

Homecoming 2020

**ROCKY THROUGH THE DECADES**

Purple and Gold Never Gets Old

# HOMECOMING 2020

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## Rocky through the Decades: Purple & Gold Never Gets Old

## WIU Homecoming Committee 2020

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## 2020 – 2021 University Union Board

*UUB serves as the largest and broadest programming unit of Western Illinois University by providing social, cultural, recreational, and educational activities for the campus community. UUB members are active in the conception, planning and implementation of these programs.*

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Paint the Town \***

Saturday, September 26th  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Downtown Macomb Square

### **Yell Like Hell \***

Thursday, October 8th  
7:00 pm  
Western Hall

### **Rocky's Boat Regatta \***

Sunday, October 4th  
4:00 pm  
Everly Park

### **Spirit Game \***

Thursday, October 1st  
Time TBD  
Location TBD

### **Chalk the Campus \***

Sunday, October 4th  
6:00 pm  
Union Mall (Behind Library)

### **Homecoming Parade \***

Saturday, October 10th  
10:30 am  
Macomb Square and WIU Campus

### **Dec the Office**

Monday, October 5th  
1 – 4:30pm  
WIU Campus Offices

### **Football Game**

Saturday, October 10th  
3:00 pm  
Hanson Field

### **Variety Show \***

Tuesday, October 6th  
6:00 pm  
Western Hall

### **Rocky Hunt \***

Monday, October 5th - Friday October 9th  
9:00 am-4:30pm  
WIU Campus

### **Paint the. Paws**

*This event will not take place during Homecoming 2020,  
event will return during Homecoming 2021.*

**\* ALL POINT-AWARDING EVENTS ARE DENOTED BY AN ASTERISK**

**\* RAIN DATES WILL BE DENOTED WITHIN INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES**

## Mandatory Homecoming Meetings

**All Entry Forms Due: Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**

**Liability Waivers Due: Thursday, October 2nd at 4:30 PM**

### General Rules Meeting I

Wednesday, April 29th  
4-5 pm Zoom

Meeting ID: 548-126-736

### Variety Show Routine Checks \*

Wednesday, September 30th  
5-9 pm Horrabin Hall Gym

### General Rules Meeting II

Wednesday, September 23rd  
5-7 pm Lincoln Room

### Yell Like Hell Routine Checks \*

Thursday, October 1st  
5-9 pm Horrabin Hall Gym

### Royalty Court Meeting

Will notify candidates

### Royalty Interviews

Will notify candidates



## HOMECOMING GENERAL RULES

*Homecoming competitions are held to encourage all students to show their school spirit during Homecoming week. A trophy will be awarded to the first place winners in each individual competition and the overall category.*

Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Each organization on a team must have one individual to represent that organization. For example, if three Greek organizations form a team, we need a representative for each organization. These individuals are the only ones who can submit appeals.
3. Any violation of the rules or regulations will result in the loss of points to the sponsoring team and possible disqualification from the event and/or remaining Homecoming events. Each event has specific rules for participation. **Please read each event page carefully.**
4. Points will be awarded to the team, not to each organization that comprises a team, if there is more than one organization on a team.
5. In the event of a tie both teams will receive the same amount of points and the next place team will be dropped. Please see the scoring breakdowns.
6. **Good sportsmanship is expected.** Inappropriate or derogatory comments or actions made about other teams, the Homecoming committee members and/or judges may result in the **DISQUALIFICATION** of the team from the competition.
7. All student organizations participating must be registered with the Office of Student Activities via PurplePost. Any student organization that is not registered will be permitted to participate on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the OSA if interested.
8. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee to participate in any of the following events: Paint the Town, Rocky's Boat Regatta, Variety Show, Chalk the Campus, Rocky Hunt, Yell Like Hell, and Parade. Fees are non-refundable and will be used for administrative costs associated with the event. Each organization on each team will be responsible for their event entry fees. For example, if your team participates in Paint the Town and Variety Show, you would pay a total of \$10.00.
9. Alcohol and all other drugs are strictly **prohibited** from all Homecoming events. Evidence, including but not limited to: appearing inebriated, smelling of alcohol or drugs, empty alcohol bottles in assigned sections during cleanup, etc. will result in point deductions and may result in disqualification from the event and all remaining Homecoming events.
10. Homecoming Committee reserves the right to add, omit, and revise any and all rules governing the Homecoming Week competition, without advanced notice. Updated rule books will be released through the UUB Homecoming website.

## CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION

### Greek Organizations

Each Greek team may consist of up to four (4) campus-affiliated Greek letter organizations (**can be social, business, multicultural, etc.**) Each team must have a minimum of 10 WIU students. All organization names must appear on one Homecoming Team Entry Form.

### General Student Organizations/Residence Hall

Each team must be made up of a minimum of 10 WIU students. Teams must be comprised of no more than four (4) OSA recognized student organizations, but teams are not required to be affiliated with an organization. Only one team from each residence hall. (ex. Corbin-Olson can have only one team, Linc-Wash Grote can have only one team, and Thompson can have only one team.)

## SCORING

### POINTS BREAKDOWN:

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Participation
Paint the Town	100	75	50	25
Rocky's Boat Regatta	100	75	50	25
Dec the Campus	100	75	50	25
Yell Like Hell	100	75	50	25
Variety Show	100	75	50	25
Parade Float	100	75	50	25
Rock the Flag:	25 bonus points are possible for each team that creates a flag			
Rocky Hunt	Points vary per statue found			
Paint the Paws:	This event will not take place during Homecoming 2020, event will return during Homecoming 20201.			
Canned Food Drive	1 point per can (maximum of 100 points = 500 cans)			
Spirit Game:	1 point per person (maximum of 35 points)			

*Please See Appendix A for all event scoring sheets.*

### **Ties:**

In the event of a tie both teams will receive the same amount of points and the next place will be dropped. This will be the protocol:

First place tie: The two teams who tied for first place will both receive 100 points.

Second place will be dropped and the third highest scoring team will get third place points (50)

Second place tie: First place will receive 100 points. The two teams who tied for second place will both receive 75 points. Third place will be dropped.

Third place tie: First place will receive 100 points. Second place will receive 75 points. The two teams who tied for third place will both receive 50 points. In this instance, no points will be dropped.

*Ties have no impact on participation scores!*

## ROYALTY

Each year, a maximum of 12 students are selected to serve on Royalty Court. Candidates are nominated by the organizations and groups that compete in Homecoming. Each organization can submit a nomination for one student, regardless of that student's gender identity. All Royalty Court applications are due online via PurplePost, by **Friday, September 25th 2020**.

### How to Become a Candidate: A Step-By-Step Guide

1. Get nominated by your sponsoring registered student organization, for Royalty Court.
2. Submit your application for Royalty, and a 1-2 pages personal statement, online via PurplePost, by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**. The personal statement should answer the question, "What does Homecoming mean to you?"
3. Personal statements will be evaluated by a panel of judges, and a pool of semi-finalists will be selected to move forward, based on the highest scores. Finalists will be offered an interview.
4. Judge scores from the essay and interview portions will be added to personal statement scores, and a Royalty Court of a maximum of 12 students will be selected.
5. Voting will be held on PurplePost (Engage) starting **Friday, October 2nd and will end Wednesday October 7th** to determine the two winners – the Homecoming Royalty.

### General Requirements for the Royalty Court candidates

1. Candidates must have a minimum 2.500 cumulative grade point average
2. Candidates must be full-time undergraduate students at WIU with a minimum of 60 credit hours completed.
3. Candidates must be in good judicial standing, as deemed by the University.
4. All finalists must attend the mandatory Royalty Meeting, to be announced later. At this meeting, candidates will be given the requirements and expectations for royalty.

### Requirements for Royalty Court Finalists and General Rules:

1. Those individuals chosen for the court will be required to be present at ALL of the Homecoming events: Paint the Town, Chalk the Campus, Rocky's Boat Regatta, Variety Show, Yell Like Hell, Parade and the Football Game in order to promote the events and the royalty court. Candidate's attitudes and attendance at events will impact their scores for the 'spirit' category.
2. The court must check in with the Royalty chair 10 min. prior to each event time. The candidates will earn 5 extra points per event for wearing the royalty sash.
3. The court MAY (but is not required to) participate in Homecoming events for their sponsoring organization. Time will not be added to accommodate the court to change outfits if they choose to participate in Variety Show.
4. As part of the interview process, the Royalty Court candidates must have their photo taken at the Visual Production Center. Royalty court members are responsible for **scheduling their own appointments** by contacting the Visual Production Office at 309-298-1358. A short bio is due to the Royalty chair prior to the beginning of voting. This bio should include: name, year in school, sponsoring registered student organization, and the candidate's answer to the question, "What is your favorite memory of WIU homecoming?"



5. Each team is allowed no more than 4 representatives; one student from each organization
6. No points will be awarded to candidates or their teams/organizations for being selected as part of the royalty court, or for being selected as the Homecoming Royalty.
7. The Royalty will be announced on **Thursday, October 8th during Yell Like Hell.**

Campaigning:

1. Candidates are permitted to introduce themselves and/or give a short speech about themselves to their respective student organizations, Residence Hall governments, and/or floor meetings.
2. Social media promotion by the candidate themselves, and their sponsoring organization, is allowed, but **no physical promotional materials** such as flyers, posters, hand-outs, etc will be allowed.
3. All campaigning must be done in a fair and respectful manner that does not slander, demean, or disrespect the other candidates. Unsportsmanlike conduct from a royalty candidate or their sponsoring organization will result in their immediate disqualification and deduction of royalty points.

For questions, please contact the Homecoming Committee at [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or by calling the OSA Office: 309-298-3232



## ROCK THE FLAG

1. All completed flags must be turned in to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**. No late entries will be accepted. Any flags that contain inappropriate material will be disposed of, and no points will be awarded.
2. Teams will be awarded up to 25 points, based on judging.
3. The flag must be painted incorporating the Homecoming theme, Western Illinois University spirit, and the student organization(s). Each flag is to be painted in good taste and must relate to the theme.
4. Each flag must be a Twin Bed Sheet of any color
5. Teams must supply their own materials, and the flag **CANNOT CONTAIN ANY GLITTER**.
6. Each team's flag must be fully dried when turned in. If the flag is not dried, it will receive 0 points, but may still be displayed.
7. Each flag will be displayed on campus by the Homecoming Committee. Flags can be picked up from the OSA after Homecoming Week.

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### ROCKY HUNT

In this event, there will be 25 total rocky statues hidden outside and inside all around campus throughout the week (Monday October 5th – Friday October 9th). Each day there will be five statues put out, teams will search and find them and bring them back to the Office of Student Activities by 4:30pm each day.

#### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via Purple Post, and all entry fees to the office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Rocky Hunt rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm**.
3. The statues will be spread around campus indoors and outdoors. Please be respectful and mindful when searching for a statute in the buildings. Any disruptive behavior can be cause for disqualification.
4. Each day clues will be given via the Instagram Homecoming page. (@wiuhomecoming)
5. Each statue must be brought back to the Office of Student Activities by 4:30pm each day. Any late entries will not be awarded points.
6. Each statue will be worth a different amount of points. Each point value will be announced the day the statue is released.

For questions, please contact our Special Event Chairs through the Homecoming email, [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232.

## PAINT THE TOWN

The purpose of this event is to generate excitement in the community for WIU Homecoming by painting the windows of businesses located on the Maccomb square. This event allows the community to see the many talents the WIU campus brings to the community and helps showcase Western's school spirit throughout Homecoming week.

### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**.
2. All Paint the Town rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm**. The Special Events Chair will assign each team a window pane on the Maccomb Square at this meeting.
3. One representative from each team must report to Citizens National Bank entrance on **Saturday, September 26th** at 10:00 am where a sample of your paint will be inspected before you are allowed to begin painting. All decisions about paint made by the committee are final. Failure to check-in before painting will result in disqualification.
4. Window panes must be painted between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
5. The window pane must be painted in good taste and must incorporate Western Illinois University, the Homecoming theme, and the student organization name or image in the design. If the design is inappropriate or violates any above rules, the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to remove the painting.
6. Teams must supply their own materials including, but not limited to: paint, stencils, brushes, and a drop cloth. A drop cloth should be provided by the team and must be used when painting the window pane. ***Please do not drip on sidewalks or grass.***
7. ***Only tempera paints can be used*** for the window designs! No glitter may be used but glitter tempera paint is permitted.
8. Each team will be responsible for having their window cleaned properly by 5:00 pm on **Sunday, October 11th**. If the window is not cleaned properly by this deadline, the team responsible for cleaning the window will be charged a **\$250 fine**, and **disqualified from this year's event**.
9. In the event of rain, the window pane design will be judged based on a sketch. A rain date for the event will be announced if needed.
10. We cannot guarantee access to the inside of all of the buildings, so please plan accordingly. If your team wants to use the inside of a building, you are responsible for contacting the business. If they refuse, you must stay with the same business and change your plan.

### Judging

Judging will be based on the following:

- Creativity
- Originality
- Incorporation of WIU & Homecoming theme
- Overall effect

For questions, please contact our Special Events Chair by emailing [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232

## CHALK THE CAMPUS

The purpose of this event is to promote Homecoming spirit and create an atmosphere of celebration throughout the campus community. Each team helps decorate the campus by chalking a section of the Union mall to show their team and school spirit.

### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Chalk the Campus rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm**.
3. One representative from each team must report to the University Union Terrace on **Monday, October 5th at 4:00 pm** to check in.
4. The Special Events Chair will assign each team a section of the sidewalk for each organization to chalk. Chalking must be done on **Monday, October 5th between 4:00pm and 6:00pm**. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
5. Teams must supply their own materials. Chalk, sketches, and stencils are the only materials that can be used.
6. Spots will be marked off and designated for each group. Each group will be given the same approximate sized space to chalk in.
7. Each chalk mural must incorporate Western Illinois University, the Homecoming theme, and the student organizations that are chalking the mural.
8. In the event of rain, the chalk mural will be judged based on a sketch design. A rain date for the event will be announced if needed.

### Judging

Judging is based on the following:

- Creativity
- Originality
- Incorporation of WIU & Homecoming theme
- Overall effect

For questions, please contact our Special Event Chairs through the Homecoming email, [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232.

## ROCKY'S BOAT REGATTA

In this event, each team builds a two-person powered corrugated cardboard boat capable of completing the race course. The boats then compete in timed races (heats) across the lake in Everly Park.

### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM.**
2. All rules for Rocky's Boat Regatta will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm.**
3. Rocky's Boat Regatta will be held on **Sunday, October 4th at 4:00pm** at Everly Park (located at the Northeast corner of US 67 and University Drive, across from the University Grand Entrance).
4. The rain date for Rocky's Boat Regatta will be **Wednesday, October 7th.**
5. The boat must be made entirely of corrugated cardboard and propelled by canoe paddles. Paddles and life jackets will be provided by the Homecoming Committee.
6. The only construction materials allowed are: corrugated cardboard, caulk, liquid nails, masking tape, paint, rubber cement, and string and water sealant. Any materials other than those listed will result in automatic disqualification. Duct tape and corrugated cardboard are allowed for usage in repairing your boat after first race.
7. The boat must be free of sharp edges, pointed objects, or anything that could cause potential damage to another boat. Problems called to your attention must be fixed prior to racing. Boats can be no more than 10 feet long. Boats longer than 10 feet will not be allowed to compete.
8. Participants will have 60 seconds to put their boats into the water and get into the boats when the whistle sounds. The chairman will monitor the time and when the 60 seconds is up, the second whistle will blow to signify the start of the regatta.
9. There must be two occupants from the team, in the boat at all times. To qualify as a finisher, both occupants must be inside of the boat and visible at all times, including when crossing the finish line.
10. If the boat does not make it across to the other side, winner will be based on how far it got across the lake.
11. In the event that two boats in the same heat cannot make it across, whomever got the farthest in their previous heat will determine who moves to the next.
12. Occupants in the boat must wear properly fastened life jackets (provided) and proper footwear, which includes water shoes or tennis shoes. You will not be allowed to participate bare foot.
13. **Teams are responsible for disposing of their boats after inspection.**
14. Violation of any rules stated above will result in automatic disqualification.
15. The Homecoming Committee will make **FINAL** determination on whether a boat can continue racing.

For questions, please contact the Boat Regatta Chairs through the Homecoming email at [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232

## VARIETY SHOW

Variety Show is an opportunity for teams to showcase their various talents. In this competition, each team performs a talent act that highlights and incorporates the theme of Homecoming.

**\*VARIETY SHOW IS NOT JUDGED ON DANCING\***

### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Variety show rules will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm**.
3. Any music needed for your routine must be shared with the Homecoming Committee as an .mp3 file. Music can be turned in via [uubhomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:uubhomecoming@wiu.edu) no later than Wednesday, September 25th. No phone, auxiliary cables, or jump drive music will be accepted as methods to play music. Your submission must be named "TeamName.Event.mp3" (ex. HomecomingCommittee.V-Show.mp3).
4. Each group using audio is required to have one member not participating in the performance to assist WESTEC in cueing the audio. Additional information for this member will be distributed at the mandatory meeting.
5. Props are allowed, but a detailed list must be brought to routine checks on **Wednesday, September 30th**. Prop list must be approved by Variety Show chair before the team's routine check is over. Any prop changes after routine checks must be approved by the Homecoming Committee.
6. Each team is allowed one act. This act should consist of no fewer than 5 and no more than 30 participants. Each act will be judged under the same criteria regardless of the number of participants. We encourage everyone to incorporate both individual and group activities into the organization's single act.
7. Set up time is not included in performance time. Each team will have **one minute** after their performance for clean up (people, props, and any mess made). Over by less than 30 seconds = 10 points, more than 30 seconds= 20 points.
8. Each act can be up to five minutes long, and the time limit for each routine will be determined by the number of teams registered. Any performances longer than 5 minutes will result in a deduction of points. Over by less than 30 seconds = 10 points, more than 30 seconds= 20 points.
9. Each must have at least one talent that is unique. The talent will be approved the day of the routine check. Any talent changes after routine checks must be approved by the Homecoming Committee. Please note talent points will be up to the judge's discretion. If the talent is changed and not notified to the chairs then they will receive no points.
10. Acts must contain **no** front or back flips or front or back handsprings.
11. Acts that contain degrading or offensive material will result in an immediate disqualification from the event.
12. Each team must provide the Homecoming Committee with a typed list of tentative participants at the Variety Show Routine Check. A final list of participants and alternates must be sent to the Variety Show Chair before the event and a hard copy brought to the

rehearsal times. Everyone in the act must be a current WIU student and a member of the performing team's organization.

13. Absolutely **NO** glitter, confetti, confetti cannon(s), or anything that will create a large mess to clean up is allowed. If you are unsure about the size of your mess, please consult the Homecoming Committee.
14. Stage rehearsal times for the day-of Variety Show will be scheduled by the Variety Show chair, and each group will be notified of their time. We encourage groups to attend this rehearsal time, as it is valuable to practice on the stage which you will be performing on.
15. Each participant must check-in with their valid WIU Student ID and be seated in their designated location. Be prompt. Each participant will be given a wristband when Checking-in, the wristband will be removed as participants are coming up on stage. Check-in begins at scheduled rehearsal time, up until 5:30 pm. Participants must be seated by 5:45pm. The event begins promptly at 6:00 pm.
16. Audience and participant behavior is an integral aspect of this competition. Booing and/or any other derogatory or abrasive comments are strongly **prohibited**. Every act should be shown the same courtesy that you want shown to your team during your performance. Any inappropriate behavior observed from a group will result in a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, there may be a point deduction from the total points your group receives and/or disqualification from the event.

#### Judging

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Creativity - incorporation of talents, usage of props, costuming, etc.
- Incorporation of Homecoming Theme
- Spirit – Attitude, enthusiasm, crowd reaction
- Mechanics – composition, togetherness, and how precise and synchronized the routine is in performance

For questions, please contact the Variety Show Chairs through the Homecoming email, [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232.

## YELL LIKE HELL

Yell Like Hell is Western Illinois University's annual Homecoming pep rally event that sparks excitement for the WIU Leatherneck football team, WIU sporting events, and the campus as a whole.

### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by **Friday, September 25th at 4:30pm.**
2. Yell Like Hell rules will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm..**
3. Routines must be cheer-based and include **more** than one cheer. Cheers must reflect WIU spirit and focus on supporting the University.
4. All routines must be in good taste and can be no longer than 4 minutes in length. Any performances longer than 4 minutes will result in a deduction of points.  
Over by less than 30 seconds = 10 points, more than 30 seconds= 20 points
5. Minimum team size is 10 participants and maximum team size is 40 participants.
6. Any music needed for your routine must be shared with the Homecoming Committee as an .mp3 file. Music can be turned in via [ubhomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:ubhomecoming@wiu.edu) no later than Wednesday, September 25th. No phone, auxiliary cabled, or jump drive music will be accepted as methods to play music. Your submission must be named "TeamName.Event.mp3" (ex. HomecomingCommittee.YLH.mp3).
7. Each group using audio is required to have one member not participating in the performance to assist WESTEC in cueing the audio. Additional information for this member will be distributed at the mandatory meeting.
8. Tosses (i.e. basket tosses and free-falling moves) are not allowed. Any toss or free fall that is performed will result in **disqualification.**
9. Any participant that is lifted off the ground must have two people spotting them for the duration of the lift. In case of shoulder sits, one spotter is required. Failure to have a sufficient amount of spotters will also result in disqualification.
10. Absolutely NO glitter, confetti, confetti cannon(s), or anything that will create a large mess to clean up is allowed. If you are unsure about the size of your mess, please consult the Homecoming Committee. If participants wear or bring items with glitter on the mats, 25 points will automatically be deducted from their performance. All participants need to wear athletic shoes. Shoes will be checked before performance.
11. Each team must provide the Homecoming Committee with a typed list of tentative participants at the Rules Meeting. A final list of participants and alternates must be sent to the Yell Like Hell Co-Chairs before the event and a hard copy brought to the rehearsal times. Everyone in the act must be a current WIU student and a member of the performing team's organization.
12. Each participant must check-in with a valid WIU student ID and be seated in their designated location. Participant check-in begins at 5:30pm. A time for tumbling warm-ups will be given upon request. All participants and spectators must be seated by 6:45pm. This event will begin promptly at 7:00pm.



### Judging

Entries will be judged on the following:

- Creativity - incorporation of cheers, school spirit, usage of props (signs, megaphones, pompoms, etc.), costuming, etc.
- Incorporation of Homecoming Theme
- Spirit – Attitude, enthusiasm, crowd reaction, audience engagement
- Mechanics – composition, togetherness, and how clean the routine is in performance
- Routine – Group involvement, volume, clarity

For questions, please contact the Yell like Hell chairs through the Homecoming email, [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232.



## SPIRIT GAME

This year's Spirit Game will be a PURPLE/GOLD OUT. This means that our goal is to have the venue filled with people wearing purple and/or gold. The spirit game is another opportunity to show support for Leatherneck Athletics.

### Spirit Day TBD Game Details

1. Each team must have the members of their team check-in and check-out at the Homecoming check-in table. The game will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> on the women's soccer field at TBD. Check-in will begin at \_\_\_\_ and check-out will take place after the entire game is over. **Please have all members bring their student ID.**
2. Points will be given based on participation and attendance. All Organizations will be given 1 point for every person that attends (35 points max). Team members will not be allowed to sign out until the end of the game. Teams will not be given points for those team members who do not sign out.
3. Individuals can only sign in for 1 team. Individuals will not be allowed to sign in for multiple teams.
4. We encourage Western apparel!

For questions, please contact our Philanthropy chair through the Homecoming email, [UUBhomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBhomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the office of student activities at (309)-298-3232.

## PAINT THE PAWS

Paint the Paws is a time-honored tradition at WIU where the entire WIU community comes out and repaints all Leatherneck paws along University Drive and Western Avenue. Hosted by the Alumni Association, this wonderful event signifies the beginning of Homecoming as members of the community show alumni and friends the way to come back home to Western.

### Paint the Paws Details

1. This event will **NOT** be hosted during Homecoming week (October 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)
2. In order to participate in the event, please refer to [www.wiu.edu/homecoming](http://www.wiu.edu/homecoming) for link to register.

For questions, please contact:

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## PARADE GENERAL RULES

The Homecoming Parade is a time when the Macomb community, WIU students, and WIU alumni can all come together to celebrate Western spirit! All teams are strongly encouraged to enter a float in the parade.

### Details

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via PurplePost, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Activities by Friday, **September 25th at 4:30pm**. Parade also requires a separate Google form which can be found on the Homecoming website, [www.wiu.edu/uubhomecoming](http://www.wiu.edu/uubhomecoming)
2. At least two representatives from each team must attend the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm**.. Line-up information, safety information, and an overview of the rules will be discussed at the meeting.
3. Float chairpersons must adhere to specific safety regulations when building their float. Float safety guidelines are located on the next page. Failure to adhere to these details may result in disqualification.
4. The Homecoming Committee will be inspecting the floats the morning of the parade to ensure that the safety requirements are met.
5. Teams have until 8:00am the morning of the parade to submit a photo of the float that will be used by judging in case of destruction or severe weather. For points to be counted teams are still required to walk in the parade.
6. If the photo is insufficient, the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to request an in person check.
7. In case of bad weather, your contact person will be called between 4:00-8:00 am on October 5th, announcing any changes to the start time. Please make sure your parade contact person provides the proper contact information.
8. Floats must be in their starting line-up locations by the start of the parade (10:30am) or they will be disqualified.
9. Inappropriate behavior, comments and/or attire during the parade may result in disqualification. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to make this call at any time.
10. While items such as candy, beads, small toys, flyers, etc. may be handed out during the parade, **no items may be thrown from any float**. Entrants may have members of their organizations walk beside their float and handout giveaway items. Throwing items may result in disqualification.
11. All drivers of motor vehicles in the parade must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance that can be validated by the Homecoming Committee.
12. If you are caught driving under the influence, you will be subject to punishment by the University and Macomb Police department.

### Judging

Floats will be judged in front of the Alumni House during the parade. All floats must pause in front of the Alumni House so that the judges can accurately judge the float. Judging is based on the following:

- Creative quality
- Quality of lettering or images on float
- Western Illinois University spirit
- Incorporation of Homecoming theme
- Overall Effect

## **FLOAT SAFETY STANDARDS**

### Construction and Materials

1. Floats, displays, and decorations should be structurally sound and designed to withstand adverse weather conditions without collapse.
2. Areas where individuals will be riding on floats shall be of substantial construction to support the weight of the riders. Areas for riders must allow for the rider to ride in a natural position without undo chance of injury. Riders are not allowed to lean or hang off the sides of a float. Riders who are standing must have some type of support mechanism to hold them in place or brace themselves.
3. No devices employing flames or heating devices (i.e. candles, kerosene or gasoline lanterns, torches, space heaters, heat blowers, etc.) will be permitted on floats.
4. There shall be no open contacts, exposed wires or unprotected, exposed bulbs on the float.
5. Float height may not exceed 13 feet, as measured from the ground/street to the highest point on the float.

### Fire Safety

1. A fully charged and **not** expired, all-purpose ABC fire extinguisher (5 lb. minimum) is required on each Homecoming parade float. At least one float passenger must be responsible for and familiar with the proper operation of the extinguisher.
2. When choosing materials for and constructing a float, we suggest:
  - a. Using materials that are flame resistant or flame retardant whenever possible
  - b. Using non-flammable finishes such as latex and watercolor paints. Oil based paints, lacquers, and enamels are much more flammable.
  - c. Using tag board or poster board instead of materials containing inner voids such as corrugated cardboard, cornstalks and straw.
3. No part of the float should drag or touch the ground or street which could result in items getting entangled in the wheels and/or potential fire hazards. All parts of the float should be a reasonable and safe distance from the ground, wheels, and/or any other part of the float that could entangle them.

### Towing Unit

1. Float height and the height of the towing vehicle must not exceed 13 feet as measured from the ground to the highest point on the float and/or towing vehicle.
2. The float unit must be securely hitched to the towing unit; the attachment will include an approved hitch or safety pin which is to be secured to assure that it cannot fall out or become loose.
3. Ball hitches should be secured by at least 2 welded link safety chains and attached in a manner that will prevent its accidental release.
4. Pin hitches should be secured by the pin and a retaining clip to prevent its accidental release.
5. No one is permitted to stand or ride on the float tongue, tractor bars or hitch assembly.
6. Windshields of any vehicle being used as a towing unit must be clear and unobstructed.
7. The driver of the towing unit must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance coverage at the time of float inspection on the day of the parade.

If there are any questions regarding these standards, contact the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232.



## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The canned food drive is a partnership between Homecoming and the WIU School of Agriculture to benefit the WIU Student Food Pantry.

### Details

1. Canned food drive will take place at these events:
  - a. Variety Show
  - b. Yell Like Hell
2. You may bring in your cans prior to the start of each event. Before the start of Variety Show from 4:00pm-5:45pm, and before the start of Yell Like Hell from 5:00pm-6:45pm.
3. Teams and participating organizations will earn 1 point for every 5 cans. Each team may earn up to 100 points (500 cans).

For questions please contact the Philanthropy chair through the Homecoming email, [UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at (309)-298-3232.



## APPEAL PROCESS

In order to file an appeal with the committee a specific process must be followed in order to ensure consistency for each organization and each event. Please read the following information carefully.

### Details

1. Events that teams may submit an appeal for are:
  - a. Paint the Town
  - b. Chalk the Campus
  - c. Variety Show
  - d. Yell like Hell
  - e. Parade
2. The Undergraduate Student Representative designated by each team in their registration packet is the only individual allowed to submit an appeal.
3. Appeals must be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the event to the PurplePost appeals form found on the University Union Board page. Due to the busy nature of Homecoming week, this deadline will be strictly adhered to.
4. Appeals will only be considered if they meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - a. New evidence that would impact scoring
  - b. Potential bias of a judge which affected scoring.
5. You may **not** appeal based on a judge's interpretation of performance.
6. Appeals must indicate the team appealing, which criteria the appeal meets, a brief (no more than 100 words) explanation of the situation and any supporting evidence.
7. You may submit a maximum of 2 appeals throughout the entire homecoming week.
8. Only one appeal per event may be submitted.
9. The Homecoming Director and Advisors will review all appeals and render a decision via email within the following business day if it is submitted during Homecoming week. If it is submitted after Homecoming week, a decision will be made within 1-5 business days. . Their decision is final and cannot be re-visited after a determination is made. Failure to adhere to any of the above criteria will result in immediate dismissal of the appeal.

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**REMEMBER:**

- EVERY EVENT IS WORTH THE SAME POINT VALUE IN THE OVERALL SCORING.
  - 1ST PLACE: 100 POINTS
  - 2ND PLACE: 75 POINTS
  - 3RD PLACE: 50 POINTS



## Paint the Town Score Sheet

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Creativity</b> (Use of colors, images, words, etc.)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Originality</b> (Novelty, original, unique)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Incorporation Of WIU &amp; Homecoming theme</b> (School spirit, purple and gold)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Overall Effect</b> (How everything comes together. The overall composition)	<b>20</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

## Chalk the Campus Score Sheet

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Creativity</b> (Use of colors, images, words, etc.)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Originality</b> (Novelty, original, unique)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Incorporation Of WIU &amp; Homecoming theme</b> (School spirit, purple and gold)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Overall Effect</b> (How everything comes together. The overall composition)	<b>20</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

## Variety Show Score Sheet

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Creativity</b> (incorporation of talents, usage of props, costuming, etc.)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Incorporation Of WIU &amp; Homecoming Theme</b>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Spirit</b> (Attitude, enthusiasm, crowd reaction)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Mechanics</b> (synchronization and how clean the routine is in performance)	<b>20</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

Talent:

## Yell Like Hell Score Sheet

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Creativity</b> (incorporation of cheers, usage of props, costuming, etc.)	<b>25</b>		
<b>Incorporation of Homecoming Theme</b>	<b>20</b>		
<b>Spirit</b> (Attitude, enthusiasm, crowd reaction)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Mechanics</b> (Synchronization and how clean the routine is in performance)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Routine</b> (Group involvement, volume, clarity)	<b>5</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

## Parade Float Score Sheet

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Creative Quality</b> (Going beyond traditional float ideas)	<b>25</b>		
<b>Quality of Lettering/Images on Float</b> (Clear, easy to see)	<b>25</b>		
<b>Incorporation of Homecoming Theme</b>	<b>25</b>		
<b>Overall Effect</b>	<b>25</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

## Dec the Office Score Sheet

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Creativity</b> (Use of colors, images, words, etc.)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Originality</b> (Novelty, original, unique)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Incorporation Of WIU &amp; Homecoming theme</b> (School spirit, purple and gold)	<b>30</b>		
<b>Overall Effect</b> (How everything comes together. The overall composition)	<b>20</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		