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PLEASE NOTE: This packet is as up-to-date as possible, but because of how early the week of Homecoming is this year, there may be changes in schedule that occur. Any and all organizations will be notified as soon as possible of changes made to scheduling, applications, or forms.

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Fellow Trojans,

On behalf of Troy University's Student Government Association, we thank you for your willingness to participate in our 2014 Homecoming celebration. In the past we have celebrated Troy, heroes, and our love for this university. This year we are focusing on who we are as a university based on our past roots that has made Troy who we are today. We all come from different walks of life, and impact all the various people we encounter on our journey here at Troy. Thus, our 2014 Homecoming theme will be "Getting Back to our Roots: We are One", to display how the many different walks of life have impacted this university.

As Troy has many different mindsets that have come from many different countries, and that include many different backgrounds here in the US, they have all blended into one solid foundation to create what we know as Troy University today. Troy University today brings the numerous cultures into one spot, to broaden the minds of everyone from around the world thus allowing "The mind to think, the heart to feel, and the body to act."

For this year's homecoming we want to focus on the diversity that Troy University has experienced to unify the student body even more through the countless events and activities that will be held throughout the week. It doesn't matter whether one person is from across the state of Alabama or across the ocean, Homecoming 2014 will strive to bring everyone together. With each organization representing our past military connections, athletics past, present, and future, and the many different countries, they will work to display the culture and pride Troy has in order to portray the unification of all its students. We hope that Homecoming this year will widen the scope of each student's mind in order to bring everyone's background closer together.

We look forward to celebrating homecoming with you this year. Each of us come from unique roots from all over the world, but due to this University and its passion for creating a family and home for everyone we become one.

With Trojan Pride,

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2014 Homecoming Schedule

Pre-Homecoming Events

Monday, August 25th

Homecoming Packets are available

<http://troy.troy.edu/sga/homecoming.html>

Wednesday August 27th

Meeting with all organizations participating in ANY Homecoming event @ 8:00PM 103 Patterson Hall
There MUST be a representative to attend this meeting

Monday September 8th

Homecoming application and fees due by 5:00 PM

Tuesday September 9th

Homecoming Queen Applications are DUE by 4:00PM

Homecoming Queen Platforms approved and meeting with all applicants @ 8:30

Wednesday, September 17th

Meeting with all organizations participating in ANY Homecoming event @8:00PM 103 Patterson Hall

Wednesday, September 24th

Meeting with all organizations participating in ANY Homecoming event @8:00PM 103 Patterson Hall

Rosters for Dance, Skit, and Tailgate for Troops DUE

Court Elections (8:00am-6:00pm) Trojan Center Room 215

Thursday, September 25th

Resident Hall Decoration Contest Applications Due

Saturday, September 27th

Banner Check-In 2:30PM on Tailgate Terrace

Homecoming Queen Court Announcement at Trojan Volleyball game 7:00pm Trojan Arena

Monday September 29th

Court Pictures

Saturday, October 4th

Troy University Homecoming Service Day 9:30AM-12:00PM (Arboretum beautification process)

Troy University canned goods drive 2:00PM- 4:00 PM

Homecoming Week Schedule

Monday, October 6th

How many countries guess game in Trojan Center 9:00AM-4:00PM

Tree Ceremony @ 3:00

Blood Drive 10:00AM-5:00PM

Tuesday, October 7th

Dance Night @ 7:00PM Trojan Arena

Homecoming Court- Themed Appearance (Mid-Formal)

Wednesday, October 8th

Common Area Decorations must be finished. Judging will start promptly at 3:30

UAC event starting at 8:00PM

Thursday, October 9th

Spread the Trojan Love Day 9:00-4:00 Bibb Graves Quad

Skit Night @ 7:00PM in Trojan Arena

Friday, October 10th

Tailgate for Troops 4:00PM-6:00PM on Tailgate Terrace (photo booth provided by Alumni Association)

Pep Rally @ Dusk (approx. 5:30PM) on Bibb Graves Quad

Saturday, October 11th

TBA Parade Float line up; judging begins

TBA Parade begins in Downtown Troy University

Sound of the South Pre-Game; Homecoming Court Introduced

2:00PM Homecoming Game: TROY vs. New Mexico State

Halftime events: Announce Homecoming Queen

Homecoming Winners Announced between 3rd and 4th Quarters on Field

7:00PM Alpha Phi Alpha Step Show in Sartain

Campus Wide Homecoming Events

Homecoming is more than just a competition among organizations. It is also a time for students to embrace their Trojan pride and have a fun, exciting week leading up to the Homecoming Football game. This year, numerous events will be held throughout the week in which all students may take part. None of the following events count toward the Homecoming Competition in any way, but will have winners and prizes. Anyone can participate as long as they are a TROY student. The following events will be exciting additions to the weekly festivities!

Tree Ceremony

This year a new and exciting event that pertains to our theme will kick off the week of Homecoming festivities. Each organization will have the chance to purchase a \$3 leaf that will go atop a tree that is located in the Trojan Dining Hall (SAGA). Through this event every organization will feel the connection between all. The ceremony will conclude with the Mayor of Troy and Chancellor Hawkins topping the tree off with a “TROY University leaf.” The Homecoming committee will be located in front of the tree collecting money and giving leaves out to sign.

Daily Trivia

Each day of Homecoming week (Monday-Friday) a different trivia question or riddle will be posted outside the SGA office, on the Troy SGA Facebook Page, on the Troy SGA Twitter account (@TroySGA) and the Troy SGA Instagram account at 8:00AM. Students can place their answers in a designated area outside the SGA office Trojan Center Room 215. Answers must be turned in by 4:00PM in the SGA office. All students who answer correctly will have their name placed into a drawing for a prize. Names will be drawn at 4:30PM each day and will be announced at 5:00PM each day via Facebook and Twitter.

Country count at Troy

A table will be set up at the bottom of the Trojan Center for students to take a guess at how many countries have students at Troy. There will be a sheet of paper for students to put their name and email along with their answer. All students who answer correctly will have their names placed into a drawing for a prize. Names will be drawn at 4:30PM and will be announced at 5:00PM on Monday via Facebook and Twitter.

Grow the City of Troy!

Did you know 27.1% of Pike County lives below poverty level? Our community is in desperate need of any help possible! This year, we are asking you to embrace your inner Trojan spirit and donate canned goods to our local food banks. All canned goods may be dropped off in the Troy SGA office Trojan Center Room 215 between 8:00AM-5:00PM any day during Homecoming Week!

Instagram Contest

Capture your favorite Homecoming moments and post them on Instagram using the hashtag #TroyRoots2014. At the end of the week the photos will be judged on creativity and Trojan Pride. The winners will receive a prize after being announced Friday via Facebook and Twitter.

Twitter Contest

Tweet your most intense and exciting travel abroad story, include pictures if you would like. Share anything from something that was funny to something that may have made you who you are today. Use the hashtag #TroyRoots2014 and on Friday a winner will be announced via Facebook and Twitter.

Divisions and Point Systems

Teams will be divided into the following divisions based on the listed criteria:

- Male Division
- Female Division
- CO-ED Division
- RH Division

Points will be distributed in the following manner for events during the week of Homecoming:

Event	Percentage	Participation	1st	2nd	3rd
Banner	42.5%	170	72.25 (42.5% of 170)	68.85 (40.5% of 170)	65.45 (38.5% of 170)
Common Area Decoration Contest	25%	100	25(25% of 100)	23 (23% of 100)	21 (21% of 100)
Service Day	12.5%	50	-	-	-
Canned Food Drive	12.5%	50	-	-	-
Homecoming Meetings	7.5%	30	-	-	-
TOTAL	100%	400			

Banner Competition:

Banners will be hung at the Riddle Pace Field on the fence surrounding the field. They will be displayed at each of our four competitions as well as our Tailgate for Troops and Service Day. Your banner should pertain to the roots of Troy University and also your organizations roots.

Common Area Decoration Contest:

Each Resident Hall has a common area that will be required to be decorated by the residents and their RA's based off whatever country is drawn for their dorm. This is a way for each student that lives in their perspective resident halls to feel the sense of inclusion and get them each excited about the week. The

Service Day:

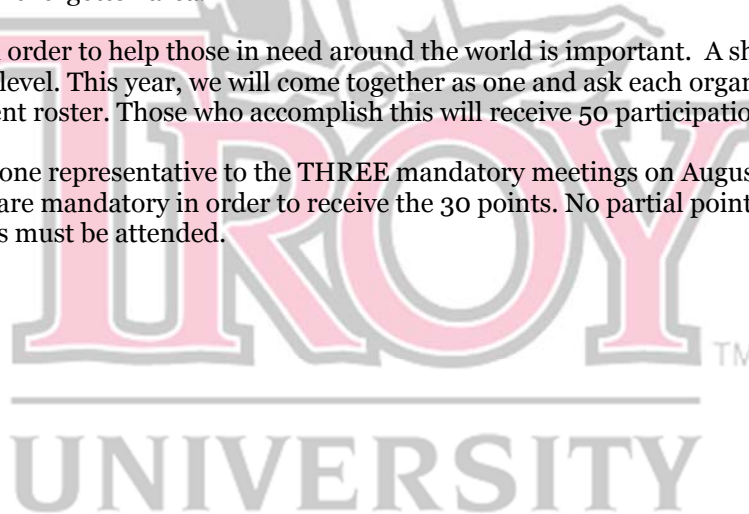
For our 2014 Day of Service we will meet at the Arboretum for a half day of cleaning, updating, and bettering our outside recreation park. We will then listen to Professor Joe McCall speak on the importance of service to get our morning started before completely renovating this forgotten area.

Canned Food Drive:

Coming together as a culture in order to help those in need around the world is important. A shocking 27.1% of Pike County lives below the poverty level. This year, we will come together as one and ask each organization to donate 2 canned goods per member on the current roster. Those who accomplish this will receive 50 participation points.

Homecoming Meetings:

Each group is required to send one representative to the THREE mandatory meetings on August 27th, September 17th and September 24th. ALL meetings are mandatory in order to receive the 30 points. No partial points will be awarded. To receive all points, ALL meetings must be attended.



Point and Scoring Breakdown

Competition Events

Banner

- 40% Use of 2014 Homecoming Theme
- 30% Trojan Pride
- 30% Overall Appeal and Creativity

Common Area Decoration Contest

- 40% Use of 2014 Homecoming Theme
- 30% Trojan Pride
- 30% Overall Appeal and Creativity

Participation Events

Service Day

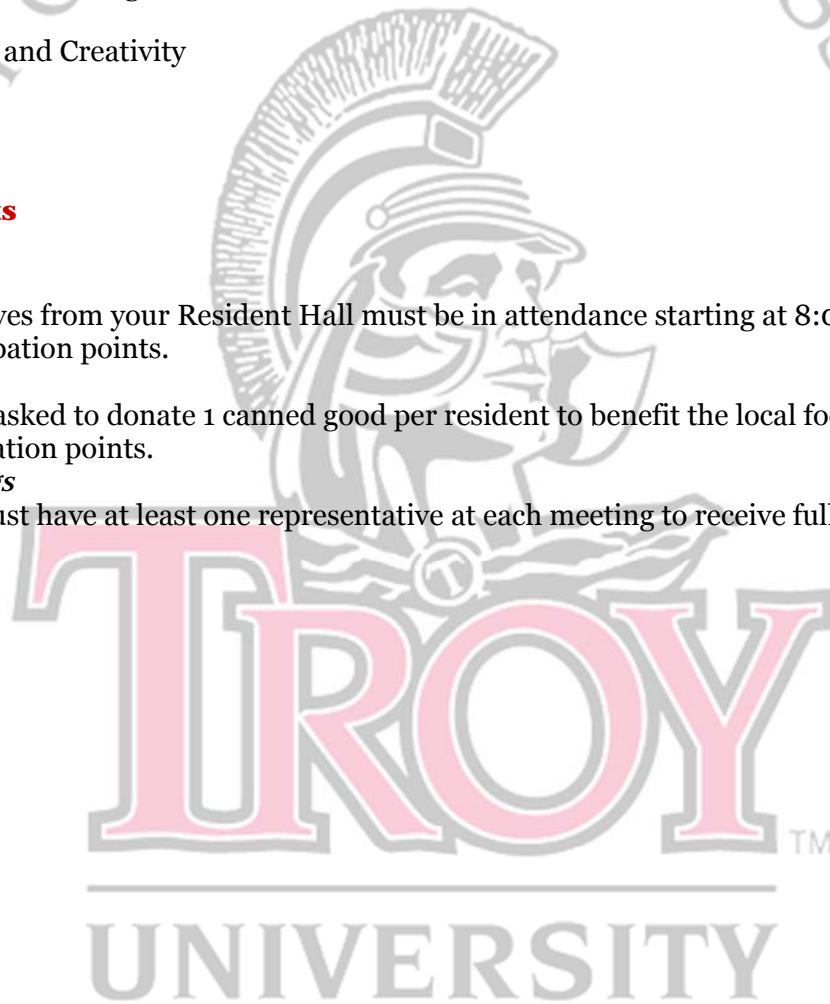
At least 5 representatives from your Resident Hall must be in attendance starting at 8:00 AM on October 4th to receive the full participation points.

Canned Food Drive

Each Resident Hall is asked to donate 1 canned good per resident to benefit the local foods banks here in Troy, to receive full participation points.

Homecoming Meetings

Each Resident Hall must have at least one representative at each meeting to receive full participation points.



Homecoming General Rules:

1. All decisions made by either the Vice President of Campus Activities (hereafter referred to as “VPCA”) or the Homecoming Director are final. They may be appealed, however, in writing through due process to the SGA Supreme Court Chief Justice, who will then consult the Supreme Court. The appeal must be made in writing, using the Homecoming Competition Appeal Form provided in this packet. All appeal requests must be made about an organization’s own outcome in the competition. In other words, an organization MAY NOT request an appeal for a decision made about another organization.
2. Any organization planning to participate in Homecoming activities for 2014 must complete all proper forms and pay all fees applicable as listed in this packet.
3. Fees must be paid and applications completed and turned in by 5pm on August 27, 2014 to the VPCA, Homecoming Director, or any member of the Homecoming Committee. Homecoming Committee members affiliated with a particular organization may not turn in fees or applications for his or her organization. A representative from that organization must turn in the fees and application.
4. If an organization misses this deadline, they may still participate in an event IF they pay the fee(s) and turn in the application(s) by that night at the mandatory Homecoming meeting at 8pm; however, that organization’s score will be deducted by five (5) points for each competition for which an application is turned in late. After 8pm, organizations may still participate, but they will not be eligible for placement in the competition.
5. Homecoming Queen applications are due Monday, September 15, 2014 by 5pm in 215 Trojan Center to the VPCA, Homecoming Director, or a member of the Homecoming Committee.
6. Teams must compete in one division throughout the entirety of the week’s competitions. If two (and no more than two) organizations choose to compete together, they must compete as one team for the entire week in all events. This excludes Homecoming Queen candidacy.
7. Any organization disqualified from one event risks being disqualified from the remainder of the week’s events, as well as from the overall winner category. This decision will come under the discretion of the VPCA, Homecoming Director, and Supreme Court Chief Justice.
8. Individuals competing in competitive group Homecoming events must be directly affiliated with the group with which they are competing (according to official IFC, NPC, NPHC, and other rosters). Each competing group must submit a roster of participants/dancers/actors prior to the week of the competition, as noted in the 2014 Homecoming Schedule in this packet. Upon entrance into the competition venue, competitor roles will be checked.
9. SGA Senators, Freshman Forum members (including directors), and appointed officers in SGA may in no way affiliate or participate with an organization when working a Homecoming event.
10. All members of the Executive Branch (President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Secretary, and Clerk), as well as members of the SGA Supreme Court must disaffiliate from their organization at the beginning of the competition period, beginning October 6th, 2014 at noon. Disaffiliation will extend until the beginning of the Homecoming Game on October 11th, 2014. Participation prior to October 6th, 2014 at noon is allowed.
11. Homecoming Committee members must also disaffiliate with their organizations beginning at noon on October 6th, 2014, following the same guidelines for the Executive and Judicial Branches.
12. If necessary, the SGA Traffic Appeals Committee will be used in the event that there are not enough Supreme Court members for any particular night.
13. The VPCA, Homecoming Director, three members of the Supreme Court, and an SGA Advisor will be allowed in the scoring area.
14. The Homecoming Committee member responsible for a particular night’s competition (i.e. dance and skit) will direct all SGA Senators and volunteers working the event.
15. All displays of different cultures and countries must be of good taste. If at any point the VPCA, Homecoming director or judges notice a derogatory action, it will result in disqualification.

Rules concerning a tie:

1. There will be no ties among first, second, or third place winners in any of the Homecoming events, nor will there be a tie in the overall Homecoming 2014 winner.
2. If after the judges' initial tabulations, there is a tie among any number of competitive groups, the judges will be asked to assign a number between 1 and 5 (1 worth the least and 5 worth the most) to each group in the tie. An average will be taken from these scores, and the groups will receive placement in that competitive event accordingly.
3. If further complications arise, the VPCA and Homecoming Director reserve the right to improvise all necessary measures to allow the judges to break the tie before points are awarded.

Rules concerning wristbands and competition night seating:

1. Wristbands will be used ONLY for dance and skit competitions.
2. Each competing organization will be given wristbands based on a predetermined percentage of that organization's size.
3. The dance and skit competitions will begin promptly at 7pm. If a person with a wristband is not in his or her seat by the time the competition begins (i.e. 7pm), that person's seat will be given up.
4. Wristbands will be given out at a date and time to be determined. More information about this date and time will be given out at the mandatory Homecoming meetings. The wristbands will be handed out by the VPCA, Homecoming Director, or a member of the Homecoming Committee. Any wristband given out by anyone other than the aforementioned persons will not receive admittance into that competition.
5. If an organization is caught duplicating wristbands, that organization will have their wristbands (both genuine and forged) confiscated. That organization will also be banned from participating in any further Homecoming events, and their points gained up until that point in the competition will be forfeited.
6. If an organization has signed up to compete in a particular event and, the night of, backs out of the competition, they will forfeit not only the participation points, but their pre-assigned seats as well. These seats will then be distributed to either other competing organizations or independent students. ONLY students from competing organizations are given the right to pre-assigned seating.
7. Representatives from all organizations may pick up their wristbands at the mandatory Homecoming meeting on September 18, 2013.
8. Those participating in on-stage Homecoming competitions requiring wristbands will receive one (1) wristband (for that participant) plus one (1) more wristband for a parent. Competitors must sit in a designated area, while parents may sit with their child's organizations.
9. Independent students (students not affiliated with a competing organization) may pick up wristbands at a date and time to be determined. This date and time will be advertised in advance. Trojan ID's will be checked/swiped at this time to ensure that no member of a competing organization is receiving an extra wristband. Only one wristband will be given per student.
10. Students not affiliated with a competing organization may NOT sell their wristbands to members of competing organizations.

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Banner Competition General Rules:

Rules concerning group banners:

1. Groups may use nothing larger than a Queen-sized sheet (no larger than 90" by 102").
2. Each organization is responsible for providing supplies to hang its banner. Additionally, each banner MUST have at least four (4) grommets (no more than 12), each grommet attached in one corner of the sheet.
3. Each individual or group is responsible for hanging its banner for judging. Banners will be moved and used by SGA as decoration at other events the week of Homecoming. However, banners will be judged before any movement occurs.
4. The place, date, and time for organizations to hang their banners will be announced at the first Homecoming meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Failure to hang a banner during the pre-set time will result in forfeiture of placement in the banner competition.
5. Groups may not use three-dimensional objects on their banners. The only medium an organization may use for the banner competition is non-glitter paint.
6. No glitter may be used on any part or portion of the banner in any way. The use of glitter will result in immediate disqualification.
7. No auidial media may be used on or in conjunction with the banner.
8. No electronics may be used in the presentation of banners.

Rules concerning individual banners:

1. Individuals or groups of up to four (4) students may compete in the individual banner competition.
2. Entries may use nothing larger than a standard-size pillow case (no larger than 20" by 26")
3. Only one entry is allowed per individual or group. Additionally, an individual may not be in more than one group.
4. Each organization is responsible for providing supplies to hang its banner.
5. Each individual or group is responsible for hanging its banner for judging. Banners will be moved and used by SGA as decoration at other events the week of Homecoming. However, banners will be judged before any movement occurs.
6. The place, date, and time for individuals or groups to hang their banners will be announced at the first Homecoming meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Failure to hang a banner during the pre-set time will result in forfeiture of placement in the banner competition.
7. No competing individual or group may use artificial or reinforced backing. In other words, all material on the banner must adhere to the sheet, and only that sheet.
8. Individuals or groups may not use three-dimensional objects on their banners. The only medium an organization may use for the banner competition is non-glitter paint.
9. No glitter may be used on any part or portion of the banner in any way. The use of glitter will result in immediate disqualification.
10. No auidial media may be used on or in conjunction with the banner.
11. No electronics may be used in the presentation of banners.

Common Area Competition General Rules:

1. Decorations must not construct walkways for any resident.
2. The use of glitter is NOT allowed in any way.
3. No destruction of any resident property will be allowed.
4. No racial slurs considering the 2014 theme.
5. No electronics may be used in the presentation of decorations.
6. No auidial media may be used on or in conjunction with any decorations.
7. The common area decorated must be finished by Wednesday October 8th at 3:30.

Competition Application

Please complete ALL sections of this form and return it to the Student Government Association office at the time and date stated below.

Name of organization or team: _____

Division (please circle): Male Female Co-ed Resident Hall

Circle each event in which your organization will participate:

Category	Participation	Fee	Payment
Banner	Yes / No	\$10.00	
Service Day	Yes / No	-----	
Canned Food Drive	Yes / No	1 per member	
Common Area Decoration	Yes / No	-----	
			TOTAL=

*The application for Homecoming parade floats is separate from this application, and is found in your Homecoming Packet on page 15. This application should be turned in with all other applications.

**The Homecoming Queen application is separate from the Homecoming packet. In order to be officially nominated, the Homecoming Queen application must be filled out and returned to the SGA office by Monday, September 15th, 2014.

Total Amount: _____ **Due Paid:** Y / N **Check No.** _____

We do hereby understand that the _____ organization/ team will be participating in the above listed Homecoming 2013 events. We have read and understand the rules for each competition in which we compete. Violation of the rules in any event will result in penalty designated in that event's rules without exception.

Please Sign Below:

President: _____ Date: _____

Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Team Representative: _____ Date: _____

Team Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Address: _____

Deadline for this application is **Wednesday, August 27th by 5:00PM** in the Student Government Association Office, located in Trojan Center 215. If you have any questions, please contact Heath Barton (Vice President of Campus Activities) at 334.701.5016 or William Johnson (Homecoming Director) at 334.430.5345.

Checks may be made out to the Student Government Association and all fees may be made in one bulk payment

Homecoming 2013 Appeal Form

****PLEASE NOTE:** In the event of a complaint being made about a judge's decision, complaints may **ONLY** be made about the organization from which the complaint originates. For instance, a complaint made by the ΩΩΩ sorority about another sorority's outcome in an event will not be reviewed. If the ΩΩΩ sorority wishes to protest a judge's decision about its own outcome in an event, then that complaint will be reviewed.

Name _____ Date _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Organization _____

Date of Incident _____ Event _____

Opposing Party (ex: ΣΣΣ) _____

Incident _____

Complaint _____

* Please place your complaint in the tray on the VPCA office door. Thank you for taking time to fill out this form. The Supreme Court Chief Justice and Committee will contact you about your complaint after 12PM. Each complaint will be investigated and evaluated by the Supreme Court and Committee but not every complaint will be acted upon.

