

2023 Washburn University Homecoming

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To register for events, go to: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Homecoming Hashtag: #WashburnHomecoming23

To: Washburn Student Organizations

Washburn Faculty/Staff

Community Members & Alumni

From: 2023 Homecoming Committee

Re: Homecoming Registration Packet

Homecoming is just around the corner and the 2023 Homecoming committee is very excited about all the activities offered this year. The homecoming theme is **Boots**, **Bling**, **Bods!**. The committee is working diligently to organize a full week of fun events for the campus, community, and alumni.

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Informational Meetings regarding Homecoming 2023 will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 28th in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union and 4pm Thursday, August 30th in BTAC. Guidelines for events can be found at www.washburn.edu/homecoming and to register for events go to www.washburn.edu/bodsconnect.

The following packet contains the homecoming schedule and event rules. This information is also available online at **washburn.edu/homecoming**. In addition to awards and plaques for the individual competitions, the committee will be awarding Homecoming Grand Champion trophies to the winners of the fraternity and sorority categories.

The Homecoming Committee is again sponsoring the Hat Decorating Contest. We encourage students, faculty, staff, student organizations, university offices, and community partners to decorate a top hat focusing on either a Washburn theme or the homecoming theme.

We are strongly encouraging departments, offices and student organizations to participate in the Homecoming Tailgate. Please consider decorating a truck or entering the tabling category. Read more about the variety of entries in the Tailgate section of the packet.

All campus voting for Ichabods of Honor will be available at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023 until 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 27th on the front page of www.washburn.edu/homecoming. The Top Bods will be announced at half-time of the football game.

Please review carefully all forms and rules, taking special note of deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact Kelli Wietharn at (785)-670-2723, or email homecoming@washburn.edu

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August 28, 2023
August 30, 2023
September 18, 2023
September 29, 2023
October 2-5, 2023
October 6, 2023
Rising Star – Variety Show October 16-17, 2023
October 24, 2023
October 25, 2023
Office Decoration Judging, 3:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance hosted by CAB, Washburn A/B, 7:00 p.m. Ichabod of Honor on MyWashburn Continues
October 26, 2022
October 27, 2023
October 28, 2023

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17	18 Ichabod of Honor Nominations Due (online) - 5pm	19	20	21	22	23 Family Day
24	25	26	27	28	29 Ichabod of Honor Interview Sign Up Deadline - 5pm	30

October 2023

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Ichabod of Honor interviews begin.	3 Ichabod of Honor interviews continue.	4 Ichabod of Honor interviews continue.	5 Ichabod of Honor interviews end.	Registration due (online) for: Tailgate, Banners, Lawn Boards, Res Living Desk Décor, Office Décor, Hats, Yell Like Hell, Rising Stars.	7
8	9	Pick up boards from Living Learning Center after 5pm Priority Seating Social Media Challenge Opens at Noon	11	12	13 Ichabod of Honor Bios are due (online).	14 Fall Break begins
15 Fall Break	16 Fall Break	17 Fall Break	18	19 5pm - Boards are due to LLC Front Commons	20	21
22	23 12pm- Hats, Music & Banners due to OSID office. 3pm- Banner Judging 4pm- Hat Judging	24 10am-1pm - Hats on Display 3pm- Office Decoration Judging 4pm- Res Hall Desk Judging 6pm- Rising Star Variety Show 7:30pm- Washburn A/B Ichabods of Honor Announced. 9pm -Voting begins	25 Ichabods of Honor Voting continues 3pm - Lawn Board Judging 11am-1pm- Scorch on the Porch 7-9pm - Homecoming Dance Hosted by CAB Priority Seating Social Media Challenge Closes at 5PM	26 Ichabods of Honor Voting continues 7pm- Yell Like Hell in Lee Arena	27 1pm - Ichabod of Honor Voting ends.	8:30am- Tailgate in place and decorated 9am - Tailgate Judging 10am-1pm- Stage performances/kids activities 1pm- Homecoming game vs. Northwest Missouri State - Homecoming Week Winners & Ichabods of Honor Announced!
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Judging

- 1. Each event will be judged on the criteria listed in the Homecoming Registration Packet. All events will be scored by judges.
- 2. Judges will be given a range of points that can be allotted for each event. Points will then be tallied and put in rank order to determine the winner.
- 3. Points will be awarded, and plaques presented to the 1st place winners as stated in the packet.
- 4. The organization with the highest number of points at the end of Homecoming Week will awarded the Grand Championship Award in each category.
- 5. Judges will be solicited through the Homecoming Judges Sub-committee.
- 6. Judges will be comprised of students, faculty, staff, and/or alumni of Washburn.
- 7. Decisions by the judges are final. There will be no appeals.
- 8. After the judging has been completed for an event approaching judges will not be allowed.
- 9. Concerns, suggestions, and questions may be addressed, in writing, to the Homecoming Judges Sub-committee and delivered to the Office of Student Involvement & Development.
- 10. You may use the following sheet for tracking your organization's earned points.

2023 Homecoming Championship Score Sheet

Organization Name:		
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Banner Competition - Categories: Fraternity/Sorority	Points
1st Place - 10 points	
2nd Place - 7 points	
3rd Place - 4 points	
Organizations on the Lawn - Fraternity/Sorority	
1st Place - 20 points	
2nd Place - 17 points	
3rd Place - 14 points	
Top Hat Decorating	
1st Place - 20 points	
2nd Place - 17 points	
3rd Place - 14 points	
Variety Show	
1st Place - 10 points	
2 nd Place - 7 points	
3 rd Place - 4 Points	
Yell Like Hell - Categories: Fraternity/Sorority	
1st Place - 25 points	
2nd Place - 20 points	
3rd Place - 15 points	
Office Decorating	
1st Place - 20 points	
2nd Place - 17 points	
3rd Place - 14 points	

2023 Homecoming Championship Score Sheet (Continued)

Tailgate Categories:	
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Fraternity/Sorority Tailgate	
1 st Place – 25 points	
2 nd Place – 20 points	
3 rd Place – 15 points	
Student Organization Tailgate	
1 st Place – 25 points	
2 nd Place – 20 points	
3 rd Place – 15 points	
Departmental Tailgate	
1 st Place	
2 nd Place	
3 rd Place	
Community Tailgate	
Prizes given	

<u>Ichabod of Honor</u> <u>Nomination of Candidates & Selection</u>

Nominating Candidates:

- 1. Registered student organizations may nominate two candidates. Only one can be from their designated organization. All nominees must be a part of a registered student organization.
- 2. Each candidate must complete an application and submit it to the Office of Student Involvement & Development
- 3. The selection committee will verify all information including candidate's cumulative grade point average, number of credit hours earned, and student conduct status.
- 4. Candidates must currently be a full-time student at Washburn University.

Candidate Requirements:

- 1. Must be nominated by a Washburn University registered student organization, with an accurate current roster.
- 2. Must be a student in good standing, enrolled at Washburn, and have earned a minimum of 72 credit hours. A minimum of 24 hours must be from Washburn.
- 3. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.85 or above.
- 4. Must complete an application and allow university personnel to verify all information including grades, credit hours, conduct code status, and overall university status.
- 5. Must be willing to allow your picture and biographical information to be used for the promotion of the Ichabod of Honor during homecoming activities.
- 6. Must participate in a personal interview with a committee of judges.
- 7. Must participate in homecoming activities such as the Variety Show, Yell Like Hell, Tailgate, and the half-time ceremony of the football game. May also be asked to participate in other homecoming and Alumni activities throughout the week.
- 8. Candidates may not be nominated by more than one student organization.

Selection of Ichabod of Honor:

- 1. A committee of judges will review application materials. Application score will be 25% of final decision.
- 2. A committee of judges will interview all candidates and rate them based on established guidelines. The interview will consist of 25% of the final Ichabod of Honor decision.
- 3. The top-rated candidates will be chosen as finalists.
- 4. Only finalists may be voted as Homecoming Ichabod of Honor.
- 5. The Ichabod of Honor, (2 candidates) will be selected by a combination of the scores received through the application, interview, and voting process (50% of the final decision).
- 6. Students may vote for two Ichabod of Honor candidates and may only vote once.
- 7. Nominees will be introduced, and the Homecoming Ichabod's of Honor will be announced at the Variety Show.
- 8. The Ichabod of Honor, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up will be announced during half-time of the football game.
- 9. In the event of a tie, winner will be chosen based on student body vote score.

Campaigning:

- 1. Candidates, nominating organizations, etc. cannot put any monetary resources into campaigning. However, acceptable forms of advertising for candidates include social media posts, chalking, word of mouth, etc.
- 2. Pictures and biographical information about each finalist, as well as voting information, will be posted in prominent places on campus and in university publications as a way to promote interest in homecoming.

Nomination Forms Due:

Friday, September 8th, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Application and personal information is due to the Office of Student Involvement & Development, located on the main level of the Memorial Union.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

All candidates nominated must complete the Ichabod of Honor Application form by Friday, September 29, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. The application is at www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Ichabod of Honor Timeline

<u>Candidate Interviews:</u> Monday, October 2nd-Wednesday, Oct. 5th, Memorial Union.

Ichabod's of Honor Announcement: Tuesday, October 24th, 2023, Variety Show, Washburn A/B Room

All Campus Voting: Visit www.washburn.edu/homecoming starting at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, October

24th - Friday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Week

Activities: Tuesday– Saturday, October 24-28, 2023

<u>Homecoming Ceremony:</u> Saturday, October 28, 2023

The Ichabod of Honor will be announced during half-time of the football game.



Hat Decoration Contest

This competition is for the following categories: (1) student organizations and (2) fraternity/sorority chapters and (3) all other Washburn community members (e.g. academic departments, offices, community partners, and individuals). All are encouraged to decorate top hats provided by Office of Student Involvement & Development or to create their own top hat for judging. Hats will be returned to the office or organization at the end of the week.

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023, by 5:00pm

Registration online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

<u>Hats Due:</u> Hats must be submitted, completely dry, to the Office of Student Involvement and Development

by for tables in Memorial Union by noon on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Hats will be on display:

• Tuesday, October 24th and at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24th at the Variety Show

• Wednesday, October 25th in the Union & Scorch on the Porch

• October 26th and 27th Thursday and Friday on the Main Level, Memorial Union

Judging Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

<u>Requirements:</u> Hats must meet the following qualifications:

1. Size limit: 18" wide x 18" long x 24" high

- 2. Sturdy construction to minimize damage in the moving of hats for display purposes
- 3. Glitter, food items, or candy are not permitted to use in decoration
- 4. Decorated using a Washburn spirit, Ichabod pride, or homecoming theme

<u>Disqualification:</u> Hats will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive
- 3. Depiction of firearms/related weaponry
- 4. Exceed size limits
- 5. Use of glitter, food, or candy
- 6. Failure to meet stated requirements

Judging and Scoring: Homecoming points and plaques will be awarded for the following:

- Best Reflects Homecoming Theme (5 points)
- Best Reflects Washburn's Spirit (5 points)

You will be asked to select which category your hat will be judged in for Homecoming.

Judges for the hat decoration contest will be looking for the following qualities and rating on a scale from 1 to 10:

- 1. Requirements
- 2. Neatness
- 3. Originality or Creativity
- 4. Use of theme
- 5. Use of name of organization/department and Washburn spirit and/or Ichabod pride

ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm Please complete registration online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Banner Competition

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023, by 5:00pm

Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Banners Due: Banners must be submitted, completely dry, to Office of Student Involvement & Development by

Noon on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Judging Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Requirements: Banners must meet the following qualifications:

1. Name of the student organization displayed on banner

- 2. Washburn spirit, Ichabod pride, or homecoming theme displayed on banner
- 3. Created by currently enrolled Washburn students
- 4. Glitter, food items, or candy are not permitted to use in decoration
- 5. Banners design runs vertically
 - a. Three-dimensional banners will be hung on the railing by the Corner Store
- 6. Size limit: 2 ½ to 3 feet in width by 5 feet in length
 - a. Must use paper you can utilize the paper and supplies in the OSID workroom.

<u>Disqualification:</u> Banners will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive
- 3. Depiction of firearms/related weaponry
- 4. Exceeds size limit
- 5. Not vertically aligned
- 6. Banner artwork/display is computer generated
- 7. Use of glitter, food, or candy
- 8. Failure to meet stated requirements

Judging and Scoring: Homecoming points and plaques will be awarded for the following categories:

- Fraternity/sorority
- Student Organization

Judges for the banner competition will be looking for the following qualities:

- 1. Requirements
- 2. Neatness
- 3. Originality or Creativity
- 4. Use of theme
- 5. Use of name of organization/department and Washburn spirit and/or Ichabod pride

Judges for the banner competition will be rating on a scale from 1 to 10:

- 1st place = 10 points
- 2^{nd} place = 7 points
- 3^{rd} place = 4 points

ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Office Decorations

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm

Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Judging Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

<u>Requirements:</u> Office decorations must meet the following qualifications:

1. Completed by 3:00 p.m.

2. Related to homecoming theme

- 3. Offices are encouraged to display decorations throughout homecoming week
- 4. One representative from the organization/department must be present at the judging
- 5. Name of the student organization/department displayed
- 6. Washburn spirit, Ichabod pride, or homecoming theme displayed

<u>Disqualifications:</u> Offices will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive
- 3. Depiction of firearms/related weaponry
- 4. Use of skits or individuals as part of decoration
 - a. Example: singing or playing instruments by members
- 5. Failure to meet stated requirements

Judging and Scoring: Judges for the office decoration contest will be looking for the following qualities:

- 1. Requirements
- 2. Neatness
- 3. Originality and creativity
- 4. Use of theme
- 5. Use of name of organization/department and Washburn spirit and/or Ichabod pride

Judges for the office competition will be given plagues and certificates for placement

- 1st place = 10 points + plague
- 2nd place = 7 points + certificate
- 3^{rd} place = 4 points + certificate



ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

<u>Variety Show – Rising Star</u>

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm – no late registrations will be accepted

Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Event Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Washburn A/B

Participants must be ready to perform at 5:45 p.m.

Requirements: Participants must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be a currently enrolled Washburn student or Washburn Faculty or Staff

a. Acts can have up to 5 people per performance

b. Examples are: Poetry, spoken word, play instrument, singing, comedy, Etc.

2. Only 1 act/entry is allowed to represent an organization

a. Students do not have to belong to an organization to participate

3. All music must be on a flash drive or thumb drive

a. Music is due Monday, October 23rd by 11:00 a.m. to the Library Front Desk or OSID Office addressed to Stephen Woody. – no late music will be accepted.

4. Contestants may perform up to 6 minutes of material

a. A signal will be given at the 5-minute mark

b. Going over time will result in a set point deduction

5. Excessive or gratuitous use of offensive language is not permitted

a. Judges will disqualify the contestant and they will be asked to relinquish the microphone

Judging and Scoring:

Only students will be judged and be eligible for points and prizes. The top three finishers will be determined by a celebrity judge panel and will be judged on the following:

1. Delivery: performer is confident & serious about their act

2. Enthusiasm: performance is energized & exciting

3. Performance quality: Well-rehearsed & prepared

4. Costume/Prop: brought props or dressed to compliment act

5. Appropriateness: content and language

Judges for Rising Stars will be rating on a scale from 1 to 10:

• 1st place = 10 points + prize

• 2nd place = 7 points + prize

• 3^{rd} place = 4 points + prize

ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Organizations Boards on the Lawn

This competition is for all organizations. This competition consists of decorating a 4'x 4' wooden board to be displayed on the lawns around East Memorial Union. Lawn Board may be picked up in the LLC Lobby beginning **Mon. Oct. 10th**.

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm

Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Judging Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Signs must be completed and dropped off to Living Learning Center by Friday, October 20th by

5pm.

Requirements: Chapter decorations must meet the following qualifications:

1. Completed by 12 p.m.

2. Size Limit: 4'x 4'

3. Decoration materials can be of the organization's choosing

4. At least one representative from the organization must be present at judging

5. Related to the homecoming theme

6. Created and built by currently enrolled Washburn students

7. Waterproofed (using scotch guard spray, permanent paints, etc.)

8. Chapter name/letters displayed, Organization/Club name

9. Washburn spirit, Ichabod pride, or homecoming theme displayed

10. Decorate one-side, other side single-colored. Add organization/letters on back

11. Battery packs are permitted but not plug-in

<u>Disqualification:</u> Chapter decorations will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

1. Profanity

2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive

3. Depiction of firearms or related weaponry

4. Use of skits or individuals as part of decoration

a. Example: singing or playing instruments by members

5. Failure to meet stated requirements

<u>Judging and Scoring:</u> Judges for the chapter decoration contest will be looking for the following qualities:

1. Requirements

2. Neatness

3. Originality and creativity

4. Use of theme

5. Use of name of chapter letters/name and Washburn spirit and/or Ichabod pride

Judges for the chapter decoration competition will be rating on a scale from 1 to 10:

• 1st place = 10 points

• 2^{nd} place = 7 points

• 3rd place = 4 points

ENTRY FORM DUE: Monday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Residence Desk Decorations

Entry Form Due: Monday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm

Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Judging Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Information:

1. All buildings will use front desk and common area to decorate

Requirements: Decorations must meet the following qualifications:

1. Completed by 4:00 p.m. on October 26th

- 2. Submission specifies which residents will be helping with the decoration
- 3. Must relate to the homecoming theme
- 4. Any decorations in hallways will not be included in judging
- 5. Decorations displayed throughout homecoming week
- 6. Decorations created by the student/s who live in building area

<u>Disqualifications:</u> Decorations will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive
- 3. Depiction of firearms or related weaponry
- 4. Use of skits or individuals as part of decoration
 - a. Example: singing or playing instruments by members
- 5. Failure to meet stated requirements

Judging and Scoring: Judges for the decoration contest will be looking for the following qualities:

- 1. Requirements
- 2. Neatness
- 3. Originality and creativity
- 4. Use of theme
- 5. Use of name of Washburn spirit and/or Ichabod pride

Judges for the decoration competition will be rating on a scale from 1 to 10:

- 1st place = Trophy. Snacks in the building the following week.
- Prizes will be divided equally to the occupants living in the winning building

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Yell Like Hell Competition

In this competition, groups are encouraged to make up a dance routine to compete with other organizations at the Yell Like Hell Competition.

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm

Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Event Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Lee Arena

<u>Requirements:</u> Performances must meet the following qualifications:

- 1. There are Three (3) categories for this event:
 - a. University organizations: residence halls, clubs/organizations, faculty/staff, etc.
 - i. Collaboration of organizations and/or residence halls/floors is encouraged
 - b. Fraternity/Sorority: teams can pair up
 - c. Athletic Teams: Washburn University Athletic team.
 - d. Student Organization/Clubs: Groups signed up through Bods Connect
- 2. Each organization will be allowed only one entry
 - a. The entry must designate which category they are entering.
- 3. All music must be on a Thumb Drive or Flash Drive
 - a. Music is due Wednesday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m. to the OSID Office
 - b. Music will begin when group walks on the court
- 4. Members of each group must be currently enrolled Washburn students
 - a. A roster of all participants must be submitted to the Student Life Office by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) the day of event
- 5. Each entry is required to complete a dance routine
- 6. Time limit: 5 minutes
 - a. Time begins when group walks on the court
- 7. Groups of more than 25 people may participate/be on the court during the performance but they will **NOT** be judged.
- 8. Props and signs are allowed
 - a. Performances cannot throw, blow, or spray any items on or from the dance floor
 - i. Example: silly string, confetti, glitter, etc.

<u>Disqualification:</u> Performances will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive
- 3. Depiction of firearms or related weaponry
- 4. Failure to meet stated requirements

<u>Judging and Scoring:</u> Judges for Yell Like Hell will be looking for the following qualities:

- 1. Creativity
- 2. Crowd participation
- 3. Synchronization of movements
- 4. Incorporation of the theme

Judges for Yell Like Hell will be rating on a scale from 1 to 25:

- 1st place = 25 points
- 2^{nd} place = 20 points
- 3rd place = 15 points

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Tailgate Competition

Entry Form Due: Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm.

Register online at: washburn.edu/homecoming

Event Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Event Time: 9:00 a.m. – Must be checked in and lined up in assigned spot

9:30 a.m. – Judging begins

Line-up Location: Washburn University East Lawn

• Tailgate Trucks will enter on Durow Drive of Washburn Campus.

- You must line up in your assigned location and your tailgate must remain in place until the end of the football game.
- Check-in with Homecoming attendant

Tailgate Requirements:

- 1. Organizations in Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, and/or Multicultural Greek Council
 - a. MGC organizations can compete with student organizations if they choose.
- 2. Any vehicle will need to remain in place throughout the tailgate competition and until the end of the Homecoming football game.
- 3. Any decorated vehicle including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs
- 4. There are both competitive and non-competitive divisions of this category
- 5. Be in assigned spot by 9am
- 6. Related to homecoming theme
- 7. Name of the student organization/department displayed
- 8. Washburn spirit or homecoming theme displayed
- 9. Decoration of entry can be of the organization's choosing
- a. Be creative; we encourage the use of streamers, balloons, signs, chicken wire and other appropriate theme related decorations.
- b. Dogs/pets must be in a vehicle or on a leash

<u>Disqualifications:</u> Parade entries will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Use of any design that is racially, sexually, religiously, or otherwise offensive
- 3. Depiction of firearms/related weaponry
- 4. Failure to meet stated requirements

<u>Categories:</u> Tailgate will be entered into one of the following categories: Fraternity/Sorority, Student

Organization, WU Departmental, and community. You may enter your float to be judged or enter

without judging.

<u>Judging and Scoring:</u> Judges for the Tailgate will be looking for the following qualities:

- 1. Use of homecoming theme
- 2. Originality and creativity
- 3. Design
- 4. Entertainment/special effects
- 5. Durability, material quality, and workmanship

Point deductions will occur for:

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- 1. Arriving Late (25 points)
- 2. Exceeding length and/or height requirements (25 points)
- 3. Tailgates that are only decorated on one side. (25 points)

Judges for the Tailgate will be rating on a scale from 1 to 25:

- 1st place = 25 points
- 2nd place = 20 points
- 3rd place = 15 points

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