



2025 Washburn University Homecoming

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Homecoming Hashtag: **#WashburnHomecoming**

To: Washburn Student Organizations

Washburn Faculty/Staff
Community Members & Alumni

From: 2025 Homecoming Committee

Re: Homecoming Registration Packet

Homecoming is just around the corner and the 2025 Homecoming Committee is very excited about all the activities offered this year. This year's homecoming theme is **No Place Like WU**. The committee is working diligently to organize a full week of fun events for our campuses, communities, and alumni.

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Informational meetings regarding Homecoming 2025 will be held at 5:00pm on Monday, August 25th in Washburn A and 5:00pm on Thursday, August 28th in Washburn A. Guidelines and registration for events can be found at www.washburn.edu/homecoming.

The following packet contains the Homecoming schedule and event rules. This information is also available online at www.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 Top Hat Decorating Contest. We encourage students, faculty, staff, student organizations, and university offices to decorate a top hat focusing on the 2025 Homecoming theme: No Place Like WU.

The Homecoming Parade is returning this year, and we strongly encourage departments, offices, student organizations, and the community to participate. Please consider registering in one of the four categories. Read more about the variety of entries in the Parade section of the packet.

This year, in addition to Top Hats, office decor, and the other Homecoming competitions, there will be a competitive canned food drive! Donations can include non-perishable food items, money, hygiene items, or some school supplies. All proceeds will be included in the annual Can Emporia competition total and given to Bods Feeding Bods.

Campus voting for Ichabods of Honor will be available at **9:00pm, Tuesday, October 21st until 1:00pm Friday, October 24th** on the front page of www.washburn.edu/homecoming. Each student will get one chance to vote for 3 different candidates. The Ichabods of Honor will be announced at half-time of the football game on Saturday, October 25th.

Please review carefully all forms and rules, taking special note of deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact the Student Life office at (785)-670-2100, or email homecoming@washburn.edu.

Calendar of Events

August 25, 2025.....	Informational Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Washburn A
August 28, 2025.....	Informational Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Washburn A
September 9, 2025.....	Ichabods of Honor Nominations Due, 5:00 p.m.
September 19, 2025.....	Ichabods of Honor - Interview Sign Up Deadline, 5:00 p.m.
September 22 – September 25, 2025.....	Ichabods of Honor Interviews Memorial Union
September 26, 2025.....	Online Registration due 5:00 p.m. Top Hats, Lawn Boards, Office Decorating, Residence Desk Decorating, Homecoming Can Emporia Competition, Yell Like Hell, Parade Homecoming Can Emporia Competition Collection Begins, 12:00 a.m.
September 29, 2025.....	Pick up Top Hats - OSID
October 1, 2025.....	Pick up Lawn Boards - LLC Priority Seating Social Media Challenge Begins at Noon
October 11-14, 2025.....	No Classes – Fall Break
October 19, 2025.....	Priority Seating Social Media Challenge Ends at 11pm
October 20, 2025.....	Top Hats, Music, Lawn Boards (LLC) Due, Noon Office of Student Involvement & Development
October 21, 2025.....	Hats on Display Top Hat Judging, 3:00 p.m. Bod Bash, North Union Lawn, 6:00 p.m. Ichabods of Honor Announcement, North Union Lawn, 8:00 p.m. Ichabods of Honor Voting Begins on MyWashburn, 9:00 p.m. Homecoming Can Emporia Competition Collection Ends, 11:59 p.m.
October 22, 2025.....	Hats on Display Scorch on the Porch, Union and East Lawn 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Office Decoration Judging, 3:00 p.m. CAB Event – Matt the Knife, Washburn A/B Room, 7:00 p.m. Ichabods of Honor Voting on MyWashburn Continues
October 23, 2025.....	Hats on Display Organizations Boards on the Lawn Judging, 3:00 p.m. Residential Desk Judging, 4:00 p.m. Yell Like Hell Pep Rally, White Concert Hall, 7:00 p.m. Homecoming Can Emporia Competition Winners Announced, 7:30 p.m. Ichabods of Honor Voting on MyWashburn Continues
October 24, 2025.....	Ichabods of Honor Voting Ends at 1:00 p.m.
October 25, 2025	Pancake Feed, BTAC, 8:00a.m. – 10:00 a.m. FSL Parade Line-up, 8:30 a.m. Remaining Parade Line-up, 9:00 a.m. Parade Begins, 10:00 a.m. Homecoming Activities, Union East Lawn, 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Football Game – WU vs. Fort Hays State University, 1:00 p.m. Ichabods of Honor Announcement at Halftime FSL Homecoming Grand Champions Announcement at 3 rd Quarter

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 5pm – Informational Meeting in Washburn A	26	27	28 5pm – Informational Meeting in Washburn A	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 5pm – Ichabods of Honor nominations due	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 5pm - Ichabods of Honor interview sign up deadline	20
21	22 Ichabods of Honor interviews begin	23 Ichabods of Honor interviews continue	24 Ichabods of Honor interviews continue	25 Ichabods of Honor interviews end	26 12am - Homecoming Can Emporia Competition collection begins 5pm - Online Registration Due Family Weekend begins 7pm - Comedian Preacher Lawson in Washburn A/B	27 10am - Family Weekend activities on the Memorial Union East Lawn 1pm – Ichabod Football vs. University of Nebraska at Kearney
28	29 Pick up Top Hats from OSID	30	1 Pickup Lawn Boards from Living Learning Center Noon – YLH Priority Seating Social Media Challenge begins	2	3	4

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Pick up Top Hats from OSID	30	1 Pickup Lawn Boards from Living Learning Center Noon – YLH Priority Seating Social Media Challenge begins.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Fall Break
12 Fall Break	13 Fall Break	14 Fall Break	15	16	17	18
19 1pm – Ichabod Soccer vs. Rogers State Univ. 11pm – YLH Priority Seating Social Media Challenge ends.	20 12pm – Hats & Music due at OSID office. Lawn Boards due at the Living Learning Center. Hats on display as they arrive at OSID.	21 3pm – Hat Judging 6pm – Bod Bash on the North Union Lawn 8pm – Ichabods of Honor Announced on the North Union Lawn 9pm – Ichabods of Honor Voting begins 11:59pm – Homecoming Can Emporia Competition collection ends	22 Ichabods of Honor Voting continues 11am-1pm – Scorch on the Porch in Memorial Union and East Lawn 3pm – Office Decoration Judging 7-9pm – CAB Event - Matt the Knife in Washburn A/B	23 Ichabods of Honor Voting continues 3pm – Lawn Board Judging 4pm – Res Hall Desk Judging 7pm – Yell Like Hell in White Concert Hall 7:30pm – Homecoming Can Emporia Competition Winners Announced	24 1pm – Ichabods of Honor Voting ends 6pm – Ichabod Volleyball vs. Emporia State Univ. (Pink out game) 6pm – Ichabod Soccer vs. University of Central Missouri	25 8-10am – Pancake Feed at BTAC 8:30am – FSL floats line-up 9am – Parade line-up 10am – Parade begins 11am-1pm – Homecoming Festivities on the Lawn 1pm – Homecoming game vs. Fort Hays State Univ. – Announcements: Ichabods of Honor at halftime. Homecoming Week Winners at 3rd quarter.
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Priority Seating

Show your hard work and group fun by posting on Instagram beginning **October 1st and leading up to Homecoming week.** On Instagram, use your organization account to post a photo/video/reel on your main feed. Tag [@washburnuniversity](#) and aim for the most likes on your group's original post to secure your spot for the best seats in the house at Yell like Hell on **Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00pm.**

Spirit Week

1. Spirit week will take place from October 20th – October 24th, 2025.
2. Promote inclusivity and avoid outfits/costumes that may be culturally insensitive.
3. Document themes through photos and share them with Leah Jamison (wurelations@washburn.edu) and post them on Instagram tagging [@washburnuniversity](#).

Monday: There's a Storm Coming - Academic College Colors Day

College of Arts & Sciences – Navy Blue
School of Applied Studies – Baby/Light Blue
Brenneman School of Business – Black
School of Law – Yellow
Harmony Hines School of Nursing – White
Washburn Tech – Grey

Tuesday: Western Day

Wednesday: Dress Like Your Favorite Professor Day

Thursday: Twister Thursday

Wacky/Mix-Matched (Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, mismatching shoes, etc.)

Friday: No Place Like Home - Wear Washburn

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 be awarded the Grand Championship trophy in each fraternity and sorority categories.
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 Life.
10. You may use the following sheet for tracking your organization's earned points.

2025 FSL Homecoming Grand Champion Score Sheet

Organization Name: _____

Organization Boards on the Lawn - Fraternity/Sorority	
1 st Place - 20 points	
2 nd Place - 17 points	
3 rd Place - 14 points	
Top Hat Decorating – Fraternity/Sorority	
1 st Place - 20 points	
2 nd Place - 17 points	
3 rd Place - 14 points	
Homecoming Can Emporia Competition – Fraternity/Sorority	
1 st Place - 20 points	
2 nd Place - 17 points	
3 rd Place - 14 Points	
Yell Like Hell – Fraternity/Sorority	
1 st Place – 25 points	
2 nd Place – 20 points	
3 rd Place – 15 points	
Parade – Fraternity/Sorority	
1 st Place – 30 points	
2 nd Place – 25 points	
3 rd Place – 20 points	

Ichabods of Honor
Nomination of Candidates & Selection

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 the nomination form and submit it to the Ichabods of Honor committee.
3. The 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 a nomination form and allow university personnel to verify all information including grades, credit hours, conduct status, and overall university status. A resume is required when submitting the nomination form.
5. Must be willing to allow your picture and biographical information to be used for the promotion of the Ichabods 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 Bod Bash, Yell Like Hell, Parade, 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 Ichabods of Honor:

1. A committee of judges will review candidate materials. The candidate materials will be 25% of the 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 Ichabods of Honor decision.
3. The top-rated candidates will be chosen as finalists.
4. Only finalists may be voted as Homecoming Ichabods of Honor.
5. The Ichabods of Honor (3 candidates) will be selected by a combination of the scores received through the resume, interview, and voting process (50% of the final decision).
6. Students may vote for three Ichabods of Honor candidates and may only vote once.
7. Nominees will be introduced, and the Homecoming Ichabods of Honor finalists will be announced at the Bod Bash.
8. The Ichabod of Honor, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up will be announced during halftime of the football game.
9. In the event of a tie, the Ichabod of Honor 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 to promote interest in homecoming.

Nomination Forms Due:

Ichabods of Honor Nominations are due September 9, 2025, at 5:00pm.

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

All candidates nominated must complete the Ichabods of Honor Nomination Form. This form can be found at www.washburn.edu/homecoming.

Ichabods of Honor Timeline

<u>Interview Sign Up Deadline:</u>	Saturday, September 19 at 5pm
<u>Candidate Interviews:</u>	Monday, September 22 – Thursday, September 25 , Memorial Union.
<u>Ichabods of Honor Announcement:</u>	Tuesday, October 21, Bod Bash , North Union Lawn
<u>All Student Voting:</u>	Visit www.washburn.edu/homecoming starting at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 21 – Friday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.
<u>Homecoming Week Activities:</u>	Tuesday, October 21 – Saturday, October 25, 2025
<u>Homecoming Ceremony:</u>	Saturday, October 25, 2025 The Ichabod of Honor, 1 st runner up, and 2 nd runner up will be announced during halftime of the football game, kickoff is at 1pm.

Bod Bash

Join us under the stars for an unforgettable night of food, drinks, and dancing! We're bringing the groove with a live band, delicious eats, and plenty of beverages to keep you moving. Whether you're a dance pro or just here for the vibes, there's fun for everyone! The Ichabods of Honor nominations will also be announced during this event.

Event Date: **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, North Union Lawn at 6:00p.m.**

Homecoming Can Competition: **This will be the last night of collection for the Homecoming Can Emporia Competition! Bring your last donations to Bod Bash to be counted.**



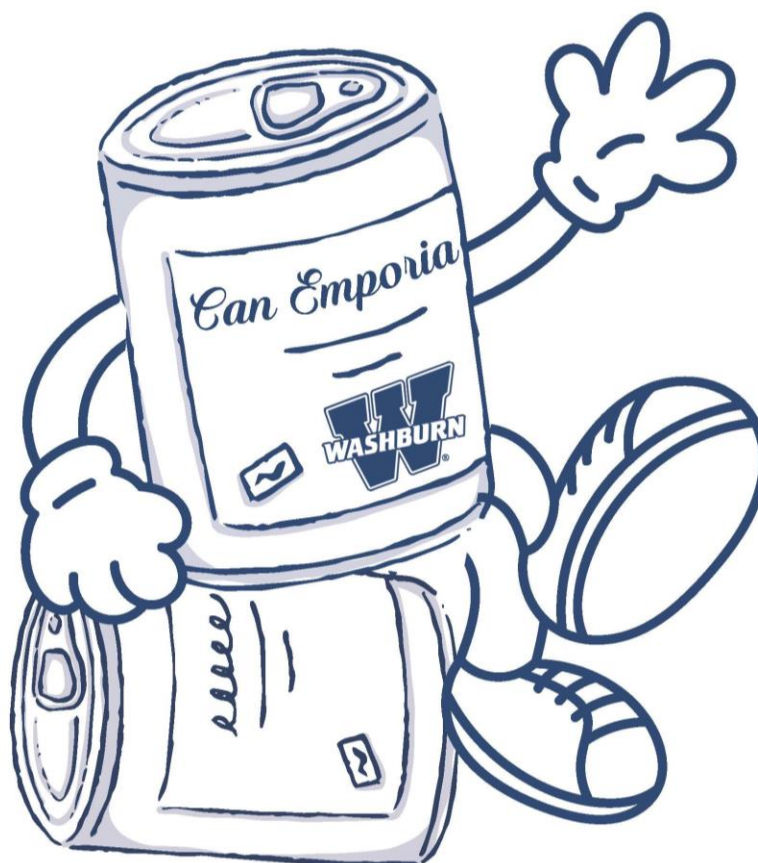
Homecoming Can Emporia Competition

- Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming
- Event Date: All donations for the Homecoming food drive will be accepted starting at 12:00am on Friday, September 26th, until 11:59pm on Tuesday, October 21st. Any donations dropped off after the 21st will still be accepted but not included in Homecoming totals. The winner of the competition will be announced at Yell Like Hell on October 23rd.
- Description: This year, in addition to Top Hats, office decor, and the other Homecoming competitions, there will be a competitive canned food drive! Donations can include non-perishable food items, money, hygiene items, or some school supplies (listed below). All proceeds will be included in the annual Can Emporia competition total and given to Bods Feeding Bods.
- Requirements: Donation Regulations and Drop-Off Locations
1. Labeling Physical Donations: Upon signing up to participate in the food drive competition, you will be assigned a tag color and letter code (pick-up in WSGA office). **Any item/box of items donated by your organization must clearly have on it the assigned tag and letter code.** Any unlabeled donations will be added to the overall collection total, but not under any specific department/organization.
 2. Monetary Donations: Financial donations are just as beneficial to the Pantry as physical items. To donate funds, groups can either submit a check written out to Bods Feeding Bods with your organization/department marked in the note, or visit the online donation site and list the name of the group in those notes. The link for virtual donations will be sent out and posted once active. Checks can be brought to the WSGA office in the Underground Union *****Anyone can make a financial contribution to the competition for any participating group, as long as the organization name is listed in the notes.*****
 3. Drop-Off Locations: Physical donations may be brought to the WSGA office located in the Underground Union (open M-F 8-5), or to the Bods Feeding Bods food pantry located in Kuehne Hall suite 101 (open M/T/Th/F 8-12, 1-5). There will also be large BFB and Can Emporia barrels around campus and present at some home football games that donations may be left in.
- Judging and Scoring: Each donated item has a point, or “can”, amount associated with it. At the end of the collection period, donation points will be totaled and groups with the most amount of “cans” will be given 20 Homecoming points, second place will receive 17 points, and third will receive 14 points. Below is the breakdown of points:
- **Cans of up to 16.5oz. count as 1**
 - 16.6 to 32.5oz = 2 Cans
 - 32.6 to 48.5 oz = 3 Cans and so on.
 - **\$1 = 2 Can**
 - **Ramen Noodle Packs** = ¼ Can (4 Packages = 1 Can)
 - **Single-serve cups/bowls/bags**
 - Kraft Singles, Rice A Roni cups, tuna salad and such = ¼ Can
 - (4 cups/bowls/bags = 1 Can)
 - **A Box of Macaroni & Cheese and such** = 1 Can
 - **Jarred Items** (Peanut Butter, Mayo, Condiments, Pickles, Etc.)
 - Up to 16.5 oz = 2 Cans
 - 16.6 to 32.5 oz = 3 Cans, 32.6 to 48.5 oz = 4 Cans and so on.
 - **Box of Cereal** – Standard Size = 2 Cans; Family Size = 3 Cans
 - **Rice** – up to 32 oz = 1 Can
 - 32.5 to 64 oz = 2 Cans
 - **Box/Bag of Instant Potatoes** = 1 Can

- **Hygiene/Toiletry Items** –
 - Toothpaste - up to 1 oz. = ½ Can; over 1 oz. = 1 Can
 - Toothbrush = ½ Can
 - Face/Body Wipes – regular pack Up to 50 wipes = 1 Can
 - 51 to 100 wipes = 2 Cans and so on.
 - Bar of soap = 1 can
 - Liquid items (Soap, Bodywash, Lotion, etc.) – 4 to 20 oz = 1 Can
 - Travel size (up to 3.5oz.) = ½ can; over 20 oz = 2 Cans
- **Feminine Hygiene Items** – up to 20 ct. = 2 Cans
 - 21 to 40 ct. = 3 Cans
 - 41 to 60 ct. = 4 Cans and so on.
- **1 Notebook/Three-Ring Binder** = ½ Can and so on.
- **Pack of Pens/Pencils/Highlighters** – up to 5 ct. = 1 Can
 - 6 to 10 ct. = 2 Cans
 - 11 to 15 = 3 Cans and so on.
- **1 Roll of Paper Towels/Toilet Paper** = ½ Can and so on.

Questions?

Please direct any questions regarding the Homecoming food drive competition to WSGA Campus and Community Affairs (CCA) Director Taylor Redington (wsga.campus@washburn.edu), or to homecoming@washburn.edu.



Top Hat Decorating 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, and individuals). All are encouraged to decorate top hats provided by the Office of Student Involvement and Development (OSID). **Top hats can be picked up from OSID beginning Monday, September 29th.**

Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Registration online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Hats Due: Hats must be submitted (completely dry) to the Office of Student Involvement and Development for display in Memorial Union on **Monday, October 20, 2025, at Noon.**

Judging Date: **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

Requirements: 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 the homecoming theme: No Place Like WU.

Disqualification: 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 categories.

- Fraternities
- Sororities
- Student Organizations
- Washburn Department/Individual

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. Name of organization/department displayed

****If your group wants to keep the Top Hat they created following Homecoming week, it must be picked up from the Office of Student Involvement and Development by Noon on Monday, October 27th, 2025.**

ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm
Please complete registration online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Office Decorations

Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Judging Date: **Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

Requirements: Office decorations must meet the following qualifications:

1. Completed by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025
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 or Ichabod pride displayed

Disqualifications: 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 plaques for placement

- 1st place = 10 points + plaque
- 2nd place = 7 points
- 3rd place = 4 points

ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming
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Organization Boards on the Lawn

This competition is for all organizations. This competition consists of decorating a 48" x 48" wooden board to be displayed on the East Lawn by the Memorial Union. **Lawn Boards may be picked up in the LLC lobby beginning Wednesday, October 1st.**

Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Judging Date: **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**
Boards must be submitted completely dry and dropped off to the Living Learning Center by **Monday, October 20, at Noon.**

Requirements: Chapter decorations must meet the following qualifications:

1. Dried and completed by 12 p.m. on October 20th.
2. Size Limit: 48" x 48"
3. Decoration materials can be of the organization's choosing
4. Related to the homecoming theme
5. Created and built by currently enrolled Washburn students
6. Waterproofed (using scotch guard spray, permanent paints, etc.)
7. Chapter name/letters displayed, Organization/Club name
8. Washburn spirit or Ichabod pride displayed
9. Decorate one-side, other side single-colored. Add organization/letters on back
10. Battery packs are permitted but not plug-in

Disqualification: Boards 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 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 = 20 points + plaque
- 2nd place = 17 points
- 3rd place = 14 points

****If your group wants to keep the Lawn Board they created following Homecoming week, it must be picked up from the East Union Lawn by Noon on Monday, October 27th, 2025.**

<p>ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming</p>
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Residence Desk Decorations

Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Judging Date: **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

Information: 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 23rd
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 students who live in the building

Disqualifications: 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 homecoming 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 = plaque

ENTRY FORM DUE: Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm
Please complete registration at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Yell Like Hell Competition

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

Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Register online at: www.washburn.edu/homecoming

Event Date: **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 7:00pm in White Concert Hall**

Requirements: Performances must meet the following qualifications:

1. There are Three (3) categories for this event:
 - a. University organizations: residence halls, student organizations, faculty/staff, etc.
 - i. Collaboration of organizations and/or residence halls/floors is encouraged
 - b. Fraternity/Sorority: FSL groups will be paired up
 - c. Athletics: Washburn University Athletic teams.
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 USB flash drive
 - a. **Music is due Monday, October 20 at Noon to the OSID Office**
 - b. Music will begin when the group walks on the stage
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 or homecoming@washburn.edu by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) the day of event**
5. Each entry is required to complete a dance routine + a chant.
6. Time limit: 5 minutes
 - a. Time begins when group walks on the stage
7. Groups of more than 25 people may participate/be on the stage 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 stage
 - i. Example: silly string, confetti, glitter, etc.

Disqualification: 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

Judging and Scoring: 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 + plaque
- 2nd place = 20 points
- 3rd place = 15 points

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Parade Competition

Entry Form Due: **Friday, September 26, 2025, by 5:00pm - late registrations will not be accepted**
Register online at: washburn.edu/homecoming

Event Date: **Saturday, October 25, 2025**

Event Time: **8:30 a.m.** – line up for fraternity and sorority floats
9:00 a.m. – line up for remaining floats and participants
10:00 a.m. – Parade start time

Line-up Location: Washburn Village Parking Lot #7

- Floats will enter the parking lot at 19th and MacVicar
 - Do not attempt to enter the parking lot at 20th and MacVicar
- Check-in and then be placed in the line-up
- Category dependent parking information will be distributed prior to the parade date

Categories:

Large Float: **\$1,000 reward to the winning student organization**

- Any vehicle towing a trailer will be considered a large float
- The trailer must be no larger than 25 feet long and 11 feet wide
- The height of any float should not be greater than 13 ½ feet from the ground
 - Including people if standing on elevated portions of the float.

Mini Float: **\$500 reward to the winning student organization**

- Any decorated vehicle including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs

Band:

- A group of musicians who perform during the parade.

Walker:

- Any person or group may walk in the parade
- Walkers are encouraged to carry signs, hand out candy, and/or dress in costumes related to the homecoming theme or Washburn pride

Requirements:

Parade entries must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be in parade line-up at assigned time
2. Name of the student organization/department displayed
3. Washburn spirit, Ichabod pride, and/or homecoming theme displayed
4. Decoration of entry can be of the organization's choosing
 - a. Be creative; we encourage the use of streamers, balloons, signs, and other appropriate theme-related decorations
 - b. Dogs/pets must be in a vehicle or on a leash
5. All floats must be viewable for visitors on both sides of the street
6. Floats are NOT to stop during the parade route, unless to prevent injuring a participant or attendant of the parade

Disqualifications:

Parade entries will be disqualified for each of the following reasons:

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3. Depiction of firearms/related weaponry
4. Failure to meet stated requirements

Judging and Scoring:

Judging location and set-up:

- The judging table will be located in front of BTAC facing Jewell Ave.
 - Judging takes place as the float passes the judging table – **Go by slow, but no stopping**
- Judges will see the passenger side of all vehicles/floats
- All floats will be measured in the Village parking lot #7

Judges for the Parade will be looking for the following qualities:

1. Use of Washburn spirit, Ichabod pride, or homecoming theme
2. Originality and creativity
3. Design
4. Entertainment/special effects
5. Durability, material quality, and workmanship

Point deductions will occur for:

1. Arriving Late (10 points)
2. Exceeding length and/or height requirements (5 points)
3. Floats that are only decorated on one side of the float. (10 points)

Awards for the judging of the parade will be as follows:

- 1st place Large Float = \$1,000 + plaque
- 1st place Mini Float = \$500 + plaque
- 1st place Band = plaque
- 1st place Walker(s) = plaque

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