

OFFICIAL 2017 HOMECOMING PACKET



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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 2017 Homecoming celebration. We believe that being a part of the Trojan family is worth celebrating, regardless of the season or occasion. However, Homecoming has for years been a special time to celebrate the school we love in the fall season. This year happens to be Troy University's 130th Birthday, and with this in mind, we want to encourage students, alumni, and faculty alike to fall in love with Troy: where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. With that being said, our theme for Homecoming 2017 is:

Falling for Troy:

Celebrating where we have been, where we are, and where we are going

It is our biggest hope this season that through a fun week full of special events and activities, you will fall in love with the school that we call home. We have much to be thankful for, and this is the perfect season to be falling for Troy. A part of our theme implementation is the festivities of fall: not only with the crisp autumn weather, but the excitement of football games, tailgates, pumpkin carvings, and more.

We look forward to celebrating Homecoming with you this year. As we celebrate our past, present, and future, it is our biggest goal that you will experience just how wonderful this university really is.

With Trojan Pride,

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Homecoming Committee 2017 Members

2017 Homecoming Schedule

Pre-Homecoming Events

Thursday, September 7th

Homecoming Packets are available online

Monday, September 11th

***MANDATORY Meeting with all organizations participating in ANY Homecoming event @ 8:30PM 105 Patterson Hall
There MUST be a representative from your organization at this meeting.

Thursday, September 21st

Homecoming Queen applications are due by 4:00 PM- these are online at Trojan connection.

Meeting with Homecoming Queen Candidates @ 6:00 pm in TC 224 with Taylor Holt

Thursday, September 21st

Fees and applications due for all Homecoming participants by 5:00PM in TC 215

Rosters for Dance, Skit, and Tailgate DUE by 5:00PM in TC 215

Monday, September 25th

***MANDATORY meeting with all organizations participating in ANY Homecoming event @8:30PM 105 Patterson Hall

Friday, Oct 6th

Top 15 homecoming court announced

Tuesday, Oct 10th

Homecoming top 5 Court Elections (8:00AM-5:00PM via Trojan email)

Monday, Oct 16th

MANDATORY Final meeting with Homecoming participants, Patterson 105 @ 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct 17th

Volleyball game highlighting Top 15 candidates Trojan Arena @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 18th

Homecoming Queen and Junior Court announcement- Bibb Graves Quad @ 5:30 pm

Friday, October 20th

Banner Check-in at 3 pm @ Bibb Graves Quad

Volleyball Game vs. Arkansas State Trojan Arena @ 6:00 pm

Homecoming Week Schedule

Sunday, October 22nd

Float check-in 4 pm @ Sartain Lot

Monday, October 23rd

Homecoming Kick-off Event 5 pm @ Bibb Graves Quad

Who's Got Sound 6:30 pm @ Bibb Graves Quad

Street Painting 9 pm on University Avenue outside of Sartain Hall

Tuesday, October 24th

Red Cross Blood Drive day one 9 am – 4 pm @ TC ballrooms

Palladium Pictures 9 am to 5 pm @ TC downstairs

Pie Palooza 11 am - 2 pm @ Social Quad

Skit Night 7 pm @ Trojan Arena

Homecoming court appearance during skit

Wednesday, October 25th

Red Cross Blood Drive day two 9 am – 3 pm @ TC ballrooms

FALL FEST in partnership with Haunted Hill 5:30 – 7:30 pm @ Sorority Hill

Homecoming Court dinner 6 pm @ Trojan Dining

Thursday, October 26th

Troy's 130th Birthday Party 12 pm – 2 pm @ Trojan Dining

Tailgate Event 7 pm @ Tailgate Terrace

NPHC Teaser immediately following Tailgate

Friday, October 27th

Starving and Carving 1pm – 3pm @ Social Quad

Pep Rally 5:00 pm @ Janice Hawkins Cultural Arts Park

Dance 7:00 pm @ Trojan Arena

Downtown Concert immediately following dance

Saturday, October 28th

Homecoming Parade- 10 am

Homecoming football game against Georgia Southern time TBD (winners announced in 4th quarter)

Divisions and Point Systems

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

- Male Division
- Female Division
- CO-ED Division

Please review new point deduction guidelines on pages 11-12.

Placing Events	Percentage	Participation Points Awarded	1 st (Additional Awarded Points)	2 nd (Additional Awarded Points)	3 rd (Additional Awarded points)
Dance	10%	100	30 pts	20 pts	15 pts
Skit	10%	100	30 pts	20 pts	15 pts
Banner	10%	100	30 pts	20 pts	15 pts
Float	10%	100	30 pts	20 pts	15 pts
Participation Events	-	-	Requirement to receive all points awarded	-	-
Troy's 130 th Birthday Party	10%	100	10% of members present	-	-
Who's Got Sound?	5%	50	At least one member of your organization perform	-	-
Blood Drive	10%	100	10% of members successfully donate blood	-	-
Haunted Hill Community Service Event	10%	100	Organization participate with activity	-	-
Street Painting	5%	50	5% of Organization must be present and paint in at least one square	-	-
Palladium Pictures	5%	50	15% of organization members successfully take pictures	-	-
Tailgate Event	5%	50	Make food item	-	-
Homecoming Meetings	5%	50	Attend all 3 meetings	-	-
Pep Rally	5%	50	20% of Organization present	-	-
Float Bonus Points	-	-	May earn UP TO 5 bonus points per \$100 dollars donated towards philanthropy	Up to 5 points	-
Total	100%	1000 points	-	-	-

Point and Scoring Breakdown

Competition Events

Skit

- 25% Use of Skit Theme
- 25% Trojan Pride
- 10% Crowd Appeal and Overall Effect

Dance

- 25% Use of the Dance Theme
- 25% Trojan Pride
- 10% Crowd Appeal and Overall Effect
- 40% Dance Content and Creativity

Banner

- 40% Use of 2017 Homecoming Theme
- 30% Trojan Pride
- 30% Overall Appeal and Creativity

Float

- 40% Use of 2017 Homecoming Theme
- 30% Trojan Pride
- 30% Overall Appeal and Creativity

Homecoming Competition Events

For all of these events, we highly encourage all students to attend and enjoy. However, these events are a part of the Homecoming Competition: ALL of these events have potential participation point values. **Skits, Dance, Banner, and Float** (hereafter referred to as the “**Big Four**”) have placing competition point values. For these Homecoming competitions, organizations will place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in one of three divisions: Male Division, Female Division, or CO-ED Division. Students NOT affiliated with an organization can participate in some of these events as well, and these will be indicated with a “****”

**Palladium Pictures (5%)*

Each organization will receive points based on the percentage of their members that have their photograph taken for the Troy University Palladium. To receive full participation points, 15% of your organization must have their picture taken. No partial points will be awarded. To receive all points, ALL 15% of members have to have their picture taken. You will fill out a form with the Palladium AFTER you take the picture on a computer provided by their staff. This will ensure that points will only be given if a person successfully takes a photo. ****Anybody may come and have their picture taken.*

**Blood Drive (10%)*

Each organization must have 10% percent of its members successfully sign up and donate blood to the Blood Drive. Sign-ups will take place prior to the blood drive. Sign-ups will be online at www.redcrossblood.org before the blood drive begins. Homecoming committee will also provide an opportunity to register for the blood drive a week prior to homecoming at a table downstairs in TC for students who are NOT formally participating in homecoming with an organization. Members of participating organizations must sign up for the blood drive two weeks prior to the blood drive. Participants must sign-out after giving blood to receive credit for participation. ****Registration for non-organizational students will take place in TC the week before Homecoming.*

**Tailgate Event (5%)*

Each organization is asked to cook one tailgating dish and prepare enough for 300 people. **Three (3)** “chef’s” from each organization are admitted for free. Other members who would like to support the tailgate may purchase a wristband for \$1 providing them with samples of all the food. All proceeds will be donated to a philanthropy of Homecoming committee’s choosing.

**Homecoming Meetings (5%)*

Each group is required to send one representative to the THREE mandatory meetings on September 11th, September 25th, and October 16th. ALL meetings are mandatory in order to receive the full participation points. No partial points will be awarded. All meetings will be held at 8:30 pm in Patterson Hall.

**Banner Competition (10%)*

Banners will be submitted prior to Homecoming week to celebrate our theme. The banners will be displayed on the side of the baseball field throughout the week. Organizations will be awarded points on participation AND additional points will be awarded to the placing organizations.

**Haunted Hill Community Service Event (10%)*

At Haunted Hill, your organization must bring either a game or activity that is kid-friendly to receive full participation points. The activity you will bring will be decided on at one of the Mandatory Homecoming meetings. This event is in partnership with Panhellenic Council.

**Dance Competition (10%)*

Organizations will organize and perform a dance that aligns with our specific dance theme: **“Halloween.”** Organizations will be awarded points on participation AND additional points will be awarded to the placing organizations.

**Skit Competition (10%)*

Organizations will organize and perform a skit that will align with our specific skit theme, which is: **Falling for Troy: where we are, where we have been, and where we are going.** Organizations will be awarded points on participation AND additional points will be awarded to the placing organizations.

**Parade Float (10%)*

The Homecoming parade floats are an awesome way to show our community our appreciation for diversity and how that understanding has influenced our love for Troy University. This year, the only portion of float that will be judged are two boards. See Parade float rules for more details. The theme this year is **“Fall and Football”**.

**Troy’s 130th Birthday Party (10%)*

This event is to celebrate the progress we’ve made and the things that are yet to come for our University. This event will be held in Trojan Dining and will be filled with food, music, and a visit from Chancellor Hawkins. There will be a sign in sheet provided by the Homecoming Committee for the purpose of recording each organization’s participation, and 10% of your members must be present to receive participation points.

**Who’s Got Sound (5%)*

This event will begin directly after our Kick-off event. Organizations or individuals will put up a musical performing group of up to four members. Organizations must put up at least one member to receive participation points. ***Registration for non-organizational students will take place in TC the week before Homecoming.

**Street Painting (5%)*

Street painting has been a long-held tradition at Troy University. Organizations will have the opportunity to show their creativity by painting squares of University Ave to root on our Trojan Football players before the big game on Saturday. We ask that organizations incorporate player’s numbers and other football elements into their squares. Five percent of organizations must be present and paint in at least one square to receive participation points. ****Anybody can come and paint a square, but there will be a limited number of “free” spaces.*

**Pep Rally (5%)*

This year, we will have our Homecoming pep rally in the Janice Hawkins Cultural Arts Park. Committee is encouraging students to dress seasonally appropriate. The theme is: **“It’s Fall, Y’all!”** which means that all students should come dressed in their favorite fall attire (flannels, jeans, etc.) Twenty percent of your organization must be present in order to receive full participation points.

Campus Wide Homecoming Events

Homecoming is more than just a competition amongst 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 enjoy. **None of the following events count toward the Homecoming competition in any way.** Anyone can participate as long as they are a TROY student. The following events will be exciting additions to the weekly festivities!

**Pre- Homecoming: Volleyball game

This year Committee is strongly encouraging all students to attend the volleyball game against Arkansas State. The game will begin at 6:30 PM in Trojan Arena.

Kick-off Event

The Kick-off Event for Homecoming will be held on the Bibb Graves Quad, and will include free food for students to enjoy as well as games, giveaways, and music! Come out and celebrate the official start of Homecoming week.

Pie Palooza

This event is new to homecoming, and will take place outside of TC on the social quad. Some elements of this event include a pie eating contest (pre-registration will occur the week before Homecoming), pieing the Homecoming Queen Candidates, as well as committee passing out pie to students. This event will serve as a fundraiser for our philanthropy of choice.

NPHC Teaser

This year, immediately following tailgate, the NPHC will host a teaser in order to highlight the Step Show. You won't want to miss this!

Starving and Carving

This event will serve as a time to relax, carve a pumpkin, and get some free food provided by Committee. We encourage students to enjoy the day before the football game.

Dorm Decorating:

This year, dorms are encouraged to decorate the lobbies to reflect our Homecoming theme, *Falling for Troy*. However, dorm lobbies will not be judged this year. Committee is encouraging Resident Assistants and Directors to use this dorm decorating as a community building opportunity.

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 2017 must complete all proper forms and pay all fees applicable as listed in this packet ON OR BEFORE the deadline: **September 21st**. Fees and applications must be turned in to the SGA office BEFORE **5 pm**.
3. If any organization DOES miss the above deadline, they may still participate in Homecoming events IF they submit the fee(s) and application(s) for the events they want to participate in by the Homecoming meeting on Monday, September 25th, at 8:30 PM. Organizations that submit ALL applications and/or fees late will receive a fifty (50) point deduction from their overall Homecoming score. Organizations that turn in one or more late fee and/or application will be deducted by twenty (20) points in each competition for which a fee and/or application is turned in late.
4. ALL Homecoming Committee members are disaffiliated for the week of Homecoming beginning Friday, Oct 20th, which means that Homecoming Committee members may not turn in fees or an applications on behalf of an organization.
5. Homecoming Queen applications are due by 4:00 PM on September 21st- these are online at Trojan connection. These applications must be submitted online. The Homecoming queen application fee(s) must be turned in to 215 Trojan Center to the VPCA or Director of Representation by **4 pm** on September 21st. Late fees will not be accepted. If an organization does not turn in their application by 4 pm they will not be able to submit a homecoming queen candidate.
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.

*Point deduction clause- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

7. **You will only receive full participation points if your organization reaches FULL participation percentages. If there are any discrepancies, a point deduction decision will be made at the full discretion of the VPCA or Homecoming Director.**
8. **This year, organizations will be disqualified ONLY if there is use of vulgarity or any hateful words or heinous actions occur, including but not limited to skit, dance, float, and banner. This includes any malicious behavior that would affect another competing organization. If an organization is disqualified, they will NOT be eligible to place in any event or receive any participation points. A disqualification decision is at the full discretion of the VPCA, Homecoming Director, or Supreme Court Chief Justice. A final disqualification decision will be approved by the Director of Student Involvement and Assistant Director of Student Involvement to ensure fairness.**
9. **By participating in Homecoming, you are agreeing to the fact that all point deduction final decisions are at the full discretion of the Homecoming Director and the VPCA.**

- 10. If a member of your organization accuses another organization of cheating, or complains about a point deduction decision (or lack thereof) of another organization to ANY committee member, the VPCA and Homecoming Director Reserve the FULL right to deduct points from your organization.**
- 11. To ensure fairness and confidentiality of the points organizations receive for placement in skit, dance, banner and float, the Supreme court justices, the VPCA, the Homecoming Director, and the Rules and Points chair are the only people who will have access to score sheets and point documentation.**
- 12. Judges will ethically and fairly decide the allocation of points at all events, and have been instructed to not show any organizational bias for any reason.**
13. Individuals competing in group Homecoming events must be directly affiliated with the group with which they are competing (according to official IFC, NPC, NPHC, PanHellenic 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 2017 Homecoming Schedule in this packet. Upon entrance into the competition venue, competitor rosters will be checked.
14. SGA Senators, Executive Members, Freshman Forum members (including directors), and appointed officers in SGA may in no way affiliate or participate with an organization while **working** a Homecoming event.
15. All members of the Executive Branch (President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Director of Administration, Vice President of Campus Activities, Director of Representation, and the Freshman Forum Directors), Homecoming Committee, as well as members of the SGA Supreme Court must disaffiliate from their organization on Friday, October 20th at 11:59 pm. Disaffiliation will be lifted Friday, October 27th, at 11:59 pm.
16. Disaffiliation means that individuals may not wear greek-affiliated apparel, share any social media pictures relevant to Homecoming competitions or queen candidates of their respective organization, or attend any Greek organization's meetings. Disaffiliated individuals may not relay any confidential or pertinent information to their Greek organizations that may benefit their organization.
17. 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.
18. The VPCA, Homecoming Director, Rules and Points Chair, members of the Supreme Court, and an SGA Advisor will be allowed in the scoring area.
19. 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.
20. Be sure to review the point deduction guidelines for competitions.
21. If time and location of an event changes, rules for lateness may be adapted at the full discretion of the VPCA and Homecoming Director.

Rules concerning a tie:

1. There will be no ties among first, second, or third place winners for any Homecoming event, nor will there be a tie for the overall Homecoming 2017 winner.
2. If there is a tie among any number of competitive organizations after the judge's' initial tabulations, the judges will be asked to assign a number between 1 and 5 (1 worth the least and 5 worth the most) to each organization in the tie. An average will be taken from these scores, and the organizations 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.

Common Area Competition (Dorm and Department Decorating) General Rules:

1. Decorations must not constrict 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 or inappropriate language or phrases.
5. No audial media may be used on or in conjunction with any decorations.

**Dorm Lobbies will not be judged.

Rules concerning Banner:

Theme: Falling for Troy

1. Groups may use nothing larger than a Queen-sized sheet (no larger than 90" by 102").
2. Banners will be laid out on the quad on Friday, October 20th NO LATER THAN 3 pm. Failure to bring a banner before 3:00 pm will result in a point deduction as follows:
 - a. **3:00-3:10pm- Grace period**
 - b. **3:11-3:30 pm- 10 point deduction**
 - c. **3:31 and later-20 point deduction**
3. Banners will not be accepted after 4 pm for consideration of judging.
4. 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.
5. No glitter may be used on any part or portion of the banner in any way. The use of glitter will result in a 10 point deduction.
6. No audial media may be used on or in conjunction with the banner.
7. No electronics may be used in the presentation of banners.

Dance Competition General Rules:

Theme: Halloween

1. Each dance performance may be no longer than four (4) minutes. Competitors from each organization will have exactly forty-five (45) seconds to prepare themselves on stage for the performance.
2. Each dance must incorporate thirty (30) seconds of the Halloween song assigned at the first Homecoming meeting.
3. No more than fifteen (15) participants will be allowed on the stage during an organization's performance. No participants may come fully off of the stage. If this happens, points will be deducted. If a part of the body slips over the stage, but the dancer doesn't come all the way off the stage, no points will be deducted. These set-up, performance, and takedown times will be timed and recorded by a representative from the SGA or Homecoming Committee.
4. ONLY those participants involved in the dance competition will be allowed backstage at all for the entirety of the event.
5. No tumbling or cheer stunts will be permitted in the dance routine. This is to eradicate the potential of serious injury. The dance stage is secure, but is not fit for tumbling or stunts.
6. After the four (4) minute mark, any music still playing or movement on stage will result in point deductions as follows:
 - a. **4:01-4:10- grace period**
 - b. **4:11-4:30- 10 point deduction**
 - c. **4:31 and over- 20 point deduction**
7. The judges reserve the right to deduct points from a group's score for any vulgarity. Profanity and violence will under no circumstances be tolerated.
8. **Organizations must submit all of their participants for Dance by September 21st when packets are due at 5 pm in 215 Trojan Center.**
9. Music must be submitted prior to the competition. The deadline to turn in music for approval will be shared at the first homecoming meeting. Failure to turn in music on time for approval will result in a five (5) point deduction from a group's dance competition score.
10. No dance routine may, in any way, mention, characterize, or resemble any Troy University organization or person(s) associated with Troy University (whether student(s), administration, faculty, staff, or any person(s) having graduated or attended the University) without the direct written consent of said organization or person(s). Furthermore, approved impersonations MUST be in good taste. Written consent must be provided by October 16th at the Homecoming meeting.
11. There may be no "skit" segments during any group's dance. Any group using elements resembling a skit during their dance may have points deducted, at the full discretion of the judges.
12. Each group MUST send a representative to the dance competition venue at 6:15 pm the night of competition on Friday, October 27th for a brief overview of the night's events. Any organization that does not send a representative to this meeting will receive a five (5) point deduction from its final dance competition score.
13. Any objects that may hinder either the dancers' performances or the audience's view of the performances are strictly forbidden. These include, but are not limited to, the following: balloons, flags, posters, banners, etc. If a member of a competing organization breaks this rule, he or she will be asked to leave and the organization to which he or she belongs will receive a ten (10) point deduction from its final dance competition score.

Rules concerning costumes and props (dance competition):

1. Any type of footwear with metal on the sole is prohibited from use on stage. This includes cleats, both metal and plastic, tap shoes, and clogs. All footwear must be worn for the entirety of the dance routine. If an organization breaks this rule, there will be a fifteen (15) point deduction from the competition score.
2. NO GLITTER may be used on any part of a costume, prop, accessory, or on a dance competitor's body anywhere. This includes body glitter, glitter in hair, and glitter in makeup. If an organization breaks this rule, there will be a fifteen (15) point deduction from the competition score.
3. The use of freestanding props is strictly prohibited. A freestanding prop is any object that must be moved on or off of the stage. No props may be used unless they are attached to a dancer's costume.
4. All costume props, (hats, gloves, glasses, etc.) must be appropriate, and may not contain any vulgarity or racial slurs. If there are any questions about the appropriateness of props or outfits, please contact the Homecoming Director.
5. Costumes and props must be touching the body at all times during a performance. If at any time a costume or prop leaves the body during a performance and touches the ground, the judges will use their discretion to decide whether or not to deduct points.
6. The throwing of props off of the stage is HIGHLY discouraged, and the judges will use their discretion to decide whether or not to deduct points.

Skit Competition General Rules:

Theme: Falling for Troy: Celebrating where we've been, where we are, and where we are going.

1. The length of an organization's skit may be no more than three (3) minutes. Each competing group will have exactly one minute to set up its skit and one minute to take it down. These set-up, performance, and takedown times will be timed and recorded by a representative from the SGA or Homecoming Committee.
2. After the three (3) minute mark, any organization whose actors are still speaking or moving on stage will receive point deductions as follows
 - a. **3:01-3:05- grace period**
 - b. **3:06-3:25- 10 point deduction**
 - c. **3:26+ 20 point deduction**
3. Participating members of skit must remove themselves from the stage immediately upon the conclusion of the Skit.
4. There may be no more than fifteen (15) participants on stage at any one time during the performance. Groups will be allowed two (2) other participants to remain offstage during the set-up, performance, and takedown of the skit. The participants MAY NOT be seen and must be members of the competing organization.
5. No skit may, in any way, mention, characterize, or resemble any Troy University organization or person(s) associated with Troy University (whether student(s), administration, faculty, staff, or any person(s) having graduated or attended the University) without the direct written consent of said organization or person(s). Furthermore, approved impersonations MUST be in good taste. Written consent must be provided by , October 16th, 2017 at the Homecoming meeting.
6. There may be no dance, music, or singing segments during any group's skit. Any group using elements resembling a choreographed dance during their skit may have points taken off its final skit score, at the full discretion of the judges.
7. The judges reserve the right to deduct points from a group's score for excessive vulgarity. Profanity and violence will under no circumstances be tolerated.
8. Any objects that may hinder either the actors' performances or the audience's view of the performances are strictly forbidden. These include, but are not limited to, the following: balloons, flags, posters, banners, etc. If a member of a competing organization breaks this rule, he or she will be asked to leave and the organization to which he or she belongs will receive a ten (10)-point deduction from its final skit competition score.
9. Each group MUST send a representative to the skit competition venue at 6:15 pm the night of competition on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 for a brief overview of the night's events. Any organization that does not send a representative to this meeting will receive a five (5)-point deduction from its final skit competition score.

Rules concerning costumes and props (skit competition):

1. Any type of footwear with metal on the sole is prohibited from use on stage. This includes cleats, both metal and plastic, tap shoes, and clogs. All footwear must be worn for the entirety of the skit. If an organization breaks this rule, there will be a fifteen (15) point deduction from the competition score.
2. NO GLITTER may be used on any part of a costume, prop, accessory, or on a dance competitor's body anywhere. This includes body glitter, glitter in hair, and glitter in makeup.
3. The use of props, both freestanding and handheld, **is allowed** during the skit performance. Freestanding props **MUST** be brought on during the one (1) minute setup time before the performance. Handheld props may come on during a performance, and the two (2) extra participants offstage may help the actors on stage with props. **HOWEVER**, if the extra participants are seen or heard on the stage at any point **DURING** the performance, the performing group will receive a **fifteen (15) point deduction** from the competition score.
4. The throwing of props off of the stage is **HIGHLY** discouraged, and the judges will use their discretion to decide whether or not to deduct points.

Parade and Float Rules:

Theme: Fall and Football

Due: Sartain Parking Lot on Sunday, October 22th at 4:00PM

*Please read carefully, as some float guidelines have changed.

1. Every organization's float will be judged on 3 factors: use of the 2017 Homecoming theme (think fall/autumn elements), Trojan pride, and creativity.

2. Your float may consist of **2 boards**. These boards must be **no bigger than 72" high by 80" wide**.

3. Organizations have the right to pomp their boards, however, it is not mandatory. *THE ONLY part of your float that will be considered by the judges are both boards that you decorate.

4. You are NOT allowed to bring any excess decorations or decorative structures to the Sartain lot as this may cloud the opinions of the judges. If you bring ANY excess decorations to Sartain, you will receive an automatic 15-point deduction (this includes any **skirts**, balloons, inflatables, toys, hand-crafted wooden structures, etc). If you need any structural supports for your two boards, they cannot be decorated.

5. You have the right to implement other elements to your float besides 2 boards, but they will not be considered by the judges and they cannot be on your float on Sunday at Sartain.

6. Floats will be submitted in the Sartain parking lot promptly at 4 pm. Any floats that are submitted late will receive point deductions as follows:

- a. 4:01-4:10 pm: Grace Period**
- b. 4:11-4:30 pm: 10 point deduction**
- c. 4:31 +: 15 point deduction**

Floats will not be considered for judging and organizations will not receive participation points or competition points if a float is not turned in at the Sartain lot before 5 pm.

7. To encourage giving back to the community, organizations will have the opportunity to donate up to 500 dollars towards Troy's Homecoming Philanthropy: Backpacks for Kids. For every 100 dollars donated, you will receive 1 "bonus point". It is highly encouraged that this monetary donation come out of your float budget.

8. The time and location for the parade lineup will be announced after the City of Troy meets to discuss. This will be clearly communicated to homecoming chairs.

9. No craft glitter OR rhinestones of any sort may be used on any part of the float. If glitter or rhinestones are used, points will be deducted at the discretion of the VPCA and Homecoming Director.

10. The judges reserve the right to deduct points from a group's competition score for vulgarity. Profanity and violence will under no circumstances be tolerated. If, at the time of the parade lineup, the VPCA, Homecoming Director, or members of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce find a float in any way vulgar or offensive, those persons reserve the right to remove the float from the parade. In such an event, the

organization associated with that float will be removed entirely **from every Homecoming Competition**. All participation points will be forfeited, as well as any points gained from placement in any event. Troy University is heavily represented annually in this parade, and any type of vulgarity or offensiveness will not be tolerated.

11. No furniture (chairs, tables, couches, desks, coffee tables, lamps, etc) will be allowed on a float unless it is somehow incorporated into the larger float theme. Floats will not be allowed to participate in the parade if they consist solely of furniture placed on a vehicle; nor will they be allowed to participate if the furniture is the sole focus of the float.

12. No items may be thrown from a float. Also, no items may be thrown onto a float. Members from a float's organization are encouraged to walk alongside their float. Members are also allowed to stand on the float as long as there is an attentiveness to safety.

13. No tobacco products or alcohol will be permitted on or around the float, in a vehicle pulling the float, or along walking segments.

14. There may be NO talking, acting, singing, speaking, dancing, or chants while judges are reviewing a float. Any group failing to follow this rule will risk severe point deductions.

*More information about parade routes, times, and locations will be provided during the mandatory Homecoming meetings as information is made available.

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. DEADLINE is September 21st at 5:00 pm in TC 215. *Checks may be made out to the Student Government Association and all fees may be **made in one bulk payment*** If you have any questions, contact Douglas Dick or Sarah Singleterry.

Name of organization or team: _____

Division (please circle): Male Female Co-ed

Circle each event in which your organization will participate:

Category	Participation	Fee	Payment
Banner	Yes / No	\$10.00	
Dance	Yes / No	\$15.00	
Skit	Yes / No	\$15.00	
Troy's 130th Birthday Party	Yes/ No	-----	
Float	Yes / No	\$25.00	
Palladium Pictures	Yes / No	-----	
Haunted Hill Community Service Event	Yes/No	-----	
Queen Nomination	Yes / No	\$25.00	
Tailgate Event	Yes / No	-----	
Street Painting	Yes/ No	\$10.00	
"Who's Got Sound"	Yes/ No	-----	
			Total:

*The application for Homecoming parade floats is separate from this application, and is found in your Homecoming Packet on page 21. This application should be turned in with all other applications.

**The Homecoming Queen application is separate from the Homecoming packet. The Homecoming Queen packet may be picked up in the SGA office (Trojan Center 215). In order to be officially nominated, the Homecoming Queen application must be filled out online at Trojan Connection by Thursday, September 21st at 4 pm. You may turn in your application fee to the VPCA or the Director of Representation.

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

We do hereby understand that the _____ organization/ team will be participating in the above listed Homecoming 2017 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: (____) _____

Homecoming Parade Application

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Troy University Homecoming Appreciation Day Parade on Saturday, October 28th, 2017. We are excited about this year's theme: *Fall and Football!*

This annual event is the community's chance to recognize this great institution and the important role it plays in our community. We cordially invite and encourage all business, industry and civic organizations to participate as we celebrate Troy University's profound impact on our community.

Professional floats will again be available featuring your chosen message saluting Troy University. Only antique vehicles and automobiles representing Troy University organizations are permitted. Also, absolutely no items may be thrown from the floats. You may not give out any items along the parade route.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to the Student Government Association Office

We reserve a space for a homemade float

Please describe: _____

We will have an antique vehicle

We will have a car

We will have a truck

We will have a flatbed trailer pulled by a truck

ALL OTHER UNITS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO BEING ACCEPTED

Name of organization/company _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number (____) _____

Homecoming Parade Application: Safety First Form

To prevent any accidents and to ensure that EVERYONE at the Homecoming parade has a fun and memorable experience, the SGA would ask that your organization encourage a safe driver to navigate your float or automobile down the parade route. In doing this we would like you to give the name of your driver as well as the make and model of the car that will be used. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us guarantee yet another successful Homecoming Parade!

Please fill in the blanks below:

Organization Name

Driver's Name

Model of Car

Make of Car

**Please return this form with all other applications by, September 21st. If any of these fields change, please contact contact Douglas Dick (Vice President of Campus Activities) at 850.381.2996 or Sarah Singleterry (Homecoming Director) at 205.834.0652. as soon as possible.

Homecoming 2017 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: ΣΣΣΣ) _____

Incident _____

Complaint _____

* 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. Regardless of the decision, the filing organization will be notified within 48 hours from the time that their complaint was filed.

“Who’s Got Sound” Application

Organization’s Name: _____

The Student Government Association will be hosting the “Who’s Got Sound” on Monday, October 23rd, 2017. We are excited about this event and hope it provides an entertaining and enjoyable experience to everyone.

“Who's Got Sound” is a relaxed concert featuring nominated performers from different organizations throughout campus. This event will take place on the Bibb Graves Quad on Monday night at 6:30PM. This event is free and open to all students to attend.

Rules:

1. Each organization can nominate 1-4 people to perform as ONE act.
2. Performance can be no longer than 4 minutes long.
3. All songs must be pre-approved by the Homecoming Committee.
4. No Vulgar, Profane, or Obscene Behavior.
5. Each act is personally responsible for setup/take-down.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to the Student Government Association Office

Name of organization/individuals _____

- Participants
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

E-Mail Address _____

Contact Telephone Number (____) _____

Please return this form with all other applications by 5:00PM September 21st . If any of these fields change, please contact contact Douglas Dick (Vice President of Campus Activities) at 850.381.2996 or Sarah Singleterry (Homecoming Director) at 205.834.0652.

Street Painting Application:

Organization's Name: _____

On Monday, October 23rd, immediately following Who's Got Sound, organizations will paint the pavement on University Avenue in front of Sartain Hall to show their Trojan Pride. Check in will be at 9:00 p.m., and the event will last until 11:00 p.m.. Five percent (5%) of your organization must be present to earn points. Participants will display their Trojan Pride and Homecoming Spirit with celebrating our football players. Music and snacks will be provided.

Please provide the names of your organization's participants. They will need to be on University Avenue in front of Sartain Hall 15 minutes prior to start of the event. **5% must be present for the duration of the event. Understand that this number will be different for all organizations involved.**

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Tailgate Event Application:

Organization's Name: _____

An exciting part to TROY Homecoming is the Tailgate! Each organization is asked to cook one Tailgating dish and prepare enough for 300 people. **3** "chefs" from each organization are admitted for free. Other members who would like to support their chef may purchase a wristband for \$1 providing them with free samples of all the food and a drink. All money raised will be donated to a philanthropy of Committee's choosing.

Please provide the names of your organization's participants. They will need to be at Tailgate Terrace 30 minutes prior to start of the event.

Chef One: _____

Chef Two: _____

Chef Three: _____

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Skit Application:

Theme: Falling for Troy: Celebrating where we've been, where we are, and where we are going

Organization's Name: _____

For a full rundown of the rules regarding skit, please refer back to the 2017 Homecoming packet.

Please provide the names of your organization's participants. They will need to be at Trojan Arena 45 minutes prior to start of the event.

Contestant 1: _____

Contestant 2: _____

Contestant 3: _____

Contestant 4: _____

Contestant 5: _____

Contestant 6: _____

Contestant 7: _____

Contestant 8: _____

Contestant 9: _____

Contestant 10: _____

Contestant 11: _____

Contestant 12: _____

Contestant 13: _____

Contestant 14: _____

Contestant 15: _____

Assistant 1: _____

Assistant 2: _____

Please return this form with all other applications by 5:00PM September 21st. If any of these fields change, please contact contact Douglas Dick (Vice President of Campus Activities) at 850.381.2996 or Sarah Singleterry (Homecoming Director) at 205.834.0652.

Dance Application:

Organization's Name: _____

For a full rundown of the rules regarding dance, please refer back to the 2017 Homecoming packet. No more than fifteen (15) participants will be allowed on stage itself during an organization's performance. Going off-stage to the left or right during the performance is acceptable; but no participants may come off the stage into the audience.

Please provide the names of your organization's participants. They will need to be at Trojan Arena 45 minutes prior to start of the event.

Contestant 1: _____

Contestant 2: _____

Contestant 3: _____

Contestant 4: _____

Contestant 5: _____

Contestant 6: _____

Contestant 7: _____

Contestant 8: _____

Contestant 9: _____

Contestant 10: _____

Contestant 11: _____

Contestant 12: _____

Contestant 13: _____

Contestant 14: _____

Contestant 15: _____

Please return this form with all other applications by 5:00PM September 15th. If any of these fields change, please contact contact Douglas Dick (Vice President of Campus Activities) at 850.381.2996 or Sarah Singleterry (Homecoming Director) at 205.834.0652 as soon as possible.

Judge: _____

Homecoming Skit 2017 Scoresheet

Organization: _____

Division: _____

The Homecoming skit theme this year is “Falling for Troy: Celebrating where we’ve been, where we are, and where we are going.

25% Use of the 2017 Homecoming Theme -Incorporation of Troy University and its role in the celebration of the past, present, or future.	_____/10 points Total:
25% Trojan Pride -Display of spirit, Love for Troy	_____/10 points Total:
10% Crowd Appeal and Overall Effect -Crowd Response, Voice, Clarity	_____/10 points Total:
40% Skit Content and Creativity -Originality, Theme Appropriate Costumes, Creative Dialogue	_____/10 points Total:

Total Score: _____

Judge: _____

Homecoming Dance 2017 Scoresheet

Organization: _____

Division: _____

The Homecoming dance theme this year is “Halloween” and the music specific to this theme is modern Hip-Hop, R&B, and thirty (30) seconds of a Halloween song randomly chosen by organizations.

25% Use of the 2017 Homecoming Theme -Incorporation of Halloween Music as well as other music.	_____/10 points Total:
25% Trojan Pride -Display of spirit, Love for Troy	_____/10 points Total:
10% Crowd Appeal and Overall Effect -Crowd Response, Performance, Excitement	_____/10 points Total:
40% Dance Content and Creativity -Originality, Theme Appropriate Costumes, Timing, Sharpness, Technique	_____/10 points Total:

Total Score: _____

Judge: _____

Homecoming Banner 2017 Scoresheet

Organization: _____

Division: _____

The Homecoming theme this year is “Falling for Troy”, and the banner should depict the theme.

40% Use of the 2017 Homecoming Theme -Theme relevance -Incorporation of Homecoming Theme	_____/10 points Total:
30% Trojan Pride -Display of spirit -Love for Troy	_____/10 points Total:
30% Overall Appeal and Creativity -Neatness -Artistic Design -Originality	_____/10 points Total:

Total Score: _____

Judge: _____

Homecoming Float 2017 Scoresheet

The Homecoming float theme this year is “Fall and Football” and the float should reflect this accurately.

Organization: _____

Division: _____

The Homecoming float theme this year is “Fall and Football” and the float should reflect this accurately.

40% Use of the 2017 Homecoming Theme -Theme relevance -Incorporation of the theme -Incorporation of Troy University	_____/10 points Total:
30% Trojan Pride -Display of spirit -Love for Troy	_____/10 points Total:
30% Overall Appeal and Creativity -Neatness -Artistic Design -Curb Appeal -Easy-to-see	_____/10 points Total:

Total Score: _____