
- Each team will submit a roster (see “Event Rules and Deductions” below), and each team’s initial allotted shift capacity will be proportional to the total number of volunteer slots available during that shift (e.g., if there are 60 total volunteer slots available at 10:45am and Team 1 has 50 team members and Team 2 has 100 team members, then Team 1 will initially be allotted 20 slots and Team 2 will initially be allotted 40 slots)
- Due to capacity restrictions, a team member is allowed only one shift to be counted towards participation, although they may stay and continue volunteering for the cause if their assistance is deemed necessary by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew

Event Rules and Deductions

- As points are based on participation percentage, all teams must submit a roster
  - See “Team Roster Submission” on page 21 for more information about submitting your team’s roster correctly and by the deadline
- Individual team members must sign-up for a volunteer shift through Student Activities/Homecoming
  - The sign-up link will open on Wednesday, October 16th at 12:00pm and team members will be able to sign up for a shift through Sunday, October 20th at 11:00pm
  - While teams may choose to have team members sign up for a volunteer shift internally/separately, each member must officially “claim” their volunteer shift via the Student Activities/Homecoming sign-up link above
- Starting Monday, October 21st at 12:00pm and running through Wednesday, October 23rd at 11:00pm, all teams’ unclaimed slots for the four shifts will be released, enabling other teams to sign up for them as “bonus” shifts and thus increase their participation percentage
- When checking in, team members must leave their UNT Student ID (or other photo ID) at the check-in table during their shift; the ID will be returned upon check-out

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• In order to receive a participation credit for their team, **team members MUST arrive to the event by/before their shift start time** and may not leave early
  - **Please note:** If a team member does not arrive on time, leaves early, or does not show up for their assigned shift, the team will incur a one participant credit loss in the calculation of the team’s participation percentage
  - If a team member can no longer participate at the shift time they selected, they may send another team member (someone who has not signed up to volunteer at this event) in their place to avoid the one participant credit loss
• Only team members may participate in this event (i.e., a non-Greek Team 1 member cannot participate for Greek Team 1)
• Under no circumstances shall a member of a team face a fine or other type of negative consequence for not participating in this event. If it is believed that a team (or entity within the team) is assessing fines or negative consequences for lack of participation, the result will be a 10-point deduction per occurrence
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**Point Distribution**

• Points are awarded based on participation percentage, according to your Homecoming team roster
• Teams are awarded one participation credit per one 45-minute shift of volunteering
• The team with the highest participation percentage will win 1st place in their category. The second highest percentage will win 2nd place, and so on
• As described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown,” the last place team in the category will receive 25 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 25 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 25 points, 2nd place will receive 50 points, and 1st place will receive 75 points. In the event of a participation percentage tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement
• Deductions (see above) will be applied after placement and subtracted from the team’s points
• If a team receives a deduction, and the team’s points for the event become negative, those points will be counted in the team’s cumulative Scrappy Cup and Service Cup points

**To participate, submit form on OrgSync by October 6th at 11:00pm.**
Service Cup Event 3: Rise Against Hunger

About Rise Against Hunger
Rise Against Hunger is a national organization whose mission is “to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable.” For the third year, Homecoming teams will assist with their efforts. One of our service events will be a food packaging event on campus.

Important Information

- The event will be held on Monday, October 28th from 4:00-6:00pm in Union Ballroom 314
- Work time during the event will be divided into four, 45-minute shifts: 3:45-4:30pm, 4:15-5:00pm, 4:45-5:30pm, and 5:15-6:00pm
- A 15-minute training session is included in the 45-minute shift, and is required for a team member to participate
  - This means that if a team member shows up late and misses training, they will not be able to volunteer and will incur a deduction for their team (see below)
- This event provides teams with an opportunity to earn bonus points, as described below, enabling the ability for more meals to be packaged for those in need
- Each team will submit a roster (see “Event Rules and Deductions” below), and each team’s initial allotted shift capacity will be proportional to the total number of volunteer slots available during that shift (e.g., if there are 60 total volunteer slots available at 4:15pm, and Team 1 has 50 team members and Team 2 has 100 team members, then Team 1 will initially be allotted 20 slots and Team 2 will initially be allotted 40 slots)
- Due to capacity restrictions, a team member is allowed only one shift to be counted towards participation, although they may stay and continue volunteering for the cause if their assistance is deemed necessary by Student Activities/Homecoming Crew

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- Starting Monday, October 21st at 12:00pm and running through Wednesday, October 23rd at 11:00pm, all teams’ unclaimed slots for the four shifts will be released, enabling other teams to sign up for them as “bonus” shifts and thus increase their participation percentage
• When checking in, team members must leave their UNT Student ID (or other photo ID) at the check-in table during their shift; the ID will be returned upon check-out
• In order to receive a participation credit for their team, **team members MUST arrive to the event by/before their shift start time** and may not leave early
  o **Please note:** If a team member does not arrive on time, leaves early, or does not show up for their assigned shift, the team will incur a one participant credit loss in the calculation of the team's participation percentage
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• Only team members may participate in this event (i.e., a non-Greek Team 1 member cannot participate for Greek Team 1)
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• If a team receives a deduction, and the team's points for the event become negative, those points will be counted in the team’s cumulative Scrappy Cup and Service Cup points

**Bonus Points for Monetary Donation**

• For every $10 donated (up to $500) to Rise Against Hunger (via Student Activities), a team will earn 1 bonus point (up to 50 points)
• Money is due to Student Activities (University Union, Suite 345) by 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 23rd
• Teams should ensure they receive a receipt upon the submission of their donation

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• Teams can pay with cash, money order, or check (made out to UNT Student Activities); credit/debit card payments cannot be accepted
• All donated money will go towards funding the food in the meals that will be packaged for the event

To participate, submit form on OrgSync by October 6th at 11:00pm.
**Spirit Cup Event Overview**

Spirit Cup events are specifically designed to give students the opportunity to showcase their UNT spirit!

This year’s spirit events include:

- Spirit Board
- Scrappy Games
- Yell Like Hell
- Parade

Teams can register for as many spirit 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 points from spirit events will win the Spirit Cup.

**Scoring for Student Organization Team and Friend Group Categories**

*Note: This does not apply to the Greek Life or Residence Hall 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 Spirit Cup scoring process (see below for more information) will exist only for the team category in which PBSO falls, to be determined once rosters are submitted. They will either compete in the Large Student Organization Team and Friend Group or the Small Student Organization Team and Friend Group category. Team Captains will receive an email indicating their assigned team category by 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 15th.

In the event that PBSO competes in any Spirit Cup event, scoring in their team category will be slightly different than the others. Once each team's placement points (as described in the “Team Competition Point Breakdown”) for all events are added, that point total will be divided by the number of Spirit Cup events the team had the opportunity to compete in. For PBSO, it will be three (i.e., Spirit Board, Scrappy Games, and Parade). For all other teams, it will be four. This will create an average score for each team in that category. The highest average will win the Spirit Cup. Average scores will then be added to Service Cup event points, when applicable, to determine the winner of the Scrappy Cup.
**Spirit Cup 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 Library Mall on Sunday, October 27th 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 ¾” 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’x7’ or 4’x8’, 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 your designated location on the South Lawn between 4:00-6:00pm on Sunday, October 27th
- Spirit Boards **must be picked up** by 5:00pm on Friday, November 1st
  - Teams that fail to pick up their boards by this time will receive a 10-point deduction from the judges’ combined final scores, prior to placement being determined
- 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 it can be seen
- 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

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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**
Judging

Judging of the Spirit Boards will occur at 9:00 am on Monday, October 28th. 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 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.

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**Spirit Cup Event 2: Scrappy Games**

**About Scrappy Games**

Scrappy Games is an opportunity for your team to work together to compete in a variety of challenges. Activities range in style and difficulty, but all will require a sense of humor and willingness to have fun! Scrappy Games will take place at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 29th, at Apogee Stadium, where participants and spectators are encouraged to come out and enjoy an evening of friendly competition. In the event of inclement weather, Scrappy Games will be cancelled.

**Event Details**

Due to the number of individual events and activities that take place as part of the overall Scrappy Games event, details will be provided in a separate “Scrappy Games Packet.” The Scrappy Games Packet will be published online and sent to Team Captains and Greek Chapter Representatives. Please read this packet in its entirety to ensure all rules and expectations are followed.

**Rules**

- Participating team members must check in at Gate 3 of Apogee Stadium between 6:00-6:30pm
- Unless otherwise indicated to the Team Captain/Greek Chapter Representatives, each team member will only be allowed to participate in one activity during the event
- **Greek Life Teams Only:** At least two members from each Chapter on your team must compete during Scrappy Games.  
  - This rule can be waived for individual Chapters, via an email sent to homecoming@unt.edu by 11:00 pm on Sunday, October 27th. The email must be sent by the President or Chapter Representative of the chapter that is unable to provide at least two members, from their my.unt.edu email address
- Each student competing for their team must present their UNT Student ID at check-in or provide their Student ID number
- Only team members competing in one of the Scrappy Games activities will be allowed on the field
- 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**

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Spirit Cup Event 3: Yell Like Hell

About Yell Like Hell

The Progressive Black Student Organization (PBSO) and Student Activities invite you to compete in the 2019 Yell Like Hell competition on Thursday, October 31st, 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
  - All teams must submit their music and microphone requests here by 11:00pm on Sunday, October 20th. Failure to submit music will result in your team’s inability to perform and disqualification
- An event schedule, listing the arrival time, assigned seating area, order of performances, and projected performance times, will be emailed to Team Captains/Greek Chapter Representatives by 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 15th
- 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/Greek Chapter Representative 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

**Greek Life Teams Only:** At least two members from each Chapter on your team must participate
  - This rule can be waived for individual Chapters, via an email sent to homecoming@unt.edu by 11:00 pm on Sunday, October 27th. The email must be sent by the President or Chapter Representative of the chapter that is unable to provide at least two members, from their my.unt.edu email address
- 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:
  - The Team Captain or Greek Chapter Representative must check-in by 5:45pm to receive wristbands. Check-in will be inside the North Tunnel of the Coliseum; and
  - Your whole team must check-in at your team’s assigned seating area by 6:15pm
  - Failure to check in at both of these times will result in your team’s inability to perform and disqualification

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Each performing team member **must** present their UNT Student ID at check-in or provide their Student ID number.

- 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**
  - Only the members who are part of the team’s Yell Like Hell performance (maximum 25 students) may be in the assigned seating area
  - 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 and other individual routines are permitted at your own risk
- Any material that would leave a residue that requires clean up on the stage, floor, or property of the Coliseum will not be allowed
  - This includes, but is not limited to, powders, glitter, confetti, and liquids
  - 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 the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming
Judging Criteria

The judging rubric for Yell Like Hell is as follows:

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**Spirit Cup Event 4: Homecoming Parade**

**About the Homecoming Parade**

The Homecoming Parade is a UNT and Denton community event that allows student organizations, campus departments, and local businesses to showcase their UNT spirit throughout the streets of Denton. It will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, at 9:30am.

**Note:** The following information is ONLY for teams participating in the Homecoming Team competition; all other entities (i.e., non-judged student organizations, campus departments, and community members) should click [here](mailto:homecoming@unt.edu) for information and to sign up to participate.

**Information and Suggestions**

- To view the 2019 parade route and additional event details, please click [here](mailto:homecoming@unt.edu)
- Judging will begin at 8:30am and will be completed by 9:15am  
  - Winners will be announced at the Award Ceremony
- The parade will start promptly at 9:30am
- Signage should be at least 24” x 36” to be seen from a distance
- Costumes are encouraged! Participation, enthusiasm, and spirit is important to show while judging and during the Parade. Remember, this is HOMECOMING! Have fun!
- Dumpsters will be located in parking lot 41 behind Fraternity Row from Friday, November 1st until Wednesday, November 6th for entry dismantling  
  - If you have recyclable materials, please recycle them in appropriate locations  
  - If a dumpster is full (i.e., materials are sticking up over the top of the dumpster), please do not put additional materials on top; use a dumpster that is not full
- Please call 940-565-3807 or email [homecoming@unt.edu](mailto:homecoming@unt.edu) before 12:00pm on Friday, November 1st if you must cancel your entry

**Event Rules**

- **All teams must check-in between 7:30-8:30am**, with entry judging starting promptly at 8:30am
- Only those teams that submitted the Team Competition Sign-Up Form and check in at the designated line-up area will be allowed to participate; units may not join the route in progress
- A team representative must remain with your entry at all times
- Team members will not be allowed to speak with judges
- The maximum height of each entry is 10ft from the ground, and the width of the entries should not exceed 8ft; the length shall not exceed 40ft, including the pulling vehicle  
  - These dimensions ensure that no telephone or electrical wires along the route will be damaged and that all entries are able to make the necessary turns throughout the route
- Pomping is not required  
  - If a team decides to pomp, a maximum of two boards (no larger than 8'x4’ each) may have pompming on them

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• This rule does not allow for the equivalent of up to 64 sq. ft. of pumping (i.e., the amount of two 8’x4’ boards fully pumped), over the entirety of the float
• There is no limitation on the amount of boards that can be painted or otherwise decorated

- Each entry is limited to one pulling vehicle
- The City of Denton does not allow semi-tractors with a trailer
  o Teams may use semi-tractors, but not when pulling a trailer
  o Trucks pulling gooseneck style trailers are allowed
- One entry per team, one vehicle per entry!
  o In the event an automobile or pick-up truck is used as an entry, there may be only one (1) vehicle for each team (e.g., a truck with trailer is one entry, a truck with float is one entry; one team may not use three convertibles to carry their representatives; a car and a pick-up truck cannot represent one team)
- Items (including candy and confetti) may not be thrown from your entry
  o This is a safety precaution to prevent children from running into the street and to reduce litter in the streets, as the City will charge UNT for clean up
  o Students walking alongside an entry may distribute items to the crowd by handing them to spectators
- No alcohol will be tolerated
  o Consumption of alcoholic beverages by team members at any time while in the parade lineup or on the parade route will be cause for immediate removal, disqualification, and possible exclusion from participation in next year’s Homecoming Parade
- For safety reasons, any entry with children must have an adult on the entry to supervise
- Teams may allow commercial sponsors to place a sign on the entry, with the exception of alcohol distributors, bars, or similar
• This is a family event, so:
  o Music containing vulgar, explicit, or suggestive/inappropriate lyrics will not be tolerated
  o Entries must not convey any vulgar or inappropriate material
- Entry designs must be respectful towards all other teams and schools
- All vehicular entries must be mechanically propelled so they can keep the proper interval, which is approximately three car lengths behind the preceding entry/group, to be maintained throughout the parade
- All entries with animals must be approved by Student Activities in advance and provide cleanup of animal waste immediately behind the entry
- All entries that desire to have hazardous materials must be approved by Student Activities in advance and provide clean up, if applicable, immediately behind the entry
- Failure to follow all polices, rules and regulations are grounds for removal from participation and/or competition, and may result in charges for cleanup/damages
- Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the “Questions and Concerns” section
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