UNT Homecoming 2017

Homecoming Events and Team Competition Information

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Revisions

When applicable, all revisions to the Homecoming Events and Team Competition 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, so that they will be able to stay up-to-date on any changes.
**Student Director’s Letter**

Hello Participants!

The University of North Texas is home to over 38,000 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 125+ 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 tradition of UNT. Since the early 1900’s, UNT has honored Homecoming traditions, such as our annual football game to the highly coveted bonfire, which yes, 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 seven months, myself and 13 other student leaders on the Homecoming Crew have been working around the clock, dedicating our time and energy to providing a successful and enjoyable Homecoming experience for the entire university. We have all 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. We have also re-named, re-worked, and re-designed some of our events, so that they are better than ever. Our goal is to make sure your Homecoming experience is one that will last a lifetime and encourages you to embody the spirit of UNT beyond your college career.

This year’s Homecoming theme is “Deep in the Heart of UNT,” which was chosen to display the unique history we’ve left on our university and the State of Texas. From the green North Texas flag to the hundreds of thousands of alumni across the state, Mean Green Spirit runs deep in our state’s heart.

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

In the spirit of Homecoming,

Max Richardson

*2017 Homecoming Crew Student Director*
Max Richardson, Student Director  
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Misaki Collins, Service Coordinator  
Jerry Green, Marketing/Social Media Coordinator  
Allanah Greene, Volunteer & Recruitment Coordinator  
Alayna Herod, Bonfire Coordinator  
Codesia James, Spirit Day Coordinator  
Tangela Jones, Royalty Competition Coordinator  
J.T. Liles, Spirit Board Coordinator  
Eddie Mendoza, Comedy Show Coordinator & UPC Representative  
Taylor “T Smoove” Navarre, Field Day Coordinator  
MJ Petties, Yell Like Hell Coordinator & PBSO Representative  
De’Nay Richards, Parade Coordinator  
Jennifer Wright, Volunteer & Recruitment Coordinator

**Homecoming Crew Advisors**

Cheltzie Miller-Bailey, Coordinator for Campus-Wide Events  
Tram Cao, Graduate Assistant for Campus-Wide Events

**Contacting the Homecoming Crew**

Any and 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 2017 Schedule

Events highlighted in Green are Student Homecoming Events

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<td>Homecoming Royalty Voting Opens</td>
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<td>Rise Against Hunger [Service Cup Event]</td>
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<td><strong>UPC, UNT Housing, and Student Activities Present: CAW-medy Show</strong></td>
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<td>Spirit March</td>
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<td>Homecoming Bonfire, Pep Rally, &amp; Top Yell Like Hell Performances</td>
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<td>Homecoming Awards Ceremony</td>
<td>Union South Lawn</td>
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<td>4:00 pm</td>
<td>Mean Green Football vs. UTEP</td>
<td>Apogee Stadium</td>
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<td>Wednesday, Nov. 15</td>
<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>Receipts for Funding Request Allocations Due to Student Activities</td>
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Non-Competition Information and Opportunities
Homecoming 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 upon 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, unlikely to receive funds: buying Homecoming Week t-shirts for your organization; more likely to receive funds: hosting an event open to all students).

All registered student organizations (including Greek Life) are invited to submit a Student Organization Funding Request form on OrgSync. The deadline for all requests is Wednesday, October 25th, at 11:59 pm.

Organizations must provide receipts to Student Activities, Union 345, before any allocated funds will be released to them. The deadline to submit receipts is Wednesday, November 15th, at 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 contact homecoming@unt.edu to discuss the circumstances.

Homecoming Tailgating Tent Rental

Student organizations (including Greek Life) may rent a tent for tailgating events on game day. Tailgating begins 3 hours prior to kickoff (1:00pm) and ends 30 minutes prior to kick-off (3:30pm) on Saturday, November 11th. Tents will be located in the upper hill area, near the landing of the pedestrian bridge and around the old Radisson parking lot, adjacent to the I-35E service road. In addition to completing the rental form by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 25th, payment for the tent is due by 5:00pm on Thursday, October 26th. Payment should be submitted to Student Activities, Union 345. You can find additional information on the Tailgating Tent Rental Form in OrgSync.
Homecoming Picnic Table Reservation

Each year, our Homecoming Week celebrations kick off at the Homecoming Picnic! Join us on Monday, November 6th, from 11:00am-1:00pm on the Library Mall. While this is not part of Team Competition events, registered student organizations (including Greek Life) have the opportunity to host a table at the Picnic to publicize their organization. Hosting a table is free for registered student organizations and campus departments.

Details:
- **Sign-up** on OrgSync by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 25th
- Check in will be from 10:15-10:45 am on November 6th
- 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 11:00 am -1:00 pm
- Table numbers are limited and reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the form submission date
- **Student Organization Showcase**: Student organizations have the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing at the Picnic. Indicate your organization’s interest in performing by 11:59pm on Wednesday, October 25th. Organizations will be notified of their selection by 5:00pm on Monday, October 30th. Space is limited

Homecoming Spirit Day Table Reservation

The annual Spirit Day event is a time for UNT community members to celebrate UNT spirit and get excited for Saturday’s game! The event will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm on the Library Mall. Registered student organizations (including Greek Life) are invited to join us in celebrating Spirit Day festivities.

We encourage all student organizations to design their table to reflect this year’s theme, “Deep in the Heart of UNT.” The student organization with the best presentation integrating 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 events.

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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 11th. To participate, organizations must sign-up on OrgSync by Wednesday, October 25th at 11:59pm. Details regarding parade entry rules can be found on the OrgSync form.
Royalty Competition Information
Homecoming Royalty

The Homecoming Royalty will be two students who serve as role models for the University’s diverse student body. The expectation is that they exhibit qualities such as leadership, upstanding character, and a commitment to both academic and extracurricular success. The students selected as the 2017 Homecoming Royalty are a positive representation of the University of North Texas student body.

Homecoming Court Qualifications

- Be nominated by a registered student organization (including Greek Life) or University-Sponsored Student Group (e.g., North Texas Cheer, Intercollegiate Athletic Team)
  - Organizations/groups may only nominate one candidate
  - The nominee must be a current member of the organization/group
- Must have a 3.0 cumulative UNT GPA or higher
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student, unless graduating in December 2017
- 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 2017 Homecoming Crew

Application

The Royalty Application is available on OrgSync and is due on Wednesday, October 18th at 1:00pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.

Applications will include a confirmation section in which you must enter your student organization/group President’s (or equivalent) email address. If you are the President (or equivalent), the email address of the Vice President or next officer in succession must be entered. Upon your application submission, a request to confirm your nomination will be emailed from OrgSync to the President (or other officer, if applicable) of your organization/group. It is strongly encouraged that you notify the President (or equivalent) of the need to approve of the nomination via the OrgSync email. If the President (or equivalent) does not receive the email shortly after your application submission, please contact homecoming@unt.edu immediately. In order for your application to be considered, this officer (or equivalent) must approve the nomination. If this is not completed by 12:00pm on October 20th, your application will not be considered.

Applications include a section for a photo and 200-word maximum biography. If you are selected to the Court, your photo and biography will be put on the Homecoming website. You may include things such as your classification, major, campus involvement, hobbies, interests, etc. The application also includes a section where you must designate whether you are running as a male or female candidate, so please select the identity that you best identify with.

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A panel of judges will review each application. The panel will consist of University faculty, staff, and students. Applications will be scored on the written essays and resume. Applicants will be asked to answer the following questions:

1. What does Homecoming mean to you?
2. If you could change one thing about UNT, what would it be?
3. Based on your experience at UNT, what advice would you share with fellow students regarding how to be a successful student?

**Interview**

After application review, candidates selected for an interview will be notified on Friday, October 20th. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of judges from October 24-25, time and location TBA. **Please bring a copy of your class schedule 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 top 5 male and top 5 female candidates with the highest combined interview and application scores will be selected to the 2017 Homecoming Court.

**Student Vote**

The student vote will take place in OrgSync from November 6th at 8:00am until November 9th at 11:59pm.

**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, this is an excused absence and the member will receive points for that event. Court members will need to find the Royalty Coordinator (Tangela Jones or designee) at each event in order to check in and out. Each member will receive a schedule of events that lists every event that is required for full points.
Selection Criteria

Royalty selection will be calculated as follows:

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The top male and female candidate will be named Homecoming Royalty!

Homecoming Court Campaigning

Court members may campaign from October 31st to November 9th. 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. Any Court member who does not follow these rules may be disqualified.

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

Important Dates

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

- **October 18** Applications due in OrgSync by 1:00pm
- **October 20** Organization/Group nomination confirmation due by 12:00pm
- **October 20** Top applicants invited to interviews
- **October 24-25** Candidate interviews for selection to Court
- **October 26** Homecoming Court notified and revealed
- **October 30** Homecoming Court informational meeting, 4:00pm
- **October 31-November 9** Campaigning
- **November 6-November 9** Voting in OrgSync
- **November 7** Half-time walkthrough at Apogee Stadium, 5:30pm
- **November 11** Homecoming Parade, 11:00am
- **November 11** Royalty announced at Football Game, 4:00pm

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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 will consist of three service events and four spirit events. Teams may compete in as many or as few events as desired. Every 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 at least one event must complete the Team Competition Sign-Up Form on OrgSync by Wednesday, October 18th at 11:59pm.

Team Categories

There will be four categories for all Team Competition events:

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

Friend Groups were created in 2016 as an opportunity for more students to participate in Homecoming activities. Friend Groups are made up of a minimum of five currently enrolled UNT students who have formed a team to participate in any of the 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. While Friend Groups are not registered student organizations, all rules/regulations and deadlines still apply.

*The difference in size between the Large and Small Student Organization Team categories will be determined after all teams submit their member numbers via the Team Competition Sign-Up Form. 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:

- Dallas Leadership Foundation Donation Drive
- Pollinative Prairie Work Day
- Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now)

Spirit Cup

The Spirit Cup will be awarded to the 1st place team in each team category. Events include:

- Spirit Board
- Scrappy Games (formerly Field Day)
- 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. 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

Even if your team only participates in 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 years past. In order to assist with understanding and to answer any questions, each participating team will select a Team Captain who must attend an Information Session (see “Homecoming 2017 Schedule” for dates/times). Attendance at one of these Information Sessions is mandatory for teams to participate in any event.

If you have any questions regarding Homecoming:
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Please keep in mind that the Homecoming Crew will not accept any Team Competition Sign-Up Forms after the deadline.

As this is only the second year of the re-vamped Team Competition, it is impossible to predict all situations that may occur during competition. 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 Captain and placed online.

**Eligibility to Participate**

All student organizations (including Greek Life) must be currently registered (Fall 2017) with Student Activities at the time of entry and through Homecoming Week in order to participate as an entity 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. For more information about student organization registration, click here. If unsure about your registration status for Fall 2017, you may contact Student Activities. Additionally, participants in all Team Competition events must be currently enrolled UNT students.

**Team Captain Selection**

All teams must 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 person from their team who may communicate (e.g., ask questions, air concerns) in an official capacity with the designated Student Activities/Homecoming representative.

Greek Life teams will additionally list a representative from each chapter on the team; these representatives will be copied on e-mails to the Team Captain to facilitate communication and inclusion of all chapters, but must direct all communication through the Team Captain.

**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 Rule 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.
Homecoming Awards Ceremony

Team Competition event winners will be announced in an informal ceremony following the Parade on November 11th, with the exception of Yell Like Hell winners, which will be announced at Bonfire on November 10th. Teams are encouraged 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.

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. We will make all reasonable attempts to provide accommodations.

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 from their my.unt.edu email address, and may be able to remain anonymous upon request. When not possible, the Coordinator will notify the student and allow them to decide if they would like to retract the complaint. In some situations, the Coordinator may require the complaint to be submitted through the Team Captain.

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. The committee chair will have no voting power and will only serve to moderate the meetings.

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

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**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.

The Grievance Committee will make all reasonable attempts to meet within 24 business hours 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 by affidavit (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 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(s), 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 will receive the maximum number of points, determined by the number of teams within their respective 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.

### Point Breakdown By Event

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- For example, in the Spirit Board competition, if there are 5 teams in the Greek category, the 5th place team will receive 15 points, 4th place team will receive 30 points, and so on. The 1st place team will receive the maximum, 75 points (15 points x 5 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 60 points. The next placement would be 4th (there would be no 3rd place), and that team will receive 30 points.

### Example: Point Breakdown for Category with 5 Teams

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|                      | Service Cup |                      |                      |
|                      | Donation Drive | Prairie Work Day | Rise Against Hunger |
| 5th place  | 40          | 30           | 30                 |
| 4th place  | 80          | 60           | 60                 |
| 3rd place  | 120         | 90           | 90                 |
| 2nd place  | 160         | 120          | 120                |
| 1st place  | 200         | 150          | 150                |

- If a team is disqualified from competing in an event, it will receive no points for the event.
- All teams’ event points will count towards their cumulative scores within the respective cup, including the Scrappy Cup.

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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.

This year’s service events include:
- Dallas Leadership Foundation Donation Drive
- Pollinative Prairie Work Day
- Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now)

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 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: Donation Drive**

**About the Dallas Leadership Foundation**

The Dallas Leadership Foundation (DLF) is a nonprofit organization that commits to various causes, one of which supports the homeless population in DFW. Additionally, with the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey, many Houston-area residents were displaced and are without homes. Items collected through this drive will be donated directly to DLF in support of their needs to assist these communities.

**Important Information**

- The only items that will be accepted are: socks, bars of soap, and toothbrushes
  - Other items will not be accepted and will not count towards a team’s credits
- In an effort to be efficient and cognizant of team members’ time, teams will be assigned to a specific drop-off shift during which they may bring their items
  - All drop-off shifts will be on Monday, November 6th, between the hours of 2:30-6:00pm in UNT Lot 34, located at 1500 South Interstate 35E (old Sack N Save lot)
  - Assigned drop-off shift times will be sent to Team Captains by Monday, October 30th
  - Depending on the number of items your team collects, the time to count them may take a significant amount of time
  - Teams are encouraged to prepare for a half hour or longer in order to have their items counted
- Teams are strongly encouraged to count their items (i.e., quantity of socks vs. bars of soap vs. toothbrushes) prior to bringing them to the drop-off event

**Point Distribution**

- Teams will be awarded credits for their donated items
  - Socks: 2 credits per pair
  - Soap: 1 credits per bar
  - Toothbrush: 1 credits per toothbrush
- Credits are awarded based on the number of items that are donated. The team with the highest number of credits will win 1st place in their category. The second most credits will win 2nd place, and so on
- As described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown,” the last place team in the category will receive 40 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 40 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 40 points, 2nd place will receive 80 points, and 1st place will receive 120 points. In the event of a tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement
• **Bonus points:** For every 1 hour that a team member volunteers for this event, their team will earn 10 bonus points
  
  o Team members may [sign up](mailto:homecoming@unt.edu) for volunteer shifts beginning on Thursday, October 26th at 12:00pm, and may only sign up for one, 1 hour-long shift. Sign up ends Tuesday, October 31st at 11:59 am
  
  o Volunteer shifts will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis by members of any team

• Deductions (see below) and bonus points will be applied after placement and subtracted from or added to 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, 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

### Event Rules and Deductions

• Donated items must be **new** and in their **original packaging, unopened**
  
  o Socks: Must be in a matching pair (i.e., no single sock)
  
  o Soap:
    ▪ Must be in bar form; no liquid body wash or soap will be accepted
    ▪ Each bar must be individually wrapped/boxed
    ▪ Teams may donate, for example, a “4-pack” of soap as long as each of the 4 bars is individually wrapped/boxed within the packaging
  
  o Toothbrushes:
    ▪ Only individually-packaged toothbrushes will be accepted
    ▪ Teams may donate, for example, a “2-pack” of toothbrushes only if they are individually-packaged from one another (i.e., able to be detached from each other and still remain in individual packaging)

• All items must be delivered within the team’s assigned drop-off shift

• At least one, but no more than two, team members must be present the entire time of item counting
  
  o 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
  
  o Upon finishing counting, the volunteer will record the number of items and credits on a receipt and will ask a member of the team to confirm
  
  o 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 and allocated credits
- All of the team's items must arrive at the event at approximately the same time, to be counted together
- **To receive bonus points:** When checking in to volunteer, 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
  - Team members **MUST arrive on time** and may not leave early in order to receive any bonus points
  - Team members will be lifting and moving items; therefore they are required to wear closed-toe shoes; any team member who shows up without proper attire will not be allowed to volunteer
- Solicitation (see Definition) of potential donors on campus that does not follow the Solicitation Policy and other campus policies will result in a **20 point deduction per occurrence**
- Mass solicitation (see Definition) will result in a **40 point deduction per occurrence**
- 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 may be grounds for disqualification

**To participate, submit form on OrgSync by October 18th at 11:59pm.**
Service Cup Event 2: Pollinative Prairie Work Day

About the Pollinative Prairie

The pollinative prairie is a 4.5 acre space located on UNT's Discovery Park campus. Once fully prepared, the prairie will serve as a pollinator habitat, featuring native grasses and wildflowers. The prairie specifically supports UNT's Bee Campus USA designation, and is important because it helps save and grow the bee population. Pollinators, such as bees, help over 90% of the world’s plants to continue reproducing, making UNT's prairie important to environmental health in Denton and beyond.

Important Information

- The event will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, from 8:00am-12:00pm at the prairie, located at 3940 North Elm St., on the Discovery Park Campus
  - Work time will be divided into three, 1-hour shifts: 8:00-9:00am, 9:30-10:30am, and 11:00-12:00pm
- 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 8:00am, and Team 1 has 50 team members and Team 2 has 100 team members, then Team 1 will be initially allotted 20 slots and Team 2 will 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
- Participants will be performing work outdoors; although it is in November, it will be important that students drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen
- Team members will be responsible for their own transportation to the prairie
  - Team members with an Eagle Commuter pass may park in lots 93, 94, or 96 at Discovery Park
    - Teams are strongly encouraged to carpool, as parking is limited and there is no guarantee that spots will be available
  - The UNT bus system can also assist students in traveling to and from Discovery Park
    - See the table below for information about shift times and which busses will be available for students to ride in order to arrive on-time

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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 hour 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 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 participation percentage 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

Event Rules and Deductions

- As points are based on participation percentage, all non-residence hall teams must have a roster on record. Failure to submit a roster by the deadline will result in the team’s inability to participate in the event
  - Student Organization Team and Friend Groups - Team Captains must submit a team roster in OrgSync by Wednesday, October 25th at 11:59pm
  - Greek Life – Chapter rosters will be provided to Student Activities by the Office of Greek Life. If all Chapters on your team have not already submitted their rosters to Greek Life, they are due to Greek Life by Wednesday, October 25th at 5:00pm. Greek Life teams do NOT need to submit rosters via the team roster form in OrgSync
  - For residence halls, the number of residents will be used to determine participation percentage
- While a roster will be submitted, teams must additionally sign up for volunteer shifts between Thursday, October 26th at 12:00pm and Tuesday, October 31st at 11:59 am. Starting October 31st at 5:00pm and running through Thursday, November 2nd at 11:59pm, all teams’ unclaimed slots for the three shifts will be released, enabling other teams to sign up for them 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
- Team members MUST arrive on time (which is 10 minutes before their selected shift start time) and may not leave early in order to receive a participation credit for their team

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- **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 a team member (someone who has not signed up to volunteer at this event) in their place to avoid the one participant credit loss.

**Participants are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants, and socks so that no skin at the ankle is showing**
- Due to plants that grow on the prairie, any team member who shows up without proper attire will not be allowed to participate, which will lead to a one participant credit loss.

- Only team members may participate in this event (ex: 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.
- 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.

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Service Cup Event 3: Rise Against Hunger

About Rise Against Hunger

Formally known as Stop Hunger Now, 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.” In order to 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 Wednesday, November 8th, in Union Ballroom 314
- Meal packaging will take place from 4:00-6:00pm, but we also need volunteers to assist with set-up (between 2:30-4:00pm) and tear-down (between 6:00-7:00pm)
  - Work time will be divided into 30 minute shifts
  - The set-up and tear-down shifts will also count towards a team’s participation percentage
- 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 8:00am, and Team 1 has 50 team members and Team 2 has 100 team members, then Team 1 will be initially allotted 20 slots and Team 2 will be allotted 40 slots)
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- Points are awarded based on participation percentage, according to your Homecoming team roster
- Teams are awarded one participation credit per 30 minute shift of volunteering, whether meal packaging, set up, or tear down
- 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 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 participation percentage tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement
- **Bonus points:** For every $10 donated (up to $250) to Rise Against Hunger (via Student Activities), the team will earn 10 bonus points

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Money is due to Student Activities (Union 345) by 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 1st. Please be sure to ask for a receipt upon submission

Teams can pay with cash, money order, or check (made out to UNT Student Activities)

All donated money will go towards funding the food in the meals that will be packaged for the event

- Deductions (see below) and bonus points will be applied after placement and subtracted from or added to the team's points
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**Event Rules and Deductions**

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**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 (formerly Field Day)
- 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 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.
**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, November 5th, 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 3½” radius gate hinges
  - Homecoming Crew will have deck screws and screwdrivers for teams to borrow to complete assembly for their boards to be free-standing
- 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 your board to and from the Library Mall
  - 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 long-wise
  - 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 Library Mall between 5:00-7:00 pm on Sunday, November 5th
  - **Note:** Spirit Boards must be picked up by 5:00pm on Friday, November 10th. 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
- Your board must be free-standing (i.e., able to stand freely on its 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 Library Mall; painting on the Mall will not be allowed

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• Paint or other background decorating media **must** be waterproof; any mess caused by a team's board (e.g., paint running off the board and onto the ground) will be the responsibility of the team to clean up
• The team name **must** be on the back of the board, for identification purposes
  o The team name may also be listed on the front of your 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
• Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right not to display a board and disqualify it if they feel it is not in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming

**Spirit Board Example**

![Spirit Board Example](image_url)

**Judging**

Judging of the Spirit Boards will occur at 9:00 am on Monday, November 6th. Teams do not need to be present for judging, as teams are not allowed to speak with judges. Judging Rubrics will be emailed to Team Captains by Monday, October 30th. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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1. Adherence to rules
2. Demonstration of Mean Green Spirit
3. Incorporation of the Homecoming theme
4. Creativity/Uniqueness/Originality
5. Overall design

**Point Distribution**

As described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown,” the last place team in the category will receive 15 points, and each team placing higher will receive an additional 15 points per subsequent placement. For example, with 3 teams, the 3rd place team will receive 15 points, 2nd place will receive 30 points, and 1st place will receive 45 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 18th at 11:59pm.**
**Spirit Cup Event 2: Scrappy Games**

**About Scrappy Games**

Scrappy Games (formerly known as Field Day) 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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7th, 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**

As this event requires no preparation, more specific details will be provided to Team Captains by Monday, October 30th. The details will include a list of all activities, as well as rules, required number of participants, and scoring for each activity.

**Rules**

- Participating team members must check in at Gate 3 of Apogee Stadium between 6:15-6:45 pm
- Teams must have a minimum number of students competing
- Unless otherwise indicated to the Team Captain, a team member will only be allowed to participate in one activity
- **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 11:59 pm on Sunday, November 5th. The email must be sent by the Chapter President on record in OrgSync of the Chapter that cannot 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 Scrappy Games may be on the field
- Additional rules will be emailed to Team Captains by October 30th
- Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right to disqualify any team if 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 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 tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement.

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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 2017 Yell Like Hell competition on Thursday, November 9th, at 7:00 pm at the UNT Coliseum. Yell Like Hell is a performance competition in which teams develop a dance routine that showcases their skills, creativity, and school spirit.

Event Details

- An event schedule, listing the arrival time, assigned seating area, order of performances, and projected performance times, will be emailed to Team Captains by Monday, October 30th.
- 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
- Remember, this is a spirit competition. Teams may dance and step, but make sure the performance ties into the Homecoming theme, “Deep in the Heart of UNT,” as well as the other judging criteria
- The top two teams per category will perform at Bonfire, and the winners of Yell Like Hell will be announced at Bonfire on Friday, November 10th.
- 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.
- **Greek Life Teams Only:** At least two members from each Chapter on your team must be included in your performance. This rule can be waived for individual Chapters, via an email sent to homecoming@unt.edu by 11:59pm on Sunday, November 5th. The email must be sent by the Chapter President on record in OrgSync of the Chapter that cannot provide at least two members, from their my.unt.edu address.
- Teams may only utilize the talents of current student members to choreograph/plan their team’s dance; no team may pay an outside source to choreograph or plan their team’s dance
- Teams must submit their full performance music via the Yell Like Hell Music Submission form by 11:59pm on Wednesday, October 25th.
- On the day of Yell Like Hell, teams are required to check-in twice:
  - The Team Captain must check-in at 5:45pm to receive wristbands. Check-in for Team Captains will be inside the North Tunnel of the Coliseum; and
  - Your whole team must check-in at your team’s assigned seating area at your
assigned arrival time (as stated in the event schedule emailed to Team Captains)
  o Failure to check in at one or both of these times will result in your team’s inability to perform
  o 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
    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 sit anywhere in the general seating area, not their previously assigned seating area

  • 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

  • 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 would 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
    o 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
    o This includes, but is not limited to, powders, glitter, confetti, and liquids
    o This includes event props and costumes. For example, no costumes containing glitter that could be shaken loose and fall onto the stage are 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 (after the top two teams are announced)

  • Student Activities 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

Judging Rubrics will be emailed to Team Captains by Monday, October 30. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

1. Adherence to rules
2. Showmanship (Entertainment)
3. Spirit (Enthusiasm/Expression)
4. Creativity
5. Incorporation of Homecoming Theme
6. **Greek Life Teams Only:** Incorporation of Step or Stroll into Performance

**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.

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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 11th, at 11:00am.

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

Information and Suggestions

• View the 2017 parade route here
• Information about check-in location, line up, and parking will be available at a later time. Please check back
• Judging will begin at 10:00am and will be completed by 10:45am
• Winners will be announced after the Parade
• The Parade will start promptly at 11:00am
• 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 at parking lot 41, behind Fraternity Row, from Friday, November 10th until Wednesday, November 15th for entry dismantling
  o If you have recyclable materials, please recycle them in appropriate locations
  o 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 before 12:00pm on Friday, November 10th, if you must cancel your entry

Event Rules

• All teams must check-in between 9:00-10:00am, with entry judging starting promptly at 10:00am
• 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
• Greek Life Teams Only: At least two members from each Chapter on your team must be included on your parade float. This rule can be waived for individual Chapters via an email sent to homecoming@unt.edu by 11:59pm on Sunday, November 5th. The email must be sent by the Chapter President on record in

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- 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 40 feet, 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

**Greek Life Teams Only:** A maximum of two boards (no larger than 8’x4’ each) may have pomping on them.
  - This rule does NOT allow for the equivalent of up to 64 sq. ft. of pomping (i.e., the amount of two 8’x4’ boards fully pomped), 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**
  - Teams may use semi-tractors, but not when pulling a trailer
  - Trucks pulling gooseneck style trailers are allowed

**One entry per team, one vehicle per entry!**
  - 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**
  - 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
  - Students walking alongside an entry may distribute items to the crowd by handing them to spectators

**No alcohol will be tolerated**
  - Consumption of alcoholic beverages 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:
  - No music containing vulgar, explicit, or suggestive/inappropriate lyrics will be tolerated
  - 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

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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.

Student Activities/Homecoming Crew reserves the right to prevent an entry from participating and disqualify it if they feel it is not in the best interests of UNT, the City of Denton, or the spirit of Homecoming.

Judging Criteria

Judging Rubrics will be emailed to Team Captains by Monday, October 30th. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

1. Adherence to rules
2. Originality/Creativity
3. Integration of theme, “Deep in the Heart of UNT”
4. Mean Green Spirit (enthusiasm and spirit)
5. Craftsmanship (safety, materials used, sturdiness, etc.)
6. Attractiveness (colors, shapes, neatness, etc.)

Point Distribution

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