ALL CAMPUS EVENTS

PRESENTS

THE 2015 HOMECOMING COMPETITION

Residence Halls Rules Packet

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### HOMECOMING COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Note: Meetings are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of All Campus Events. Reasonably timed notifications will be sent regarding any changes to this schedule.

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| Tuesday, October 6 | Preliminary/Interest Meeting  
- Rules Packet Review                                                 | 6:30 p.m.    | HSS 51                        |
| Tuesday, October 13| Mandatory Meeting  
- REGISTRATION DUE BY 6:30 p.m., Draw for Order                      | 6:30 p.m.    | HSS 51                        |
| Tuesday, October 20| Mandatory Meeting  
- Entry fees, display sketch, and banner sketch due  
- Work may begin once all fees and forms have been submitted.         | 6:30 p.m.    | HSS 51                        |
| Tuesday, November 3| Mandatory Meeting  
- Final questions, liability forms due                                | 6:30 p.m.    | HSS 51                        |
| Sunday, November 8 | Homecoming Begins!  
Chalk Ped Walk                                                           | 12:00 a.m.   | Pedestrian Walkway            |
|                    | Anything Goes                                                      | 1-3 p.m.     | TRECS Fields                  |
|                    | Smokey’s Howl 1st Round Tryouts                                     | 3:30-5:30 p.m.| HPER                          |
| Monday, November 9 | Homecoming Kickoff  
Tower of Cans                                                              | Noon-2 p.m.  | Pedestrian Walkway            |
|                    | Bed Races                                                            | 4-6 p.m.     | Sutherland Fields Rain: Bubble|
| Tuesday, November 10| Banners due  
- Final measurements taken                                            | 11:30 a.m.   | Neyland Stadium Gate 21       |
|                    | Banner Drop                                                          | 12:30 p.m.   | Neyland Stadium               |
|                    | 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament                                         | 5-10 p.m.    | Bubble                        |
| Wednesday, November 11| Bed Races Rain Date                                                  | 4-6 p.m.     | Sutherland Fields             |
| Thursday, November 12| Lawn/Lobby/Window Display Judging                                   | 4:30-6:30 p.m.| Campus                       |
|                    | Smokey’s Howl 2nd Round Tryouts                                      | 5:30 p.m.    | Brehm Arena                   |
|                    | Parade Float Walk-through                                            | 8 p.m.       | Various                       |
| Friday, November 13| Parade Floats due                                                    | 2 p.m.       | Fiji Island                   |
|                    | Parade                                                               | 4 p.m.       | Todd Helton Dr.               |
|                    | Smokey’s Howl Finals                                                 |              | Various                       |
| Saturday, November 14| Trophies Presentation                                                |              | Thompson-Boling Arena         |
| Sunday, November 15 | Banner Pick-up                                                       | 3-5 p.m.     | Neyland Stadium Gate 21       |
| Tuesday, November 17| Mandatory Wrap-up Meeting  
Representative must attend and submit evaluation to receive deposit back | 6:30 p.m.    | HSS 51                        |

*Please refer to the Events page on the Homecoming website for the most up-to-date schedule of events.
GENERAL RULES

I. Theme
   a. The 2015 theme is “Mean Green Meets Rocky Top: Let the Games Begin”. The meaning is open to interpretation, but all decorations must follow this theme.

II. Glossary of Terms
   a. ACE: Stands for All Campus Events. ACE is the independent student organization that plans the Homecoming competition events, as well as Carnicus and All-Sing in the spring. ACE is self-sustaining and receives no funding from UTK to host the Homecoming Competition.
   b. Representative: These are the team representatives who will attend meetings on behalf of their team and lead their team during events, with duties such as collecting student IDs and notifying their team of any rules packet changes.
   c. Divisions: This year, there will be three divisions for the Homecoming Competition: Large Team, Small Team, and Residence Hall. Large Teams consist of student organizations with 100 or more members, Small Teams consist of student organizations with 99 members or less, and Residence Halls is open to any type of hall association or student organization within University Housing.
   d. Judges: Judges are faculty, staff, and community volunteers invited to judge various Homecoming competition events. ACE members are not judges.
   e. Organization: A registered student organization. This organization must be currently registered on VOLink (utk.collegiatelink.net) to participate. (i.e. Sigma Sigma Sigma)
   f. Overall Competition: Points for all competition events will go toward trophy consideration. Teams may also choose to compete in any number of events without being considered for trophies.
   g. Teams: One or two registered student organizations competing alone or together in the competition (i.e. Sigma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Gamma Rho could make a team).

III. Fees
   a. Entrance Fees
      i. $90 per organization per team for trophy consideration, OR $40 per event and $10 per organization for Tower of Cans (plus $20 per organization per team if your team is participating in 3-on-3 Basketball). All entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Please make checks payable to All Campus Events. No cash will be accepted.
      ii. ACE will also hold onto a separate $50 refundable deposit check per organization. This check will be returned to the organization when requirements are met (competing in all events they are registered for, picking up banners and submitting an evaluation at the mandatory wrap-up meeting).

IV. SPIRIT OF THE RULES
   a. The Homecoming 2015 rules and regulations are intended to provide fair and uniform policies governing competitions. It is not possible to write individual rules governing every possible situation or circumstance. Therefore, the “Spirit of the Rules” shall grant the authority and responsibility for interpretation of the written rules, plans and regulations to ACE to fairly supervise and coordinate the judging of all competition events. ACE’s interpretation of the written rules and regulations shall be binding on the participant and the competition under their jurisdiction.

V. Teams
   a. One or two independent student organizations may enter the competition as a single team.
   b. To qualify for the Residence Halls division, all team members must be ACTIVE, currently enrolled, undergraduate or graduate students as members that live in that residence hall. Teams can be made up of hall associations, other Housing organizations, or be a group of students living in the hall competing together.
   c. If two organizations are teaming up, they will submit ONE registration form together as a team. Both organizations do not need to submit separate forms.
d. Each organization will need to provide its own registration fee check and deposit check.

e. All teams entering into any of the competition events must send a representative from each organization to every mandatory meeting. Representatives must sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Points will be deducted from a team’s final score for a missed meeting.

f. All teams entering into any event must be registered by the deadline, submit payment on time, and submit liability forms where required. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

g. Organizations participating in any of the competition events must be fully registered on VOLink and in good standing with the university, as well as the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life if applicable. Organizations on social probation by the registration deadline and/or during Homecoming Week will not be eligible to participate in Homecoming. Should the organization’s status change from Good Standing to Social Probation between the registration deadline and the beginning of Homecoming Week, ACE will return their registration fee check, but the organization’s deposit check will be forfeited.

h. Each team may only enter one division.

i. All team members must be currently registered students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a valid student ID. Student IDs will be required for check-in at most, if not all, competition events. It is the student’s responsibility to replace a lost or stolen ID prior to competing.

j. Teams must submit a full roster with their registration form. The proper format is: Excel workbook, Title: “Organization1_Organization2 Homecoming Roster”, Column A: Last Name, Column B: First Name, Column C: Email Address.

   i. Changes may be made to the team roster until the November 3rd meeting. Any changes after this date will result in a 5 point penalty.

   ii. If a member is not listed on the team roster, he/she will not be permitted to compete in any events for that team.

VI. Liability Forms/ Student IDs

a. **The liability form is attached at the end of this rules packet.** This form is required for Bed Races, Smokey’s Howl, 3-on-3 Basketball, and Anything Goes. Each team member participating in any one of these events must submit their signed form by the November 3rd deadline. Please check all necessary boxes at the bottom of the page and sign. ACE recommends having forms for all team members, just in case. Liability forms must be submitted in alphabetical order. Any team caught forging signatures on liability forms will be disqualified from that event and referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. If a team turns in their liability forms late, it will be a 5 point penalty. Signatures not in alphabetical order are 2 points off if they number the signatures properly. (enacted 11/3/15)

b. All participants must also have their student IDs with them at all tryouts and final performances. The team’s representative is responsible for collecting student IDs and putting them in alphabetical order to be presented to ACE for check-in.

VII. Overall Competition

a. To be eligible for the Overall Competition, a team must enter the 3 events on the list below:

   i. Anything Goes
   ii. Tower of Cans
   iii. Window Display

b. Additional **optional** events for bonus points:

   i. Banner Display (Large or Small)
   ii. Smokey’s Howl
   iii. Bed Races
   iv. Parade Float (Large or Small)
   v. 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
   vi. Chalk Ped Walk

c. Teams are welcome and encouraged to participate in more than the 3 main events.

d. A team may participate in any single event without competing for a trophy for $40 per event.
e. The Madge Harrison Trophy will be presented to the team that accumulates the highest number of overall points. Overall points are awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each event. Trophies will also be awarded to 1st place winners for each event.

f. Points are awarded for the Overall Competition to all participating teams in all events in descending order. If a team is not participating in the Overall Competition and earns points in an event, the Overall Competition points for that place will trickle down to the next highest placing team participating in the Overall Competition.

g. Two representatives from each team will be invited to the field at halftime of the football game. Representatives must be sober and acquire their own ticket. An ACE representative will notify representatives of when and where they need to meet prior to halftime. If a representative appears intoxicated, he/she will not be permitted to enter the field and will potentially be referred to UTPD.

h. Below is a visual chart to see how points will be allocated to all teams based on the event and their place in the results:

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i. In the event of a tie in any individual event, the following rules will apply:

   i. A tie for 1st place will result in each of the teams receiving ½ of the combined score for 1st and 2nd (i.e. 52.5 points for Small Banner). There will be no points awarded for 2nd place, but the 3rd place finisher would be awarded points normally.

   ii. A tie for 2nd place will result in each of the teams receiving ½ of the combined points for 2nd and 3rd place, and a tie for 3rd place would result in each team receiving ½ of the combined points for 3rd and 4th, etc.

j. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR THE FIRST PLACE IN THE OVERALL COMPETITION, THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE HALF OF THE COMBINED POINTS FOR 1st and 2nd (i.e. 97.5 points). There would be no points for 2nd place, but the 3rd place finisher would be awarded points normally.

VIII. Meetings

a. All meetings beginning with the October 13th are mandatory for representatives or their designees.
b. If a team is made up of two organizations, a representative from each organization must be present. Failure to provide representation at any mandatory meeting will result in 5 penalty points being assessed to the entire team per missed meeting.
c. Failure to have an organization representative present at the mandatory wrap-up meeting will result in that organization not receiving their $50 deposit back.

IX. Sketches
a. Some events will require sketches to be turned in prior to the event. ACE reserves the right to require edits due to inappropriate content (obscenity, derogatory expressions, etc.)
b. All sketches are due by the October 20th meeting, but they can be turned in early.

X. University Rules
a. In addition to all rules put forth by ACE, all Homecoming activities are subject to federal, state, local, and University regulations. All participants are responsible for any damage or harm caused to person or place during Homecoming events and preparation.
b. Any student, organization, or team caught cheating or in violation of a university policy will be disqualified from the competition and referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. In extreme cases, UTPD will get involved as well.

XI. General
a. ACE will randomly draw for order at the meeting on October 13th. This will be the order of performance for the entire week, including the parade and Smokey’s Howl.
b. Once all forms and fees are submitted, work may begin.
c. Homecoming Week officially starts at midnight on Sunday, November 8th.
d. Absolutely no alcohol or drugs are permitted during any of the Homecoming competition events. If a team is found with these in their possession, they will be disqualified from the competition and referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

XII. Amendments
a. ACE reserves the right to amend all rules and regulations, provided that said revisions are announced with prior consideration given to timing.
b. Amendments will be noted in red in the rules packet and posted on the Homecoming website. Changes may be made up until November 6th. It is the teams’ responsibility to ensure that they have the most up-to-date version. Major changes and any necessary scheduling changes throughout the week will also be emailed to team representatives.

XIII. Authority, Judging, and Appeals
a. All Campus Events members DO NOT serve as judges for any events they host. All judges are faculty, staff, and community members invited to volunteer. Judges’ scores are final and cannot be appealed.
b. If a team chooses to question the ruling in an event, they must first consult the event coordinator. The event coordinator will consult with the Homecoming Co-Chairs and make a decision. The ACE Director’s Chair and Advisor will only get involved if a rule violation is in question. The decisions made by ACE leadership are final.
c. If a team believes they have been judged unfairly or another organization has violated a rule, an appeal must be filed within 24 hours of said infraction and prior to the trophy presentation on Saturday, November 14th. To file an appeal, a team must submit a written statement to ace@utk.edu. Teams must file the appeal immediately following the incident. Appeals will only be accepted up until 3 hours before kickoff. In extreme cases, appeals may be accepted after the trophy presentation at the discretion of the ACE Directors’ Chair or Advisor.
d. All decisions on appeals made by ACE are final.
e. Teams can request copies of their judges’ forms from each event at the Wrap-up meeting.

XIV. ACE Cup
a. The Homecoming Competition is the first in a series of three events sponsored by All Campus Events. Organizations participating in these events are in the running for the ACE Cup that is awarded at the end
of the school year to the organization with the highest number of points accumulated from all three events. The ACE Cup will be awarded at Volapalooza on Friday, April 29, 2016.

i. If two organizations compete together in Homecoming, they will receive the same number of points towards the ACE Cup.

ii. Organizations must compete in Homecoming, Carnicus, and All-Sing to be considered for the ACE Cup.

iii. Points for the ACE Cup are awarded in descending order based on overall placement in Homecoming, with a maximum 100 points for 1st place overall. For both Carnicus and All-Sing, the judges’ scores are averaged together to determine the points from that event that will go towards the ACE Cup. For example, if your judges’ scores for All-Sing are 80, 85, and 92, your average score is 85.67. That is the number of points you will get for All-Sing in the ACE Cup competition. For questions regarding the ACE Cup, please contact ace@utk.edu.

XV. Future Homecoming Competitions

a. IMPORTANT NOTE: Beginning with the 2016 Homecoming Competition, the same two student organizations must wait four school years to pair up with each other again. For example, if Sigma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Gamma Rho pair up in 2016, they may not pair up again until 2020.

b. In honor of the 100th anniversary of UTK’s Homecoming in 2016, the organization pairings will potentially be a little different. Please refrain from asking another organization to partner up until further instructions are given.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES

XVI. Anything Goes

Coordinators: Lesley Schiffman and Mary Claire Culpepper

Anything Goes is a relay race held at the TRECS Fields. For this event, anything goes (hence the name)! You will not learn which activities you will be competing in until you arrive.

a. All teams will compete in the same activities.

b. Student IDs and liability forms are required for all team members competing. Failure to have forms submitted by the November 3rd deadline will disqualify your team from participating in this event.

c. Six (6) team members will compete. Co-ed teams must have the same number of male and female participants. Teams that violate this rule will incur a 30 second time deduction.

d. Teams will be disqualified for any form of unsportsmanlike conduct.

e. Each team will have the opportunity to run the course twice, should they choose to do so. If a team chooses to run a second time, the better of the two times will be used to calculate the team’s placement. You will not see your scores or times, so this decision will be up to your team.

f. Teams should not leave until the Anything Goes Event Coordinator has released them.

XVII. Lobby Display

Coordinators: Sydney Stewart and Azaria McConsey

This year, the display contest has been split into three categories: Lawn, Lobby, and Window. Large Teams will compete in Lawn, Small Teams in Window, and Residence Halls in Lobby.

a. All materials used in the construction of lobby decorations must be non-flammable.

b. All decorations must be within the lobby area.

c. Teams will be responsible for obtaining the use of lobby space.

d. Prohibited items: electrical, gas driven, or any other type of mechanically powered parts, lights, people, or animals.

e. Lobby displays must be free standing. This means that they may not be tied to permanent structures. No rope or string may be seen around the structure. However, structures may be anchored to the floor.
f. A proposed sketch must be turned in to ACE at the meeting on October 20th or on the online registration form. ACE reserves the right to require edits to the sketch based on inappropriate content.
   i. Changes may be accepted at ACE’s discretion until November 6th.
   ii. Any significant changes to the overall theme or components of the design after initial submission will result in a 15 point penalty.

g. Teams assume full responsibility for any damage to the floor and are responsible for the cost of professional cleaning.

h. All pieces and parts of float and lobby displays must be properly disposed of in dumpsters provided on campus at the Steam Plant by the set deadline. Facilities Services will designate a specific timeframe where they will be available for free assistance with the disassembly (specific information will be provided at a later date to those registered). Any team that leaves pieces at other dumpsters or outside of dumpsters around campus will be subject to a fine. Facilities Services will send the organization a bill for the labor costs to remove the pieces. This could cost your organization up to $1,000, so don’t do it!

i. All work must cease at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th. One team member must remain with the display until the judges have finished with your location. No one may talk to the judges as they make their rounds. Judging will begin at 4:30 p.m.

j. Judging criteria:
   i. Adherence to theme 30%
   ii. Originality and creativity 30%
   iii. Display of school spirit 25%
   iv. Design and construction 15%

XVIII. Tower of Cans

Coordinators: Lexie Jankowski and Sydney Myers

Tower of Cans is a philanthropic event to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. Also, the $10 entry fees will be donated to the winner’s charity of choice.

a. Teams will be given a space of 16 square feet and a time of 10 minutes to create a Power T Tower out of cans.

b. The shape of the Power T will be outlined by ACE prior to the start of the team’s designated 10 minutes.

c. ACE will not provide the cans. It is the team’s responsibility to collect cans and have those all delivered to the site prior to their designated time. Once building starts, no more cans will be permitted to be delivered for your team. ACE cannot help you load in your cans.

d. Each team will be judged to see how high their Power T can be built in the allotted time and within the allotted dimensions. The cans must touch the entire outline of the power T and the level must be completely filled in before moving to the next level.

e. THE HIGHEST COMPLETELY FILLED IN LEVEL OF THE FULL POWER T TOWER WILL BE WHERE THE FINAL HEIGHT MEASUREMENT WILL BE TAKEN FROM.

f. Each team may have up to 8 people participating in this event. For co-ed teams, there must be an equal number of males and females participating. Failure to comply will result in a 6 inch deduction.

g. Check in 10 minutes before your assigned time. All participants must be present for check-in. A 6 inch penalty will be added for each person not present at check-in.

h. Teams will not be allowed to use outside props to help build the tower. The only way to build your tower high is with the people you bring. Get creative.

i. The cans must only be arranged in the Power T arrangement outlined by ACE. No other cans may be outside the arrangement supporting the tower in any way. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

j. Towers must be freestanding for 5 seconds before judging.

k. In the case that your tower collapses, teams will have the opportunity to continue building until the allotted time is completed.
1. YOU MUST STOP WORKING AS SOON AS THE TIME IS UP. Failure to comply will result in a 10 point penalty.

m. At the end of the allotted time, judges will come around and measure the height of the towers. Teams can ask to be measured before the allotted time is completed if desired.

n. Teams will not be notified of their score, so teams may leave as soon as they are finished.

o. Second Harvest will provide large containers following the event. However, it is the team’s responsibility to load their cans into these containers before they leave. If any cans are left unattended by a team not in the containers without prior approval from the ACE Tower of Cans Coordinators, this will result in a 20 point deduction. Please be courteous to the Second Harvest staff and make sure cans go where they belong.

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**Bonus Point Events**

In addition to the main 3 competition events, the following are additional OPTIONAL events teams may compete in for bonus points. These are not required and will only help teams earn more points toward the overall competition.

**XIX. Bed Races**

*Coordinators: Hunter Jones and Matthew Morris*

Bed Races are just as they sound. It is a race involving people pushing a bed toward the finish line. For an example, look up UT Arlington's Bed Races on YouTube.

a. A total of five (5) team members will be required for this event: one bed rider and four pushers.

b. Bed Specifications

i. Minimum bed size: 40”w x 75” l
   Maximum bed size: 90” w x 100” l (including push bars)

   Twin size beds are preferred.

ii. Minimum height: No parts may be less than 6” from the ground to the support frame.

iii. Wheels: Four 5” in diameter, 1 ¾” width, load-bearing wheels, no more and no less, and designed so that all wheels contact the ground. Wheels should be able to turn (castors, like a grocery cart).

   To find the correct wheels, visit the Competition page of the Homecoming website for the link to Lowes or visit [http://m.lowes.com/pd/Waxman-5-in-Rubber-Swivel-Caster/1170159](http://m.lowes.com/pd/Waxman-5-in-Rubber-Swivel-Caster/1170159)

   1. Failure to have the correct wheels will result in a 20 second penalty.

iv. Steering: Provisions must be made to steer the bed.

v. Mattress is required.

vi. No jagged or sharp edges allowed. Push bars may not exceed maximum dimension of the bed. (Pushers must be able to see the course in front of the bed when they are pushing.)

vii. All weight must be built into the permanent structure of the bed minus the person riding during the race.

viii. Each bed must be a gravity-powered, free rolling vehicle. No gas, electric, or motorized parts.

ix. Absolutely NO University Housing-owned beds or mattresses may be used. If a team is caught using one of these mattresses, they will be disqualified and referred to University Housing for further actions.

x. All beds must be decorated and participants must be in costume according to the Homecoming theme. There will be spirit points awarded for creativity.

xi. If the bed does not meet the measurement requirement, this will result in a 10 second penalty.

xii. Beds will be inspected before the race. If judges deem the bed unsafe for racing, this will result in automatic disqualification.
c. Other Specifications
   i. The participant in the bed must wear a DOT approved helmet during the race.
   ii. All participants must sign a liability form that is to be turned in during the meeting on November 3rd. Teams may have alternates, but those alternates must also have signed liability forms on file with ACE by the November 3rd deadline. Participants must also have student IDs. It is the team’s representative’s responsibility to collect the student IDs and put them in alphabetical order to give to ACE at check-in. Failure to provide liability forms and student IDs will result in disqualification.
   iii. Each team may only race once and must remain in its designated lane on the course at all times. If contact is made, you will be disqualified. If another team is affected during the contact, they will be allowed another attempt.
   iv. Mouth guard is suggested for bed rider, but not required.
   v. During the race, all participants must be holding onto the bed or frame at all times. Teams will be penalized 10 seconds if any member lets go, falls out of the bed, or is left behind during the race.
   vi. Co-ed teams must have 2 males and 2 females as pushers. Bed rider may be male or female.
   vii. All participants must wear closed-toe shoes or plastic molded cleats only.

d. Race Information
   i. This event will be judged and scored based on spirit and time.
   ii. All participating teams will finish their first heat. Then, based on the rankings of times, teams will be eliminated and the next heat will take place.
      1. No teams may leave until released by the event coordinator.
   iii. Race order and assigned lanes will be decided based on the random draw at the October 13th meeting.
   iv. The race will be about a 40 yard dash and there will be lanes designated for each bed.
   v. Race results will account for 65% of the overall score, and appearance and spirit will make up the other 35%. Judges will be looking for design and construction of the bed, adherence to theme, display of school spirit, and originality and creativity; plus the spirit and costumes of the participants.

XX. Large/Small Banner
   Coordinators: Olivia Howard and Gina Cianciolo
   a. Only non-flammable material is acceptable for the two dimensional banner and must be hung from the stadium supports in the manner specified by the UT Athletic Department. This includes all materials and paint.
   b. A proposed sketch must be submitted to ACE by the October 20th meeting.
      i. Changes may be accepted at ACE’s discretion until November 6th, 2015.
      ii. Major changes to the original theme/design after this date will result in a 15 point penalty.
   c. Measurements
      i. Large Banner must measure between 11’w x 10’h and 20’w x 20’h.
      ii. Small Banner must measure between 5’w x 5’h and 11’w x 9’h.
      iii. Measurements will be taken at the longest point on the banner.
      iv. Remember when you start on your banner that it will shrink when the paint dries.
      v. Teams will register for either the Large or Small categories. When final measurements are taken, if the banner ends up falling within the opposite category, it will be judged in that category instead. Additionally, teams will be allowed a 4” cushion in width and 4” cushion in height above or below the maximum Large size and minimum Small size. Banners that exceed this 4” cushion will be penalized 10 points.
   d. No weights are allowed on the banner.
   e. NO GLITTER OR ATTACHMENTS SHOULD BE USED ON BANNERS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR BANNER AND IT WILL NOT BE HUNG UP.
f. ACE will not provide hanging materials. You must supply your own rope and grommets to secure the banner. Do not use carabiners, as they are not stable.

g. Four members of your team must be present at the banner drop at Neyland Stadium to hang the banner. Teams will enter through Gate 21.

h. No time extensions will be given if banners are damaged in transit.

i. Facilities will take the banners down on Sunday and will have them available for your team to pick up between 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, November 15th. You may only pick up your team’s banner. If you do not pick up your banner during this time, you will forfeit your organizations’ $100 refundable deposits.

j. ACE is not responsible for lost or stolen banners.

k. Anyone working on the banners must be currently enrolled UTK students and members of the team being represented. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.

l. Banners will be judged on the following criteria:
   i. Adherence to theme 15%
   ii. Display of school spirit 15%
   iii. Originality and creativity 35%
   iv. Design 35%

XXI. Large/Small Floats

   Coordinators: Natalie North, Erin Peel, Jordy Smith

   Float building is a time-honored tradition at the University of Tennessee. Organizations decorate their float and participate in the Homecoming Parade in front of hundreds of UTK community members.

a. The parade route has changed slightly for 2015. Walking participants will line up in Fiji Island around the horseshoe, and floats will line up on Todd Helton Drive. The parade will start with walkers turning left out of Fiji Island, right onto UT Drive, right onto Andy Holt Drive, right onto Pat Head Summit St, right onto Volunteer Blvd, and returning to Fiji Island. The floats will follow once all the walkers have begun.

   i. The judging table has moved to the corner of Pat Head Summit and Volunteer Blvd in front of the Rock.

b. Floats must adhere to the Homecoming theme.

c. A proposed sketch must be turned in to ACE at the October 20th meeting or on the online registration form.

   i. Changes may be accepted at ACE’s discretion by November 6, 2015.
   ii. Any significant changes to the overall theme or components of the design after initial submission will result in a 15 point penalty.

d. Large floats cannot exceed 30’ l x 12’ w x 16’ h. Small floats cannot exceed 10’ l x 10’ w x 10’h.

   i. Height and width measurements will be taken from decoration to decoration. The float will be penalized 10 points for exceeding the dimensions up to 5 inches. If the float exceeds these restrictions by more than 6 inches, then it will be 20 points.
   ii. If whatever pulls your float is decorated, then it will be included in these dimensions. If a float turns or contains moving parts, it may not in any way exceed these dimensions.
   iii. Humans or animals may not pull floats.
   iv. All floats must pass fire safety regulations. You must use flame retardant materials and have a fire extinguisher on or near the float throughout the parade.

   v. No motors may be used to facilitate movement of parts on the float. No electrical, petroleum driven, or any other motorized apparatus may be used.
   vi. No projectiles may be launched outside the boundaries of the float or thrown from the float (i.e. no confetti cannons with confetti falling outside of the float). Projectiles can be used when it remains within the confines and boundaries of the float. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
vii. A maximum of 2 people may be on board the float to facilitate movement. These people may not be a part of the float’s outward construction or appearance. They are there strictly to provide movement of parts. During ACE walk-through, you must demonstrate the movements and how any movements will be accomplished. Any obstruction of this rule will result in disqualification.

viii. Members may walk behind the float, but not in front of or beside. Failure to comply will result in a 10 point penalty.

ix. No candy may be thrown during the parade. Team members may walk behind the float and hand candy to spectators, but it may not be thrown. Failure to comply will result in a 20 point penalty.

x. Parade line-up times will be tight this year, because we will be starting from Todd Helton Drive. Teams must bring their float to line-up at their designated time. Floats must be ready to be moved from their point of origin to their designated position in the parade line-up immediately. Tardiness will result in 15 penalty points for every 5 minutes it is late.

xi. No floats may be in front of any fraternity houses once pedestrian line-up has begun. All floats must either be moved behind the houses or to another location. No floats may sit on Todd Helton Drive until lineup starts. We have limited access to only one lane of the road.

xii. Floats must be completed on all 4 sides and will be judged on all 4 sides. If your float has a back wall, the float should face LEFT. Failure to complete the float or have it facing the wrong way will result in a 15 point penalty.

xiii. Framework and moving parts must be built and in place by Thursday at 8 p.m. for ACE to walk through. All work on the floats must be completed by 2 p.m. Friday. Additional adjustments made after this time will result in a 15 point penalty.

xiv. Floats are not permitted to change their location in the parade line-up unless approved by ACE.

xv. Floats are required to stop in front of the judges for at least 30 seconds. An ACE member will be stationed in front of the judges to give you the go-ahead to keep moving.

xvi. In order for a float to be eligible for an award, the float must complete the entire parade route.

xvii. Please do not leave your float unattended at any time during parade line-up. ACE is not responsible for any loss or damage to floats.

xviii. All pieces and parts of the float and lobby display must be properly disposed of in dumpsters provided on campus at the Steam Plant by the set deadline. Facilities Services will designate a specific timeframe where they will be available for free assistance with the disassembly (specific information will be provided at a later date to those registered). Any team that leaves pieces at other dumpsters or outside of dumpsters around campus will be subject to a fine. Facilities Services will send the organization a bill for the labor costs to remove the pieces. This could cost your organization up to $1,000, so don’t do it!

xix. If a team feels that they do not have the skills and ability to build a base/frame for their float, they may request permission from ACE by October 20th to enlist outside assistance in the base construction only. All pomping must be done by team members only. If ACE approves outside assistance, the following rules will apply:

1. Up to 15 people may assist. These 15 people must not be currently enrolled students at UTK, must not be currently associated or have been associated in the past with any Greek organization at UTK, and must have liability forms submitted by the November 3rd meeting. Late liability forms will result in a 5 point penalty. (enacted 11/3/15)

2. Those providing outside assistance must NOT receive any sort of monetary or in-kind compensation for their assistance.

3. The team must also submit in writing to ACE what the 15 people will be working on specifically by the November 3rd meeting.

4. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification.

xx. Judging criteria:

1. Adherence to theme 30%
2. Design and construction 30%
3. Display of school spirit 20%
4. Originality and creativity 20%

XXII. Smokey’s Howl

Coordinators: Kellie McCormack and Kirbee DeMatteo

a. Smokey’s Howl is a spirit performance competition, not a cheer competition. All teams will be judged on their expression of UTK spirit, not necessarily technical merit.

b. What the judges will be looking for: costumes, props, words to cheers/script, signs, crowd involvement, facial expressions, projection, clarity, creativity of routine, easy to follow and understand, teamwork, and fits in with the Homecoming theme.

c. The routine, including music, must consist of tasteful dialogue and physical expression in the spirit of Big Orange sportsmanship.

d. The routine may last no more than 3 minutes. Going over time will result in a 10 point penalty.

e. A maximum of 26 participants may participate per team. If the team is co-ed, it must be half female and half male. If someone cannot attend, an alternate of the same gender must be their replacement.

f. All participants and alternates MUST have a signed liability form on file by the November 3rd meeting. NO EXCEPTIONS! Teams may have alternates who will also need to sign waivers. No liability forms = no participation!

g. All participants must also have their student IDs with them at all tryouts and the final performance. The team’s representative is responsible for collecting student IDs and putting them in alphabetical order.

h. All dialogue, music, intro, and costume descriptions must be submitted to ACE at the October 20th meeting or on the online registration form.

i. If major changes are made to your performance any time after 1st round tryouts, your team will receive a 15 point penalty on the next round.

j. All teams must be dressed in costume for tryouts and the final performance.

k. Tryouts will occur in 2 rounds. The first round will be closed tryouts on Sunday, November 8th in HPER. Only the judges and team competing will be allowed in the room at one time. Second round tryouts will be open to all teams participating and will be held in Brehm Arena on the Ag campus on Thursday, November 12th at 5:30 p.m. The teams that make it to the finals will perform at halftime of the men’s basketball game vs. UNC Asheville on Friday, November 13th.

l. Teams will perform in the order they receive at the October 13th meeting. No order or time changes.

m. Teams may not perform stunts of any kind. Team members may only perform UNASSISTED JUMPS. Otherwise, EVERY participant must have a body part on the ground at all times during the performance. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

n. Teams must have a designated person to manage their music. This person should bring your team’s two cued CDs when your team is called to the floor. This person will work with our sound personnel to run your team’s music (i.e. push play, pause when needed). Failure to have this person will result in a 5 point penalty.

o. Practices may not be held at HPER, Brehm Arena, or TBA. Failure to comply will result in a 10 point penalty. Practices include any team rehearsal requiring that all participants be in attendance. If there is any question regarding what is or is not allowed, please contact the Homecoming Chairs.

p. An ACE event coordinator will attend a practice upon request by any team to check the routine prior to Homecoming Week.

q. Judging criteria:
   i. Adherence to theme 20%
   ii. Spirit 40%
   iii. Creativity/Originality 20%
   iv. Presentation/Execution 20%

XXIII. 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Coordinators: Ryan Weiss, Trent Bibee, and Kevin Key

a. This event is not one of the 7 main events for the overall competition. It is not required in order to be considered for trophies.

b. Teams wishing to compete in the tournament must pay an additional fee of $20 per organization. This can be a separate check made out to All Campus Events or included in the full registration fee check.

c. Liability forms and student IDs are required to participate in this event. Liability forms must be on file with ACE by the November 3rd meeting. It is the team representative’s responsibility to collect student IDs and put them in alphabetical order in time for check-in.

d. Each squad will consist of 3 players and 2 subs.

e. There will be two divisions: a men’s and a women’s

f. Games will be 10 minutes without the clock stopping.

g. An ACE member and/or UT official will serve as referees and scorekeepers.

h. Double elimination.

i. The winning squad receives 20 bonus points toward the overall competition, 2nd place receives 15 points, 3rd place receives 10, and all other squads receive 5 participation points.

j. If two organizations are paired up, they are permitted to enter two squads in the tournament. These squads must consist of all men or all women. They may be 2 men’s squads, 2 women’s squads, or one of each. This must be denoted in the registration.

   i. If both squads are in the same division and make it to the finals, they will still play each other. One will get 1st place points and one will get 2nd place points.

   ii. At minimum, both squads will receive 5 bonus points each, making their total bonus points for the overall competition 10 points. If one or both of the squads places, they will also get those points. (i.e. Squad 1 wins and gets 20 points, Squad 2 does not place and get 5 points, the TEAM will receive 25 bonus points.)

XXIV. Chalk Ped Walk

Coordinators: Ashley Walker and Austin Hankwitz

a. This event is not one of the 7 main events for the overall competition. It is not required in order to be considered for trophies.

b. Ten (10) bonus points will be awarded for this event. There will be no judging. It is strictly a fun opportunity to showcase school spirit.

c. Each team may have up to 6 members total. If two organizations are paired, they may have 3 members from each organization.

d. Teams will be assigned spaces on Pedestrian Walkway to create a design with chalk to promote Homecoming Week, UT spirit, and the Homecoming theme.

e. Teams may only draw in their assigned space.

f. A proposed sketch must be turned in to ACE at the meeting on October 20th for approval.

   i. Changes may be requested up until November 6th.

   ii. Any significant changes made to the design after the final deadline will result in disqualification from the event and no bonus points will be awarded.

g. Teams MUST use traditional washable sidewalk chalk to create their design. The use of glitter, glue, or other items besides traditional chalk will result in disqualification! If the use of inappropriate materials results in damage to university property, the team will be responsible for the cost of a professional cleaning service. Charges will be billed to the organizations by Facilities Services.

h. Bonus points will only be awarded if design is completed and all guidelines are followed.

PENALTY POINTS

Penalty points can be assessed for any of the following reasons at ACE’s discretion. Additional penalties will be at the discretion of ACE as deemed necessary.
I. Overall Competition  
a. No show to any event team is registered for: Overall competition disqualification

II. Default  
a. If a team violates any rule within this rules packet and it does not have specific point value attached, the default point penalty will be 5 points.

III. Meetings  
a. No representation at any one mandatory meeting: 5 points each time  
b. No representation at wrap-up meeting: forfeit $50 deposit check

IV. Anything Goes  
a. Unsportsmanlike conduct: Event disqualification  
   i. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined by actions such as taunting opposing players, dangerous aggression, belligerent intimidation, intentional infractions, or other “win-at-all-costs” behavior.
   b. Not having equal number of organization members per team: 30 seconds  
c. All liability forms not filed by deadline: Event disqualification

V. Bed Races  
a. Team member lets go, falls out of bed, or is left behind: 10 seconds  
b. All liability forms not filed by deadline: Event disqualification  
c. Do not meet measurement requirements: 10 seconds  
d. Travel outside of designated lane: Event disqualification  
e. Performance effected by another team’s rule violation: Second attempt  
f. Using University Housing mattress: Event disqualification  
g. Fails judges’ inspection: Event disqualification

VI. Large/Small Banner  
a. Exceeding maximum size requirements: 10 points  
b. Significant changes made to design after deadline: 15 points  
c. Use of professional or outside assistance: Event disqualification  
d. Banner not picked up during designated time: forfeit $50 deposit check  
e. Paint not dry: Event disqualification  
f. Banner not delivered on time: Event disqualification  
g. Use of glitter or attachments: Event disqualification

VII. Large/Small Float  
a. Significant changes made to design/structure after deadline: 15 points  
b. Tardiness to line-up: 15 points per minute late  
c. Improper disposal of display pieces: Fine from Facilities Services  
d. Exceeding measurement requirement by less than six inches: 10 points  
e. Exceeding measurement requirement by more than six inches: 20 points  
f. Working on float after deadline: 15 points  
g. Inappropriate behavior or throwing candy: 20 points  
h. Projectiles leaving the float: Event disqualification  
i. Float not complete: 15 points  
j. Float facing the wrong direction: 15 points  
k. Unprepared for demonstration at ACE walk-through: Event disqualification  
l. Walking next to or in front of the float: 10 points  
m. Abuse of privilege to use outside assistance (if approved): Event disqualification

VIII. Lawn Display  
a. Significant changes made to design/structure after deadline: 15 points  
b. Improper disposal of display pieces: Fine from Facilities Services  
c. Working on display after judging has begun: Event disqualification

IX. Smokey’s Howl  
a. Unsportsmanlike conduct: 10 points
b. Distasteful dialogue or physical expressions: 10 points

c. Significant changes to routine: 15 points

d. Time limit violation: 10 points

e. Airborne stunts/assisted jumps: Event disqualification

f. Not having equal number of organization members per team: 15 points

g. No member to run music: 5 points

h. Holding practice at HPER, Brehm Arena, or TBA: 10 points

i. All liability forms not filed by deadline: Event disqualification

X. Tower of Cans

a. Not having equal number of organization members per team: 6 inch penalty

b. Using props or anything other than cans: Event disqualification

c. Cans used in structure outside of designated area: Event disqualification

d. Participant absent from check-in: 6 inch penalty

e. Continuing to work after time is up: 10 points

f. Failure to load cans in proper containers: 20 points

XI. Chalk Ped Walk

a. Significant changes made after the deadline: Event disqualification

b. Using inappropriate materials: Event disqualification

c. Damage to university property: Fine from Facilities Services

XII. 3-on-3 Basketball

a. All liability forms not filed by deadline: Event disqualification

b. Unsportsmanlike conduct: Event disqualification

FAQ

1) Can we just give you a check for $200 for both organizations?
a) No. We need a $90 and a $50 check from each organization. We will hold onto the deposit checks until the wrap-up meeting. Then we will either return the check if all requirements are met, or cash it then.

2) Can we do a flip for Smokey’s Howl?
a) The rules packet states that every performer must have at least one body part on the ground unless doing an unassisted jump. When in doubt, ask an ACE leader to come to your practice, or just take it out. It is better to take it out just to be safe rather than get disqualified for an illegal move.

3) What is defined as a stunt in Smokey’s Howl?
a) A stunt is any action or movement where an individual(s) does not have a body part touching the floor.

4) What are the judges looking for in Smokey’s Howl?
a) The judges will be evaluating teams on their spirit, not cheering or physical ability.

5) What is the purpose of having two rounds of tryouts for Smokey’s Howl?
a) We will have limited time for teams to compete at halftime of the men’s basketball game, so we need to narrow down the teams. This year, we are opening 2nd round tryouts to allow teams to watch each other in case they do not make it to the basketball gameinals. First round tryouts remain closed.

6) Will the Small Teams, Residence Halls, and Large Teams be judged against each other?
a) No. Each division has their own points system, and three different sets of trophies will be awarded.

7) Which way should I build my float?
a) Your float should face the driver’s side.

8) Can I build a float or banner smaller than the dimensions given?
a) Yes. The measurements given are either within a set range, or a maximum. Teams can choose to choose to build their float smaller than the dimensions if only a maximum is given. If you register for the Large Float division, but your float is too small, it will be judged in the Small Float division.

9) Can we just compete in one event without competing in the overall competition?
a) Yes! Any teams may choose to do any number of events throughout the week if they do not wish to be considered for the overall competition trophies.

10) Can ACE provide canned goods and banner hanging materials?
   a) No. All materials for events are up to the team to collect.

11) Where is the Steam Plant for float and lawn display disposal?
   a) The Steam Plant is located off of Lake Loudon Blvd. You will enter the road by turning into the parking lot at the corner of Lake Loudon and Neyland Dr. You will go all the way to the end of that unnamed road.

12) Who needs to sign the attached liability release form?
   a) Anyone planning to participate in Anything Goes, Bed Races, Smokey’s Howl, and/or 3-on-3 Basketball. WHEN IN DOUBT, FILL IT OUT.
Release, Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless and Indemnification
University of Tennessee, Knoxville Homecoming 2015

All organizations participating in the 2015 Homecoming Competition activities must submit the following page of signatures for all member who wish to participate in Anything Goes, Bed Races, Smokey’s Howl, and/or 3-on-3 Basketball by November 3, 2015. This includes participants, alternates, and potential participants. No signature list = no participation.

Please read the entire document carefully before signing. This releases the University from any liability resulting from your participation in Homecoming 2015 activities.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that participation in any of the ACE committee activities at the University of Tennessee is purely voluntary and is not a part of the academic curriculum of the University. In consideration of the University making any equipment and/or facilities available to the ACE committee and/or the undersigned while participating in any such activities, including practicing for the event as well as appearance at the event itself, the undersigned hereby releases the University of Tennessee, its successors, assigns, Trustees, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever, in any way growing out of or resulting from the undersigned student’s participation in the activities of said ACE Committee.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she understands that participation in the activities of the said ACE Committee may involve substantial risk of bodily injury, including death or paralysis, property damage, and other dangers associated with participation in the Homecoming activities.

It is expressly understood by the undersigned that she/he is solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through participation in normal or unusual activities of the ACE Committee. (The undersigned is encouraged to obtain adequate bodily injury or property damage insurance coverage.)

I hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University of Tennessee, its successors, assigns, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims caused by my own actions.

If the undersigned is a minor, then the signature of the parent or guardian appearing in the space indicated below signifies acceptance by said parent or guardian that the terms and conditions hereof shall be bringing upon them and shall constitute a release by them of any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever which they or any of them may have against the University of Tennessee, its successors, assigns, Trustees, agents or employees as a result of the undersigned student’s participation in the activities described.

I recognize that if I am caught forging a signature on the adjoining page, I will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

By signing the adjoining page, I acknowledge that I have carefully read and understand completely and clearly the above provision and agree to be bound thereby. I make this release, assumptions of risk, hold harmless agreement, and indemnification on behalf of myself and anyone acting on my behalf.
Release, Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless and Indemnification
University of Tennessee, Knoxville Homecoming 2015

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have carefully read and understand completely and clearly the Release, Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless and Indemnification statement provided to me in the 2015 Homecoming Rules Packet. I agree to release the University of Tennessee and All Campus Events from all liability resulting from my participation in Homecoming 2015 activities.

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