A Letter from the CAC Homecoming Chair

Homecoming Representatives,

We hope you are ready for an exciting Homecoming: Reunion Weekend. As we celebrate the 125th year of The University of Oklahoma, it is our desire the theme “125” will exhibit the tradition, spirit and growth of the past 125 years in our University’s history.

I want to thank you for your patience as we have spent this past year critiquing and reevaluating the homecoming pairing process. Change was absolutely necessary to make Homecoming more inclusive, diverse, and exciting. We truly aspire to make each individual and group equally represented and cherished as a participant on this campus and through our events.

During our Homecoming Representative meetings we will explain the events, rules, changes, contact information, information about each event, and scoring criteria. This packet will serve as a quick guide and reference for guidelines to assist in your Homecoming planning. Please take some time to read through this packet and find your appropriate points of contact.

It is our continued goal that Homecoming: Reunion Weekend will be greater, better, more impactful, and more inclusive than before. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further questions or information. We are passionate about making this the best experience for you, your organization, and making our alumni proud.

Best wishes and Boomer Sooner,

Katie Qualls
2015 Homecoming Chair
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Budget
Campus Activities Council recognizes there are many costs associated with Homecoming participation and we certainly understand your concerns. We have tried our best to address these concerns by decreasing the amount of competitive activities and shortening the length of the float. We encourage all groups to be financially responsible. It may work to the advantage of each group to collect in-kind donations or use recyclable materials to compensate for Homecoming costs.

Participation in Activities
Any competing or non-competing group is not obligated to participate in every Homecoming activity. However, participating in all of the activities will increase each group’s overall score in the competition.

Alcohol Disclaimer
The use of alcohol before, during, in, or around any Homecoming event or associated activities is strictly prohibited. If a group or group member is caught in violation of this rule, their name(s) will be submitted to Student Life. Consequences will include group disqualification and/or University strikes. Alcohol consumption will be monitored heavily through unannounced visits during the week of Homecoming. Please be responsible and avoid keeping alcohol at float construction locations during this week to avoid an automatic disqualification.

Time Commitment
Students must follow the OU Student Code policy in regards to participation in Homecoming and the number of hours that may be committed to a project. The following are excerpts from the OU Student Handbook:
- “When classes are in session, no registered and/or recognized student organization may host an event between the hours of 12 a.m. and 8 a.m., Monday through Friday.”
- “A non-academic event, production, or philanthropy should not exceed a commitment of 15 hours per week from participants.”
- “Non-academic events, meetings, or productions should never take priority over academic, specifically in-class, responsibilities.”

Please respect the members of your organizations by honoring this time commitment. If we hear of any complaints of breaking this Student Conduct Code from members of your organizations, a points deduction will be considered.

Homecoming-related activities should never extend past 10:59 PM.

Scoring Breakdown
Every Homecoming event is scored by impartial judges (excluding “representative meetings” and “Sports Night”). The judges are given the judging sheets on the following page as a guideline for how to rate each group. The categories interpretation of theme, creativity, and professionalism are up to their discretion. Additional deductions are made based on the criteria at the bottom of each sheet. These deductions will be the same for each judge. For example, if Alpha Alpha Alpha does not bring 15 ft. of nylon rope for the banner competition, each judge will be required to make a 5-point deduction for that group.

Once each judge has completed their sheets, they will be given a page with each group's name on it in which they rank the groups 1 through 5 based on their point totals. These ranks are the ones that are used to calculate the event ranks. For example, if Alpha Alpha Alpha received the highest ranks, they will be given 130 points for winning and participating in the banner competition. Please keep in mind, some of the deductions cause a disqualification, for example, violating fire marshal codes in the parade. A disqualification eliminates a group’s ability to place, but they can still receive the participation points that will count towards their final total. Homecoming Philanthropy and all Alumni Events will be based on participation points only.

Representative Meetings
Groups will receive points for attending representative meetings. Twenty (20) points will be given per meeting attended. In order to meet attendance requirements, there needs to be at least one member from each organization present. Attendance will be taken at each meeting by the representative liaisons. These meeting are crucial to ensure that everyone is informed and up-to-date on the homecoming festivities. Each representative will only receive points if they arrive on time.

Disclaimer
All CAC Homecoming rules are at the discretion of the Student Life staff and/or the Homecoming Chair. The rules are subject to change with notice. You will be contacted via email or told during a Representative Meeting.
Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 18
TBD  Night at the Huff Check In, Huston Huffman Fitness Center
TBD  Night at the Huff, Houston Huffman Fitness Center
TBD  All floats must be complete

Monday, October 19
10:00AM  Banners Due, Scholar Room, OMU
5:00-10:00PM Benefit Nights, Various Locations

Tuesday, October 20
9:00AM  South Oval Boards Due, Bizzel Statue
All Day  Last Day to cancel participation in Night at the Huff without Deduction
TBA  Royalty Voting Begins

Wednesday, October 21
1:00PM  Fill the Oval Check In, South Oval
12:00-2:00PM Fill the Oval, South Oval
5:30-8:00PM BSA Hump Day, Student Union
TBA  Royalty Voting Ends
TBA  Various Multicultural events throughout the day and evening

Thursday, October 22
1:00PM  Check in for Sidewalk Chalk Competition
1:30-3:30P Sidewalk Chalk Competition, Michael F Price Walkway
TBD  Concert

Friday, October 23
8:00PM  Pep Rally, Lloyd Noble Center

Saturday, October 24
4 Hours before Kickoff - Parade Line Up
3 Hours before Kickoff - Parade Start
Halftime of Game - Royalty coronation

Important Dates

Thursday, August 27, 2015
6:00  Homecoming Pairing Process Informational Meeting, Governors Regents and Associates Rooms, OMU

Friday, August 28, 2015
12:00AM  Participation forms due by Midnight

Thursday, September 3, 2015
6:30P  Homecoming Pairing Process and Theme reveal, JTMCC

Wednesday, September 9, 2015
9:00P  Homecoming Representative Meeting, Topic: Homecoming Overview

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
9:00P  Homecoming Representative Meeting, Topic: Homecoming Overview

Wednesday, September 23, 2015
9:00P  Homecoming Representative Meeting, Topic: Banner, South Oval Board, Sidewalk Chalk

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
9:00P  Homecoming Representative Meeting, Topic: Night at the Huff, Philanthropy, RahRally, Parade

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
9:00P  Homecoming Representative Meeting, Topic: Overview of Homecoming Week

Deadlines

September 23, 2015
4:00P  Royalty Applications Due in Student Life, OMU 370

September 25, 2015
5:00P  A Sketch and list of materials for float due
Alumni Nomination forms due
Rah Rally script and graphic due
Student ID numbers of Rah Rally participants due on a flash drive
Waivers for Pep Rally performers, Night at The Huff Participants, and Parade participants due
All waivers must be organized by organization and alphabetically by last name
* All forms can be turned into Student Life, OMU 370

October 3, 2015
5:00PM  Rah Rall Music due on a CD to Student Life, OMU 370
Music must be clean and contain no cuss words

Note: There are many events on Wednesday night. Plan ahead with your team to ensure everything is completed in a timely manner.
Vandalism
Please read to your organization members, in entirety.

To All Homecoming Participants:

Vandalism will not be tolerated during Homecoming: Reunion Weekend. The Underlying purpose of these events is to celebrate the rich traditions of the University of Oklahoma and demonstrate our school spirit through friendly competition.

If your organization is caught or suspected of vandalizing another organization’s property, you will be severely penalized. Members caught or suspected of vandalizing will be harshly dealt with through the OU Police Department and OU Student Conduct Office.

Your organization will be required to compensate for the value of the damaged items.

I appreciate in advance your efforts to eliminate this unfortunate aspect of competition. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and I will gladly explain.

In the Homecoming Spirit,

Katie Qualls
CAC Homecoming Chair

Alumni Involvement
Alumni Chairs: Abby Biggs, Zach Schuermann

Requirements:
- Each organization must inform their Alumni (at the very minimum) about the Pep Rally as well as the Parade and invite them to attend the Homecoming festivities with their respected organization.
- Any, and all, emails we send you to send out to your Alumni must be sent out in a timely manner.
- All emails sent out by the organizations to Alumni or Parents Club must CC Abby Biggs and Zach Schuermann.

Tips:
- Reach out to your parents clubs.
- Highlight active members within Homecoming to Alumni and Parents club (such as Royalty if applicable).
- Host an event the week of Homecoming and invite them to join you.

Banner Competition
Monday, October 19, 2015 10:00AM
Scholars Room, OMU
Banner Chair: Marquez Byrd, Marquez@ou.edu

Important Dates
- September 25, 2015- Explanation of Banner, South Oval Board Competitions, & South Oval sidewalk chalk competitions due to Student Life, OMU Suite 370.
- October 19, 2015- Check-in 9:00 AM.

General Information
- Banners will be displayed from the Union Parking Garage During the week of Homecoming.
- Banners are intended to welcome Alumni back to the University.
- Banners will be accepted beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 9:30 AM.

Requirements
- Banners must include the following:
  - “The University of Oklahoma”
  - “Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015”.
  - Organization(s) name(s).
  - Alumni Message (example: Welcome back, OU Alumni).
  - Group theme.
- Banners must be completed on a queen-size white bed sheet.
- Colors should include crimson and cream. However, other colors are encouraged.
- Banners must be completely dry when submitted.
- Grommets must be secured in each corner of the sheet for hanging.
- 15 Feet of nylon rope must be submitted with your banner.
- Banner is painted with acrylic paint (in anticipation of bad weather). No glitter.
Banner Competition, Cont.

Deductions
- Duct tape is used in place of grommets.
- Grommets are not secured on banner.
- Rope is not submitted with banner.
- Banner does not address one of the message requirements.
- Banner is a different size than queen.
- Banner is a color other than white.
- Banner is completed on a surface other than a bed sheet.
- Banner is not dry when submitted.

Disqualifications
- Banner is submitted after 9:30 AM.
- Banner is inappropriate or offensive.
- Banner has glitter on it. NO GLITTER.
- Banner has 3-dimensional effects.

Ideas for Supplies
- Grommets may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michael’s, or Wal-Mart.
- Acrylic craft paint may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michael’s, or Wal-Mart.
- Scotch Guard may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michael’s, or Wal-Mart.
- Scotch Guard is used to protect the paint from weather and should be applied after the banner is completely dry. It is not required but strongly suggested.
- 15 Feet of nylon rope can be purchased at Wal-Mart, Lowe’s, or Home Depot.
- Queen-sized white bed sheets may be purchased at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, or Wal-Mart.

Tips
- Iron sheets before painting.
- Use a transparency, projector and chalk to trace large images onto your sheet.
- Wait until sheets are completely dry and then spray with Scotch Guard.
- Be creative with your alumni message. Judges will look for quality and creativity.

Homecoming Philanthropy

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 1:30-3:30P
South Oval
Philanthropy Chair: Sara Sears, se.sears96@ou.edu

Important Dates
October (TBA) Homecoming Restaurant Benefit night on Campus Corner.
October (TBA) Homecoming Philanthropy Event, “Fill The Oval” on the South Oval.

General Information:

Benefit Night
Group with the highest attendance percentages will receive an extra 10 points to their overall homecoming score.
All proceeds benefits Children’s Hospital Foundation through The Children’s Miracle Network (Soonerthon).

South Oval Philanthropy event
- Group participation will ensure full points in this event.
- All money raised will benefit the Children’s Miracle Network Hospital in Oklahoma City through the Children’s Hospital Foundation.
- The actual amount of money your group raises has NO affect on points. Even if you raise $0.00, and you attend the event with one member from your organization dressed up, you will receive full participation points as long as you stay for the entire event.
- Check-in for participants will be at 11:30 A.M. in Student Life, OMU Suite 370.
- All money raised will go towards your Miracle Cup points for Soonerthon.

Requirements
- One participant (although more participants are encouraged) must wear a costume relevant to their group’s theme or the overall Homecoming theme.
- Participants must be present for the entire duration of the event.
- Cash and checks made payable to CAC Soonerthon will be accepted.

Tips
- Raise as much money as you can ahead of time.
- Wear a crazy costume; the more attention you attract, the more money you will get.
- We strongly encourage large groups to reach a minimum of $200
Night at the Huff
Thursday, October 23, 2015, 6:00PM
Huston Huffman Fitness Center
Night at the Huff Co-Chairs: Jonna Vanderslice, jonnavanderslice18@ou.edu & Chase Cooksey, chasecooksey@ou.edu

Important Dates
• September 25, 2015- Last day to turn in waivers and register for Night at the Huff in Student Life Center, located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union.
• October 3, 2015- Last day to cancel participation in Night at the Huff without deduction.
• October 23, 2015 5:00-5:45 pm: Check-in for Night at the Huff at the Huston Huffman Center.

General Information
• Check-in will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 5:45 pm at the Huston Huffman Center.
• Each participant must fill out a waiver before they may compete, due September 25, 2015.
• Each group competing must designate a team captain.
• The team captain must submit their contact information to their representative liaison.
• You will be given a bracket ahead of time and are responsible for knowing when and where your group’s team is supposed to be.
• Each group will also be given the opportunity to win a “spirit” award; which will be determined by cheering, signs, enthusiasm, etc. by participants and members of your organization.
• Night at the Huff will consist of three events:
  • Volleyball
  • Basketball
  • Dodgeball
• Other tournament-style games will be going on, but will not be included in overall total points.

Disqualification of Single Tournaments Will Occur if
• Group is late or does not show up to a tournament.
• Liability waivers of participants are not submitted.
• Scuffing shoes are worn.
• Not follow any of the requirements listed for each event.
• Violating the Huston Huffman Fitness Center policies

Disqualification of entire Event will occur if
• Group is in possession of alcohol or appears intoxicated.
• Group displays unsportsmanlike conduct or aggressive behavior toward other groups, Chair, Vice Chairs, Exec. Members, Student Life Staff, or Huston Huffman staff.

Volleyball Tournament Guidelines
• Games will be 6 v. 6
• Group must have at least 3 females on court at all times.
• Game format:
  • One game, being first to 15 points using the rally-point scoring system.
  • Championship game will be a best of three series, each game being first to 11 points using the rally-point system.
  • Groups must win by two points in the championship game.
  • Tournament will be single elimination until the championship game, where the two losing semi-finalists teams will play for third place.

Basketball Tournament Guidelines
• Games will be 5 v. 5.
• Groups must have at least 2 females on the court at all times.
• Two 6-minute halves with a running clock with a 1-minute halftime.
• Groups are allotted a 1-minute timeout per game.
• If there is a tie after regulation, there will be a two minute overtime period.
• Tournament is single elimination.

Dodgeball Tournament Guidelines:
• Game will start with 15 people.
• Group must have at least 5 females on the court in the beginning.
• Games will continue until all players on the team are “out”.
• After 3 minutes of play, referee will call an open court and players may run anywhere inside the court lines.
• Player gets “out” by getting hit anywhere on the body below the neck.
• If a player’s throw is caught by the opposing team before hitting the ground, the player who threw the ball is out and the opposing team regained a players who first got “out”.
• Tournament is double elimination.

Tips:
Encourage your groups to bring water bottles.
The tournaments will occur in this order: Volleyball, Basketball and Dodgeball.
However, tournaments may overlap so plan accordingly.
Members from each group are permitted to participate in multiple tournaments for the same team.
Sidewalk Chalk Competition
Thursday, October 22, 2015, 1:00-3:30PM
Michael F. Price Walkway
Sidewalk Chalk Competition Chair: Marquez Byrd, Marquez@ou.edu

Important Dates:
- September 25, 2015- Explanation of Banner, South Oval Board competitions, & South Oval sidewalk chalk competitions.
- September 25, 2015- Homecoming participation forms due to Student Life, OMU 370.

General Information:
- Check-in begins at 12:30 PM and will end at 12:55 PM.
- Sidewalk Chalk must be completely finished at 3:30 PM.
- Groups will be assigned a "square" to chalk in on the South Oval.
- Sidewalk Chalk should be creative and reflect sub theme/overall theme.
- Your area will be swept clean to the best of our ability prior to 1:00 PM.

Requirements:
- Sidewalk Chalk must include the following:
  - "The University of Oklahoma".
  - "Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015"
  - Organization(s) name(s).
  - Group theme.
  - OU V. (OPPONENT).
  - A football-related image and a catchphrase involving the defeat of (OPPONENT).
- Groups may only use pastel-colored chalk (including gray).
- Groups must present their chalk at check-in.

Deductions:
- Use of non-pastel chalk or other non-washable art forms.
- Missing one of the required messages.
- Chalking past cut-off time.
- Chalking outside of designated square.

Disqualifications:
- Use of hairspray, or other spray adhesive.
- Use of inappropriate language or imagery.

Sidewalk Chalk Competition, Cont.

Ideas for Supplies:
- Brooms may be purchased at any convenience store/grocery store.
- Assorted pastel chalks may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michael's, Wal-Mart, or online.
- More chalk is better than less chalk.

Tips:
- Draw the outline to your design prior to chalking.
- Spell check for errors.
- Create a grid for your illustration.
- Bring a broom to sweep over your square before chalking.
- Rub and smear chalk to spread it over a larger area. You can use this same technique to mix chalk and create a new color.
- Involve everyone!
- The area being chalked is 7.75 feet high and 9.5 feet wide.
- The top of the square will be the north side.

Suggestions for Supplies:
- Brooms may be purchased at any convenience store/grocery store.
- Assorted pastel chalks may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michael's, Wal-Mart, or online.
- More chalk is better than less chalk.

Tips:
- Draw the outline to your design prior to chalking.
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- Rub and smear chalk to spread it over a larger area. You can use this same technique to mix chalk and create a new color.
- Involve everyone!
- The area being chalked is 7.75 feet high and 9.5 feet wide.
- The top of the square will be the north side.
**South Oval Board Competition**

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 9:00AM  
Bizzell Statue  
South Oval Board Chair: Marquez Byrd, marquez@ou.edu

**Important Dates:**
- September 25, 2015 - Explanation of Banner, South Oval Board competitions, & South Oval sidewalk chalk competitions.  
- September 25, 2015 - Homecoming participation forms due to Student Life, OMU 370.  
- October 20, 2015 - Event takes place, 8:00 AM check-in.  
- Board due no later than 9:00 AM.

**General Information**
- Groups may drop off their South Oval boards south of the Bizzell Statue, beginning at 8:00 AM and ending at 8:59 AM in assigned intervals.  
- Boards will be displayed through Homecoming week and during the game for students, parents, and alumni to view.  
- Designs may include, but are not limited to, collages, paintings using photos, posters, and 3-dimensional objects.

**Requirements**
- Boards must include the following:  
  - "The University of Oklahoma".  
  - "Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015"  
  - Organization(s) name(s).  
  - Group theme.  
- Boards should be a 4-foot by 8-foot plywood board to be displayed vertically.  
- Groups will illustrate their sub-theme and the overall theme through some form of artistic expression on the board.  
- Groups will also provide a stand for their board.

**Deductions:**
- Artistic expressions are inappropriate and display offensive or violent images.  
- Stand is not constructed properly.

**Disqualifications:**
- Board is submitted after 9:00 AM.  
- Destroying or vandalizing another organization’s board.

**Required Supplies:**
- One 4-foot by 8-foot plywood board.  
- Two 6-foot long 2X4’s.  
- Two cinder blocks.  
- 2 Sets of piano hinges.  
- Each group is required to construct a stand for their board. The board will need to be able to stand freely, like a picture frame, in the South Oval. For examples or help, contact the Homecoming team or event chair, Marquez Byrd.

**Tips:**
- Decorative materials may include acrylic paint, large blown-up picture, posters, new and old photographs, glitter, and other objects.  
- Boards may have 3-dimensional effects (such as foam fingers, Styrofoam objects, workable metals, etc.). 3-dimensional objects cannot protrude off the board more than 5-inches.  
- Spray your board with polyurethane or gloss sealer after it is finished.  
- Paint the side edges a different color.  
- Be creative with how you display your theme.  
- Ensure that all 3-dimensional objects are well attached.  
- Thicker plywood boards will not bend or break in heavy winds. Invest in thicker plywood.
Rah! Rally
Friday, October 23, 2015, 8:00PM
Lloyd Noble Center
Pep Rally Chair: Nick Marr, nickmarr@ou.edu

Deadlines & Important Dates
- September 25, 2015 5:00 PM: Deadline to turn in Student ID numbers of Rah! Rally participants via zip drive to the Rah Rally Co-Chairs. Deadline to turn in waivers for Rah! Rally Participants. Failure to do so will result in deduction of points.
- October 3, 2015- 5:00 PM: Deadlines to turn in the music. Music must be turned in CD format in the box in Student Life, OMU Suite 370. Provided for the music, so please clearly label the disc. It is your responsibility to ensure that the CD is functioning.
- October 22-23, 2015- Rah! Rally walk through. Times will differ according to group.

General Information
- The purpose of the Rah! Rally is to demonstrate school spirit and to celebrate OU tradition.
- Each participant must fill out a waiver to participate in a performance.
- All competing teams will participate in the Rah! Rally, should they desire. No tryouts will be held.
- Try to incorporate your theme into your dance and music.
- See “important dates” section for more information.
- Tumbling is permissible, as well as flipping while tumbling. For instance, a round-off back hand spring or round-off back tuck is permissible.
- Keep in mind that we are now in Lloyd Noble and the crowd will be on all sides, so, be thoughtful of that when putting together choreography.
- Your float will need to be brought to Lloyd noble Center (time will be determined at a later date).
- Please make sure the Music Selection is appropriate for all ages. Questionable lyrics will not be allowed.

Requirements
- Performance is 2:00 minutes. There is a 10-second grace period.
- Each group is given 15 seconds to enter the stage area and 15 seconds to exit.
- Group must provide their own music which must be edited and ready for the Rah Rally when it is submitted. No changes may be made to the music after submission.
- Group name and contact information must be included on the music.
- Teams may have a minimum of 36 performers and a maximum of 60 performers.

Deductions
- Performance exceeds the two minutes and the 10-second grace period. Five points will be deducted for every second over. Example: 1:50 would result in a loss of 25 points.
- Performers found wearing black-soled shoes or shoes that will scuff/damage the floor. Five points will be deducted for each performer found wearing black-soled or scuffing shoes during the walk-through or the actual Rah Rally.
- Check with Homecoming Exec in advance to approve shoes if there are any doubts or questions.
- Props are larger than one person can carry in one hand (props must be able to be hand-held by one person). Props must be approved by the Rah Rally Co-Chairs in advance of the walk-through. 15 points will be deducted for oversized prop.
- Props are left on the floor: Each prop left will result in a five-point loss.
- Glitter or sequins are on costumes (they can potentially fall onto the floor). 15 points will be deducted for glitter or sequins.
- Group is outside of member number requirements without prior approval.
- Group takes longer than allotted time to enter/exit stage area.
- Group signs display offensive or inappropriate messages/language. Point deduction will be at the discretion of the Chair, Vice Chair of Communication, and CAC Advisor.
- Waivers not submitted at the deadline will result in 10-point deduction.

Disqualifications
- Group violates stunting rule:
  - Flyer may not leave the hands of the bases at any time (no cradling/basket tosses).
  - Base may not extend flyer past his or her own head if the flyer is standing with one foot. A base may extend flyer fully if the base has grasp of the flyer’s feet,
  - Bases must always hold onto flyer with both hands.
  - No scorpions.
  - Flips while stunting are never allowed.
  - Standing flips are never allowed, including, but not limited to, standing fulls, standing back tucks, etc. No assisted flips.
  - If you have questions on stunting, tumbling, or flips please contact one of the chairs.
  - Caution- please be cautious in your stunting choices: the Chair will not be lenient in stunting that violates rules. You will be disqualified on the spot.
Rah! Rally, Cont.

Disqualifications

- Group does not participate in the walk-through.
  - Walk through will be on October 22-23, 2015.
  - Each group will be given 10 minutes to run through their dance including entering and exiting time.
- Members who are participating in University Sing may not participate in the Rah! Rally performance.
  - You will be required to submit all Student ID numbers for cross reference via email.
  - If your group is found to violate this rule during the walk through, you will be given a warning and a 10-point deduction.
  - After the walk through, any New Members found in the Rah Rally performance will result in disqualification for the group.
- Group displays demeaning, disrespectful, or aggressive behavior toward the Chair, Vice Chairs, Executive Committee, Advisors, or Student Life staff. Your group will be disqualified and security personnel will remove the offenders from the Rah! Rally.
- No flips of any kind allowed.

Ideas for Supplies

- Blank CD’s may be purchased at Wal-Mart, Target, Radio Shack, CVS Pharmacy, and Walgreens.
- Craft materials for signs may include, but are not limited to, poster-board, markers, paint, construction paper, glue, wooden dowels, etc. Most supplies may be purchased at Wal-Mart or Target.

Rah! Rally, Cont.

Tips

- Be early to scheduled times.
- Bring an extra “emergency” CD to the walk-through and to the Rah Rally.
- Don’t focus on the competition and how other groups are doing- this is about your organization and your groups’ love for OU.
- Group costumes may be as simple as jeans and a t-shirt. However, some level of uniformity is required. There are no restrictions as to how elaborate the costumes may be, with the exception of glitter and sequins.
- Please remember that the Rah! Rally is a family-oriented event. Therefore, please keep all music, choreography, and costumes tasteful.

The Date of the Rah! Rally

Friday October 23, 2015- Rah Rally at Lloyd Noble Center at 8:00 PM. Each group will be assigned a different time to enter the facility due to limited entrances and a large volume of people. It is your responsibility to organize your group ahead of time to be at the facility early so that you are ready to enter at your assigned time. Your group will be assigned a section and will be expected to stay within that section. If you are not on time to your assigned entrance time, your group will wait until all other groups are seated, then you will be allowed to enter. Although all groups are assigned a section, seats can only be reserved for a limited time; get there early.
Parade Competition
Saturday, October 24, 2015, Four Hours Before Kickoff
Elm Avenue
Parade Chair: Tony Cappabianco, tonycappa@ou.edu

Requirements
• Trailers criteria:
  • Length: A maximum of 22 feet, bed space only (not the vehicle, the trailer hitch, a trailer attachment apparatus, etc.)
  • Width: 83 inches or 6.91 feet, bed space only. Wheels may extend a reasonable distance past the allotted width. Unused space counts toward dimensions.
  • Height: 11 feet, 6 inches from the ground.
  • Any undecorated space must be accounted for when determining dimensions guidelines.

Safety Requirements
• One portable fire extinguisher must be on the float.
• Any persons riding in or under the float must have a seating apparatus or a brace securely attached to the vehicle.
• Floats constructed on or around a motor vehicle must have a proper exhaust pipe extension and screen to prevent accumulation of carbon monoxide and/or other toxic fumes below the float.
• Costumes made of flimsy material or gauze-type material must be flame proof in accordance with the fire marshal ahead when he checks the floats.
• No smoking in, on, or around the float at any time.
• All wiring, lighting, and/or other electrical equipment must be approved for outdoors in accordance with the fire marshal.
• Lights must be securely fastened on to the float to prevent accidental damage or loosening of the fixtures.
• All floats that are remotely combustible must be flame proof in accordance with the Flameproof Solutions Guide.
• If any type of sculpture is added onto the float, make sure it is securely fastened and that all materials are flame proof.

Important Dates
• October 22, 2015: Parade float inspection, 11:00 PM all floats must be complete.
• October (TBA): Bring floats to Lloyd Noble Center.
• October 23-24, 2015: last minute float touch ups.
• September 25, 2015:
  • Parade entry form due.
  • A sketch and a list of materials being used in your float due.
  • Waivers for Parade Participants due (each performer has a waiver).
  • All waivers will need to be organized alphabetically.

General Information
• To participate in the parade competition, you may either create a banner or a float to correspond with your individual theme.
• Floats will arrive as early as 4 hour prior to kickoff. Each group will have a specified line-up time as determined by pick-order.
• You may begin working on your float as soon as you would like, but it must be completed by October 22, 2015 at 10:59 PM.

Requirements
• Floats must include the following:
  • “The University of Oklahoma”.
  • “Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015”.
  • Organization Name(s).
  • Group theme.
• Each float must have an 8 X 3 float banner, which will be carried by your members in front of your float. It should include the following:
  • “The University of Oklahoma Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015”.
  • Organization Name(s).
  • Overall Homecoming theme and group sub theme.
• Nominate one alumni from your respected organizations to be honored during the parade that will be able to walk or ride with your organizations.
Parade Competition, Cont.

Deductions
- Members found working on Homecoming-related activities, including float construction or cleaning up, after 10:59 PM any time will result in deduction of initial 15 points, plus an additional 5 points per person.
- Float does not address one of the message requirements.
- Float is not finished at line-up.
- Float is late to line-up.
- Trailer is larger than the allotted dimensions.
- Members throw candy in the street from the float. (This is dangerous for small children.) Only walking members may throw candy to the children.
- No member is present when Exec Member and Fire Marshall arrive to inspect float on the Friday before the parade.

Disqualifications
- Parade participants do not submit waivers by deadline. September 25, 2015.
- Float does not meet Fire Marshall’s standards.
- Float is inappropriate or offensive.

Tips
- Each group should complete as much float construction as possible prior to Homecoming week.
- There are no restrictions on when each group can begin float construction.
- Float base is normally a flatbed trailer, with length smaller than or equal to 22 feet, excluding the attached vehicle.
- Banners or other forms of skirts may be used to cover the sides of the float in place of pomp. Banners may be made of sheets, fabric, or any other material as long as materials comply with guidelines set forth in the Flame Proofing Solutions Guide.
- Please contact Homecoming Staff when the frame of your float is complete so the fire Marshall can come by to check it.
- No extra points will be awarded according to where you disperse or donate your items.
- Please contact Homecoming Exec when your float frame is complete so we can send the Fire Marshall out to approve it.
- Structures can be built out of any materials as long as they are flame resistant and approved by Homecoming Staff.

Flame Proofing Solutions Guide
Please read all of the following regulations very carefully. If the Fire Marshall does not approve of your float, you will not participate in the parade and you will be disqualified.

Friday, October 23, 2015
The Fire Marshall will conduct checks for each float. This date is subject to change based on the Fire Marshall availability. A member of your organization must be present when the Fire Marshall and Parade Chair are conducting inspections.

Saturday, October 24, 2015
The final approval from the Fire Marshall before the parade.

Fire and Safety Regulations for Floats

Size – By Oklahoma Law (47 OS – 14 – 103), floats on single vehicles may not exceed forty-five feet in length, thirteen and one half feet in height, and eight and one half feet width. The combination of a towing vehicle plus a float may not exceed sixty-five feet in length and is subject to the same width and height restrictions.

Combustibility of Decorating Materials – Decorative materials shall be non-combustible or flame proofed in accordance with the information presented in the subsection, Flame Proofing Solutions.

Smoking – No smoking restrictions shall be observed in the vicinity of outdoor decorations during the periods of their construction, use, and demolition.

Electrical Safety – All wiring, controls, lights, appliances, or other electrical equipment used as a part of or in conjunction with decorations shall be type approved for outdoor use, installed in an approved manner, and of sufficient capacity to accommodate the electrical load imposed. There shall be no open slices, frayed wiring, cracked insulated, defective equipment, or other indications of weakness permitted in wiring. All exposed light bulbs, spotlights, and floodlights shall be guarded. No light sources shall be permitted to be in contact with any surface and such devices shall be securely anchored in place to prevent accidental upsetting if struck and so positioned the heat from the device will not create hazard.

Use of Open Flames – Open flames are prohibited.
Flame Proofing Solutions

Flame proofing, when properly done, will retard or prevent the spread of fire over otherwise combustible material, thereby providing a reasonable level of protection against the hazards of rapid propagation of fire in an unoccupied area. The chemical solutions explained below may be used to “flame proof” the indicated materials; their proper application will make the materials to which they are applied fire resistant, but will not prevent the material from charring or being destroyed by fire.

Vegetable Material
- Such as leaves, grass, or Spanish moss
- Must be fresh for flame proofing to work; dried material will absorb.

Substance | Amount
---|---
Fertilizer grade ammonium sulfate | One Pound
Water | One Gallon

Directions – Dissolve the chemical in the water in the prescribed ration. Apply by soaking, dripping, or spraying (when spraying material should be wet but not soaked). To test, after thorough drying, hold a lighted match one-half inch from a small sample of material for a minimum of fifteen seconds. If the flame does not travel over the surface or the material and goes out when the heat is removed from the material; it can be considered reasonably safe.

Paper Goods

Substance | Amount
---|---
Boric Acid | Four ounces
Borax | Four ounces
Fertilizer grade ammonium sulfate | Twelve Ounces
Warm Water | One Gallon

Directions – Dissolve the chemicals in the water in the prescribed ratio. Apply by dipping or spraying (as above). Test for effectiveness as explained above.
## Flame Proof Solutions Guide, Cont.

### Washable Fabrics

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**Directions** – Dissolve the chemicals in the water in the prescribed ratio. Apply by soaking. Air-dry the material, using a horizontal drying area if possible. Do not dry in gas or electric clothes dryer, as this may cause discoloration of the fabric. Application may be done at the same time as starching. New fabric must be washed before flame proofing treatment to remove sizing. Test for effectiveness as explained above.

**Caution** – This treatment must be repeated after each washing. Solution will wash out.

### Sources for Flame Proofing Supplies

- Borax and Boric acid are available at grocery and variety discount stores. Ammonium sulfate is available at some garden supply outlets.
- A commercial preparation called Water glass may be purchased for use in flame proofing cardboard, paper and muslin. This is applied in light coats with a brush, and dries to a hard glossy finish. It may cause stiffening of the materials when dry.
- UL-listed latex based fire-redundant paints are available and can be obtained locally in popular colors. These can be used to protect wood, cardboard, and other similar materials effectively. CAUTION: Fire retardant paints must be applied in strict accordance with manufacturer's instructions; special attention must be paid to coverage rates. Flammable paints may not be used.
- Commercially prepared flame proofing solutions for canvas wood, paper, and similar needs can be obtained from firms in Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. Needs for paints and commercial solutions should be anticipated well in advance of intended use as the materials may have to be ordered.

Additional information may be obtained from the University Fire Marshall.

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Points may be deducted for any reason stated in the Rep Book, at the discretion of the Homecoming Advisor, Event Advisor, and Homecoming Chair.

Remember, absolutely NO ALCOHOL during any Homecoming event. Violation of this policy will result in an automatic disqualification from the Homecoming event.
**Banner Competition**

**Group(s)/Theme:**

**Requirements:**
- The banners must include all of the following:
  - The University of Oklahoma
  - Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015
  - Organization Name(s)
  - Message Welcoming Alumni
  - Group Theme

**Interpretation of Theme**
Displays the group’s theme in an appropriate manner. /35

**Creativity**
Effective use of aesthetically appealing color/s and designs. /30

**Professionalism**
Clear and easy to read.
No inappropriate use of symbols, languages, or images. /35

**Deductions:**

- Judges Initials:  
Point Total: __________/100

**Types of Deductions:**
- Any banner with inappropriate messages will be disqualified
- Any banner turned in late will receive a 1-point deduction for every 1-minute they are late. After 10 minutes the group will be disqualified.
- 5 points from groups who do not bring the 15 feet of nylon rope
- 5 points for each missing required message indicated above
- 5 points for groups that use three dimensional elements
- 5 points for groups who do not place grommets on the corners of the banner.
- Disclaimer: Any additional point deductions are at the discretion of the judges, Student Life Advisors, and the Vice Chair for Points and Organization.

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**Parade/Float**

**Group(s)/Theme:**

**Requirements:**
- Each float must include all of the following:
  - The University of Oklahoma
  - Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015
  - Organization Name(s)
  - Group Theme

**Interpretation of Theme**
Displays the group’s theme in an appropriate manner. /35

**Creativity**
Effective use of aesthetically appealing colors and designs with creative touches such as movement, specific effects, unique structures, etc... /30

**Professionalism**
Clear and easy to read.
No inappropriate use of symbols, languages, or images. /35

**Deductions:**

- Judges Initials:  
Point Total: __________/100

**Types of Deductions:**
- Any group that throws candy from the float (not handed by walkers) will be disqualified
- Any group that does not meet the regulations set by the fire marshal will be disqualified
- 5 points for every minute the float is late to line up
- 5 points for each missing required message indicated above
- 15 points for pomping/working after hours, plus an additional 5 points for each person
- Disqualification for floats that exceed dimension qualifications
- Disclaimer: Any additional point deductions are at the discretion of the judges, Student Life Advisors, and the Vice Chair for Points and Organization.
Rah Rally Competition
Group(s)/Theme:

Requirements:
Dance not to exceed 2 minutes.
Cheer must include the following:
- Group Theme
- Reference to OU
- Overall Theme
- Face all sides of the audience

Interpretation of Theme
Displays the group’s theme in an appropriate manner. ________/35

Creativity
Effective use of dance & costume to make a unique and entertaining dance. ________/30

Professionalism
Cheer is loud and clear
Group is orderly and similarly dressed to their theme
Choreography is clean
Crowd signs are appropriate ________/35

Deductions:

Judge’s Initials: Point Total: _________ /100

Types of Deductions:
- 5 points for every second over 2 minutes and the grace period of 10 seconds
- 10 points for cheers that do not meet specifications written above
- 15 points for groups that do not have signs
- 15 points for each late sign-up
- 20 points for groups that do not have a representative attend the walk through
- 20 points for groups that are over or under amount of specified participants without prior approval from Homecoming Executive Staff
- 5 points per performer for shoes or costumes that do not meet guidelines
- Disqualification for groups that do not abide by stunt guidelines

Disclaimer: Any additional point deductions are at the discretion of the judges, Student Life Advisors, and the Vice Chair for Points and Organization.

Sidewalk Chalk Competition
Group(s)/Theme:

Requirements:
The chalking must include all of the following:
- The University of Oklahoma
- Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015
- Organization Name(s)
- Group Theme
- OU vs. Texas Tech
- Include football image & Catchphrase

Interpretation of Theme
Displays the group’s theme in an appropriate manner. ________/35

Creativity
Effective use of aesthetically appealing colors and designs. ________/30

Professionalism
Clear and easy to read.
No inappropriate use of symbols, languages, or images. ________/35

Deductions:

Judges Initials: Point Total: _________ /100

Types of Deductions:
- Any group that uses non-pastel chalk will be disqualified
- Any chalking with inappropriate messages will be disqualified
- 5 points per minute that groups work past the allotted time
- 5 points for each missing required message indicated above
- 10 point deduction for groups that go outside space limitations
- Disclaimer: Any additional point deductions are at the discretion of the judges, Student Life Advisors, and the Vice Chair for Points and Organization.
South Oval Board Competition
Group(s)/Theme:

Requirements:
The boards must include all of the following:
● The University of Oklahoma
● Homecoming: Reunion Weekend 2015
● Organization Name(s)
● Group Theme

Interpretation of Theme
Displays the group’s theme in an appropriate manner.

Creativity
Effective use of aesthetically appealing colors and designs.

Professionalism
Clear and easy to read.
No inappropriate use of symbols, languages, or images.
No debris from sculptures

Deductions:
Judges Initials:                                                                       Point Total:          /100
Types of Deductions:
● Any board that does not meet size specifications will be disqualified
● Any board with illegal substances or alcohol will be disqualified
● Any board turned in late will receive a 1-point deduction for every 1-minute they are late. After 10 minutes the group will be disqualified.
● 5 points per object will be deducted from groups with three-dimensional objects protruding more than 5 inches from board.
● 5 points for each missing required message indicated above
● 10 point deduction for failure to pick-up the board at the correct time.
● Disclaimer: Any additional point deductions are at the discretion of the judges, Student Life Advisors, and the Vice Chair for Points and Organization.
Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I contact about getting involved with homecoming?
Freshman or people that live on campus, contact:
Housing Liaison: David Martin martind@ou.edu
Organizations with approx. 100+ members, contact:
Large Group Liaison: Carter Cloud catherine.c.cloud-1@ou.edu
Organizations under 100 members, contact:
Small Group Liaison: Justin Armer, justinarmer@ou.edu

Who decides the winners of Homecoming?
Judges are nominated based on a faculty or staff member's passion and involvement at OU. Judges range from advisors to professors to athletic staff. Judges usually do not have Greek affiliation, and they are approved by Student Life. Our judicial liaison escorts and educates the judges before each event. The criteria for each event is listed below. Judicial Liaison: Sarah Barkyoumb sarah.barkyoumb@ou.edu

Is every event competitive?
NO! Any one can contribute to homecoming activities and decorations, but in order to win, they must abide by the guidelines to be judged.

How can organizations raise money for Homecoming?
Campus Activities Council recognizes there are many costs associated with Homecoming participation, and we certainly understand your concerns. We have tried our best to address these concerns by decreasing the amount of competitive activities and shortening the length of the float. We encourage all groups to be financially responsible. It may work to the advantage of each group to collect in-kind donations or use recyclable materials to compensate for Homecoming costs.

Where does Homecoming get its money?
Campus Activities Council allots $4,000 to Homecoming Each Year. Other funds for Homecoming are raised through local businesses and sponsors. At times, offices on campus will donate money to assist in booking event centers. Benefit nights in the spring at restaurants are a great contribution as well.

Who decides royalty? What is royalty?
Royalty is decided facilitated by the Leadership and Volunteerism Office and a committee unrelated to CAC or Homecoming Executive Committee. The royalty attendants are chosen based on their academic excellence, leadership, extracurricular involvement and campus pursuits. These seniors are recognized at the halftime of the football game, ride in the parade, and are specially featured throughout the week. The king and queen are chosen by a student body vote.

General Candidate Information:
- Candidates must be nominated by a registered student organization.
- Applicants must have a 3.0 or above cumulative grade point average.
- Applicants must be enrolled at the University of Oklahoma as a fourth of fifth year undergraduate senior.
- Applicants must be a full-time student, enrolled in 12 credit hours at the University of Oklahoma.
- Prior Royalty Court members may not be nominated.
- Applicants must complete and submit 7 copies of the official Homecoming Royalty Application with the appropriate transcripts, essays, and other materials by the deadline listed above.
- All organizations may make nominations for a King and Queen. The organization is solely responsible for notifying the candidate of his or her nomination.
- Organizations affiliated with both males and females may nominate a candidate of each gender.

How else can I get involved?
Volunteering is a great way to be involved! You get front row seats to the Rah! Rally & side line passes to the parade. Contact:
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