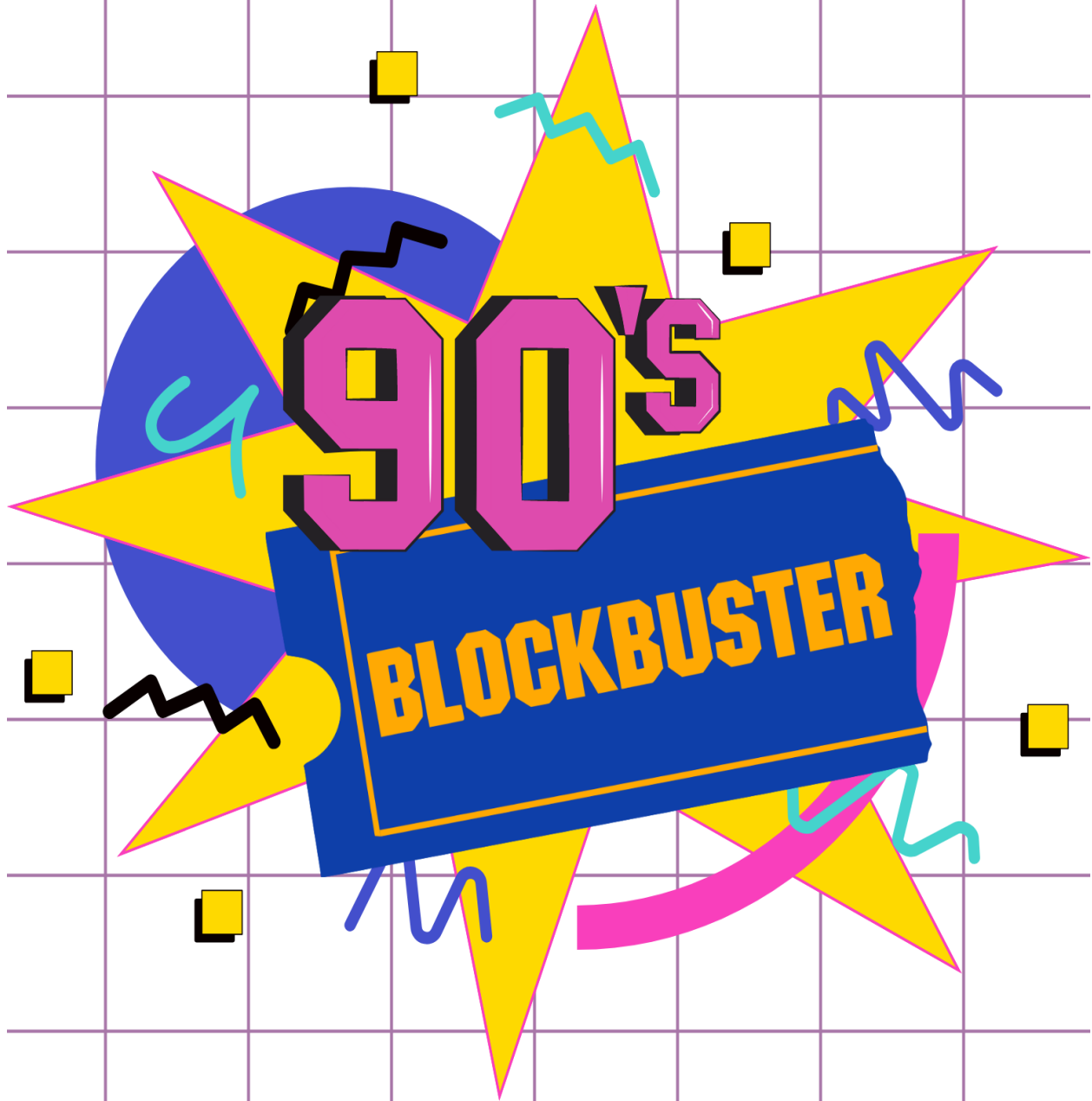


**HOMECOMING
2022**

**WESTERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY**



**"ROCKY BRINGS THE
GOOD TIMES HOME"**

	1
Homecoming Committee 2022	2
University Union Board 2022-2023	2
Schedule of Events	3
Mandatory Informational Event Meetings	4
Homecoming General Rules	5
Categories of Competition	7
Scoring	7
Royalty	9-10
Rock the Flag	11
Rocky Hunt	12
Paint the Town	13-14
Chalk the Campus	15
Rocky's Bubble Soccer	16-17
Variety Show	18-19
Yell Like Hell	20-21
Spirit Game	22
Paint the Paws	23
Parade General Rules	24-25
Parade Float Safety Standards	26-27
Philanthropy	28-29
Appeal Process	30
Appendix A	31

WIU Homecoming Committee 2022:

Homecoming Co-Directors:

Sarah Cleveland & Vanessa Barban

Secretary: Jaken Hicks

Royalty: Ariyanna Alvarez

Publicity: Soibhan Hickey

Bubble Soccer: Alondra Camacho

Parade: Piper Hill

Yell Like Hell: Graci Scharping & Miriam Fuentes

Variety Show: Destinee Jaquez & Chazz Banks

Special Events: Faith Hacker & Morgan Pittman

Philanthropy: Brycelynn Smith & Shaw Guidi

Advisors:

Nick Katz Brittany Eads Hannah Johnson

University Union Board 2022-2023:

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.

UUB President: Joni Mikesell

Vice President of Communications: Ruby Herrera

Vice President of Finance: Jaken Hicks

Vice President of Internal Relations:

Vice President of External Relations:

Advisors:

Nick Katz Hannah Johnson Lexy Leezer

Schedule of Events:

Paint the Paws:

TBD

Yell Like Hell:

Thursday, October 20th,
8:00 PM
Western Hall

Paint the Town:

Saturday, October, 15th
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Downtown Macomb Square

Spirit Game:

TBD

Western Hall

Rocky's Bubble Soccer:

Sunday, October, 16th
12:00 PM
Vince Grady Practice Field

Homecoming Parade:

Saturday, October, 22nd
10:30 AM
Macomb Square and WIU Campus

Chalk the Campus:

Sunday, October, 16th
4:00 PM
Union Mall (Behind the Malpass
Library)

Football Game:

Saturday, October, 22nd
3:00 PM
Hanson Field

Variety Show:

Tuesday, October, 18th
6:00 PM
Western Hall

Rocky Hunt:

Rocky Category - 10/17
Ray Category - 10/19
Gold Category - 10/21
9:00 am- All Rocky's are Found
WIU Campus

Detention:

Yell Like Hell and Variety Show

Penny Wars:

Every Event!

*Rain dates will be denoted within each individual event.

Mandatory Homecoming Meetings:

All Entry Forms & Payments Due: Friday, October 7th, at 4:30 PM

Liability Waivers Due: Friday, October 14th, at 4:30 PM

General Rules Meeting I:	Variety Show Routine Checks:
Wednesday, April 13th	Monday, October 17th
5 PM - 6:30 PM	TBD
General Rules Meeting II:	Yell Like Hell Routine Checks:
Wednesday, September 7th	Wednesday, October 19th
5 PM - 6:30 PM	TBD
Royalty Rules Meeting:	Royalty Court Meeting:
Will notify candidates in the Fall semester.	Will notify candidates in the Fall semester.
Royalty Interviews:	
Will notify candidates in the Fall semester.	

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 Leatherneck Link, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. All student organizations participating must be registered with the Office of Student Engagement via Leatherneck Link. Any student organization that is not registered will be permitted to participate on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Office of Student Engagement if interested.
3. Each organization on a team must have **ONLY ONE** individual to represent that organization. For example, if three Greek organizations form a team, we need a representative from each organization. These individuals are the **only** ones who can submit appeals.
4. It is **mandatory** for teams to send a maximum of 2 representatives to at least one General Rules Meeting. **General Rules Meeting I will be held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM in the Lincoln Room. General Rules Meeting II will be held on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM in the Capitol Room.**
5. It is mandatory that all representatives fill out the Google Form to sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to participate in Homecoming 2022. All Google Form responses must be submitted **BEFORE** the meeting begins.
6. All participants must fill out the google form provided after each meeting to confirm that they have read and understood all the rules and regulations. Failure to complete the google form will result in the individual being **DISQUALIFIED**, and cannot participate in any / all homecoming events.
7. 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.**
8. 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.
9. In the event of a tie both teams will receive the same amount of points and the next place team will be dropped to the following place. Please see the scoring breakdowns.
10. **Good sportsmanship is required.** 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.
11. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee **per team** to participate in any of the following events: Paint the Town, Rocky's Bubble Soccer, 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, each organization would pay a total of \$20.00.

12. 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.
13. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to add, omit, and revise any and all rules governing the Homecoming Week competition, without advance notice. Updated rule books will be released through the UUB Homecoming website.
14. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to penalize or disqualify teams for having negative and/or rude behavior towards other teams, judges, and/or Committee members with a reasonable explanation. The Homecoming Committee also reserves the right to penalize or disqualify teams without advanced notice in event a situation as such occurs.
15. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we require all Homecoming participants, committee members, and spectators to abide by the COVID-19 protocols put into place by the University during the time of any and all Homecoming related activities. If Homecoming participants do not abide by COVID-19 protocols during any un and all homecoming related activities, including, but not limited to: Variety Show checks, Yell Like Hell checks, etc. the Homecoming Committee members and/or judges may result in the **DISQUALIFICATION** of the team from the competition.
16. All participants must be in compliance with the University's COVID-19 protocols, i.e. weekly testing or full vaccination status. If the participant(s) are not in compliance with the University's COVID-19 protocols they will NOT be permitted to participate in any and all homecoming related activities.

CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:

Rocky Category - Fraternity and Sorority Life:

Each Greek team may consist of up to five campus-affiliated Greek letter organizations (**can be social, business, multicultural, etc.**) All organization names must appear on one Homecoming Team Entry Form.

Ray Category - General Student Organizations / Residence Hall:

Each team must be made up of a minimum of 5 WIU students. Teams must be composed of no more than four (4) OSE recognized student organizations. Only one team from each residence hall. (Example: Corbin-Olson can have only one team, Lincoln-Washington and Grote can have only one team, and Thompson can have only one team).

Gold Category - Extended Editions General Student / Individual:

Each team must be made up of a minimum of 3 WIU students. Gold Category criteria will be specified in **each individual event section**. Please read event rules carefully to see the criteria needed for this category to participate.

SCORING:

Event:	1st	2nd	3rd	Participation
Rock the Flag	100	75	50	25
Paint the Town	100	75	50	25
Rocky's Bubble Soccer	100	75	50	25
Chalk 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
Penny Wars	100	75	50	25

- Rocky Hunt: Points vary per statue found.
- Paint the Paws: No points will be awarded.
- Spirit Game: 5 points per person (maximum of 25 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, the Homecoming Committee will determine the number of students to serve on Royalty Court. Candidates are nominated by the organizations and groups that compete in Homecoming or individuals can self nominate. Each organization can submit a nomination for one student, regardless of that student's gender identity. All Royalty Court applications are due online via Leatherneck Link, by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.

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 by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
3. Applications 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 application questions and interview portions will be added together, and a Royalty Court of a maximum of 12 students will be selected.
5. Voting will be held on Leatherneck Link starting **Friday, September 24th, and will end Wednesday, September 29th** 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 Bubble Soccer, 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 minutes 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 the 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 biography is due to the Royalty Chair prior to the beginning of voting. This biography should include: name, year in school, sponsoring registered student organization, and the candidate's answer to the question, "**What does Homecoming mean to you?**" **Photo and biography are due by Saturday, October 1st.**
5. Each team is allowed no more than 5 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 20th** 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.

Judging:

Judging will be based on the following:

- Creativity
- Originality
- Interaction during events
- Attendance
- Incorporation of WIU and Homecoming theme
- Overall effect

Scoring:

- Application / Essay: 20%
- Interview: 20%
- Attendance: 20%
- V-Show: 20%
- Voting: 20%

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

ROCK THE FLAG:

Details:

1. All completed flags must be turned in to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, September 30th 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. Rock The Flag rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting I on **Wednesday, April 13th from 5 - 6:30 PM and Wednesday, September 7th from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
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 **flat 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 at the University Union Concourse by the Homecoming Committee. Flags can be picked up from the Office of Student Engagement after Homecoming Week.
8. All entry forms must be submitted online via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.

Judging:

Judging will be based on the following:

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

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

ROCKY HUNT:

There will be 20 - 25 total Rocky statues hidden outside and inside buildings all around campus on **Monday, October 17th, Wednesday, October 19th, and Friday, October 21st**. The Rocky Category (Fraternity and Sorority Life) will search for dogs on October 17th, the Ray Category (General Organizations and Residence Halls) will search for the dogs on October 19th, and the Gold Category (General Student and Individual) will be on October 21st.

Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Rocky Hunt rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the **MANDATORY** General Rules Meeting I and General Rules Meeting II on **September 7th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
3. Teams must arrive at (TBD) on the day their category is scheduled to hunt.
4. Phones, smart watches, etc. are **prohibited** and must be left in the Office of Student Engagement as soon as participants arrive.
5. Teams are expected to arrive 15 - 20 minutes early so that the Homecoming Committee can hide the statues.
6. The statues will be spread around campus inside and outside of buildings. Please be respectful and mindful when searching for a Rocky statue in the buildings. **Any disruptive behavior reported back to the Homecoming Committee will result in DISQUALIFICATION.**
7. Each day a list of clues will be given to the participants once all the statues have been hidden.
8. Each statue card must be brought back to the Office of Student Engagement. Once all the statute cards have been returned, the hunt is over.
9. Each statue will be worth a different amount of points. Each point value will be announced on the statue card or the clue list.

For questions, please contact our Special Event Chairs through the Homecoming email, UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu or call the Office of Student Engagement 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 Macomb 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 Leatherneck Link, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. All Paint the Town rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting I on **Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM**. The Special Events Chair will assign each team a window pane on the Macomb Square at this meeting.
3. **Only tempera paints can be used for the window designs!** No glitter may be used, but glitter tempera paint is permitted. **Failure to comply will result in immediate DISQUALIFICATION.**
4. One representative from each team must report to Citizens National Bank entrance on **Saturday, October 15th** at 10:00 am where all 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.**
5. Window panes must be painted between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted.
6. 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.
7. 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 paint on the sidewalks or grass.**
8. If teams are unable to provide their own materials, teams can request a small starter kit for their organization by emailing uubhomecoming@wiu.edu. This is a **starter kit only** and will not be enough for a full entire window.
9. Each team will be responsible for having their window cleaned properly by **5:00 PM** on **Sunday, October 23rd**. 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**.
10. 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.
11. 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 and Homecoming theme
- Overall effect

For questions, please contact our Special Events Chair by emailing UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu or call the Office of Student Engagement 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 **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Chalk the Campus rules and expectations will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting I on **April 13th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM** and General Rules Meeting II on **September 7th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
3. One representative from each team must report to the University Union Terrace on **Sunday, October 16th 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 **Sunday, October 16th between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. 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. For individuals that are participating, you need to all incorporate **your names** instead of your student organizations title.
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.
9. All entry forms must be submitted online via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.

Judging:

Judging is based on the following:

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

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

If you are an individual participating in Homecoming and would like to participate in the Chalk the Campus event, you can pair up with other individuals to do your own sidewalk.

ROCKY'S BUBBLE SOCCER:

In this event, teams will compete against each other in a bracket style competition using inflatable soccer suits at Vince Grady Field. This event is co-sponsored with WIU Campus Recreation.

Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. All rules for Rocky's Bubble Soccer will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting I on **April 13th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM** and General Rules Meeting II on **September 7th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
3. Rocky's Bubble Soccer will be held on **Sunday, October 16th at 12:00 PM** at Vince Grady Practice Field (off of University Dr., near old residence halls Bayliss, Henninger, and Tanner).
4. A match is played by two teams, each consisting of no more than **6 players**. A match cannot begin if either team consists of fewer than 6 players unless approved by the Homecoming Committee.
5. There must be an **even number** of gender identities on the field at all times. Example: 2 male identifying players, 2 female identifying females, and 2 transgender or non-binary players. Or, 3 female identifying players, and 3 male identifying players.
6. Goalkeepers are **not** allowed to be an active player on the field.
7. There will be a crease and / or line in front of the goal; players can travel through the crease and / or line but cannot stay in the area for more than 3 seconds.
8. Substitutions will be allowed during the match at any time during active play. To substitute a player, the player coming off the field needs to stand by the sideline of the field, as the new player going onto the field crosses the side-line to enter the game simultaneously.
9. All substitutions will be checked for equipment by a referee before entering the field.
10. The referees provided for the match are the supervision of the matches, but will also ensure safety of the players.
11. Excessive force bumps without the intent to gain possession of the ball **or** without the intent to clear the path of the ball to goal, will result in a 2 minute penalty based on the discretion of the referee.
12. The referee has the authority to eject a player from the game if any bumps are from blind spots, or when the safety of the opponent is endangered. Potential disqualification can occur through the discretion of the Homecoming Committee.
13. Bumping opponents outside the boundary cones is **NOT** legal. Point of contact / bump determines what is a bump in the out of boundary areas. A bump inside the playing field that results in an opponent falling outside that playing area **IS** legal.
14. Each player must be in their bubble suit before stepping onto the field. The suit should be worn in its proper manner, and will be checked by the referee before the match begins.
15. Bubble suits will be provided by the Homecoming Committee and Campus Recreation.
16. Players must wear tennis shoes or turf shoes. Soccer cleats are **prohibited** and can result in **DISQUALIFICATION** if worn.

17. **No jewelry or sharp objects may be worn during matches and while in the bubble suit. Glasses may be used, however will be worn with an eyewear retainer to keep them on the player at all times.**
18. Players who are knocked to the ground during play **must** be allowed to get up before being contacted again by the opposing team.
19. Referees will start the whistle 3 times consecutively to either stop, start or to signal the end of a half / or game. All players **MUST STOP** if they hear the signal.
20. Active game play can be stopped at any time during the match by the referee to respond to any safety concerns if necessary.
21. If a match is stopped by the referee, it will be resumed by 1 whistle blow to resume the match.
22. Length of game times and single or double elimination brackets will be determined once the number of overall teams have been finalized.
23. At the beginning of the match, both teams will line up on the “baseline” closest to their respective goals. The referee will place the ball in the middle of the field and blow the whistle 1 time to begin the match. This start will occur during the following; at the beginning of the game, the second half, and after each goal is scored.
24. Referees are to stop the match if the ball goes out of bounds, and should wait for ball handlers to return with the ball.
25. Referees will call and state “PLAY ON” to indicate to a player that the ball is still active if it's out of bounds.
26. Referees will have 2 balls on hand, 1 ball will be actively in play during the match.
27. Teams must designate **three** ball chasers for their teams.
28. If the ball is kicked an excessive length out of bounds, the referee will then roll the second ball into play for the other team to start with.
29. If a ball is reintroduced into the field, the referee will call “PLAY ON” to indicate a new ball was introduced into the match.
30. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided no infringement of the Laws of the Game have been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.
31. The team who scores the most goals during a match is the winner of that match.
32. If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored in the allotted time, an extra allotted time will be played to determine a winner. Then, three penalty kicks will be given to each team.
33. Rocky’s Bubble Soccer does not utilize or use any off-side rules.
34. Violation of any rules stated above will result in automatic **DISQUALIFICATION**.
35. All entry forms must be submitted online via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
36. Rules will be explained during the General Rules Meeting I on **Wednesday, April 13th, from 5 - 6:30 PM** and the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 7th from 5 - 6:30 PM**.

For questions, please contact the Bubble Soccer Chairs through the Homecoming email at UUBHomecoming@wiu.edu or call the Office of Student Engagement 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 **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Variety Show rules will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting I on **April 13th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM** and General Rules Meeting II on **September 7th, 2022 from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
3. Any music needed for your routine must be shared with the Homecoming Committee as an .mp3 file. **Music must be turned in via uubhomecoming@wiu.edu no later than Wednesday, October 12th. 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, October 12th**. Prop list must be approved by the Variety Show chair(s) 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 to 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, front or back handsprings, aerials or any acrobatics.
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 participants at the Variety Show routine check. A final list of participants and alternates must be sent to

the Variety Show chair(s) 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(s), 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. Your organization will have an allotted time on stage for rehearsal time that will be determined 24 hours in advance. If your group is late or begins the rehearsal late, extra time will not be extended.
16. 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 5:45 PM. The event begins promptly at 6:00 PM.
17. 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 or call the Office of Student Engagement 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.

COVID-19 guidelines MUST be followed. If not, the team will be DISQUALIFIED.

Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Yell Like Hell rules will be discussed in detail at the General Rules Meeting I on **April 13th, from 5 - 6:30 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**. One minute will be given before and after routine to set up or clean up props.
5. Minimum team size is 5 participants and maximum team size is 40 participants.
6. Any music needed for your routine and roster for the team must be shared with the Homecoming Committee as an .mp3 file. **Music can be turned in via uubhomecoming@wiu.edu no later than Friday, October 14th. No phone, auxiliary cable, 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 the 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. Clothes must be appropriate and match the theme.
11. Each team must provide the Homecoming Committee with a typed list of tentative participants at the Yell Like Hell Safety Checks on **Wednesday, October 19th**. A final list of participants and alternates must be sent to the Yell Like Hell chair(s) 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 7:30 PM. A time for tumbling warm-ups will be given upon request. All participants and spectators must be seated by 7:45 PM. This event will begin promptly at 8:00 PM.

13. Acts that contain degrading or offensive material will result in an immediate **DISQUALIFICATION** from the event.

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

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.

Details:

1. Each team must have the members of their team check-in and check-out at the Homecoming check-in table. **The game is TBD.** Check-in will begin at **TBD**, 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 (**25 points maximum**). 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 individuals to wear Western apparel / gear.

For questions, please contact our Philanthropy chair through the Homecoming email, UUBhomecoming@wiu.edu or call the Office of Student Engagement 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.

Details:

1. In order to participate in the event, please refer to <https://tinyurl.com/HOCOPaintThePaws> for information to register a spot.
2. **This date is TBD.**

For questions, please contact Carrie Van Vleet through her email, ca-vanvleet@wiu.edu, the Alumni Association at (309)-298-1914, or the Office of Student Engagement at (309)-298-3232.

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 Illinois University. All teams are strongly encouraged to enter a float in the parade.

Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online, via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**. The parade event also requires a separate Google form which can be found on the Homecoming website, <https://forms.gle/YDrfi6rPjmnU5AWP8>.
2. At least **two** representatives from each team must attend the General Rules Meeting I on **April 13th, from 5 - 6:30 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 8:00 AM, 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 Sunday, October 2nd**, 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 (**10:30 AM**) 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, and / or 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 Engagement at (309)-298-3232.

PHILANTHROPY:

Penny War Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Rules will be explained at the General Rules Meeting I on **Wednesday, April 13th from 5 - 6:30 PM**, and the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 7th from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
3. Each team will have a designated container to decorate. The front and the back of the container need to be clear; you are encouraged to decorate the other two sides to match the Homecoming theme.
4. Points / money are as follows:
 - a. Silver and green are **positive**; bronze is **negative**.
 - b. Silver and dollars are worth their currency value (\$.05 = +5 points).
 - c. Bronze (pennies), are worth **negative five points** (1 penny = -5 points).
 - d. The Philanthropy chair(s) will be counting and updating totals from the end of the day via Instagram at the event.

Detention Rules Details:

1. All entry forms must be submitted online via **Leatherneck Link**, and all entry fees to the Office of Student Engagement by **Friday, October 7th at 4:30 PM**.
2. Rules will be discussed at the General Rules Meeting I on **Wednesday, April 13th from 5 - 6:30 PM** and the General Rules Meeting II on **Wednesday, September 7th from 5 - 6:30 PM**.
3. There will be a designated area you can send an individual to, for any (appropriate) reason, where that reason will be read out loud. If this is not appropriate, by our discretion, we may choose not to read it and possibly not send the individual to detention. However, the donation **will** be kept
4. No points will be awarded.
5. Will be offered at Yell Like Hell and V-Show during breaks / intermissions.
6. Price to send an individual to detention will be **\$1 = 1 minute**, with a (maximum of 20 minutes).
7. The Philanthropy chair(s) will be utilizing a Google form for detention, that can be accessed through the provided link or QR codes at the event.
8. If you are sending **more than 5 people** it needs to be a group reason, and **each** person will be charged **per minute** (example: 10 people for coming late to the event sent for 2 minutes = \$20).
9. We **must** receive payment before your entry will be read.
10. Multiple entries **are** allowed.

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

APPEAL PROCESS:

In order to file an appeal with the Homecoming 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. Rock the Flag
 - b. Paint the Town
 - c. Chalk the Campus
 - d. Variety Show
 - e. Yell Like Hell
 - f. 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 **Leatherneck Link** 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.

Appendix A– Table of Contents:

ROCK THE FLAG SCORE SHEET

PAINT THE TOWN SCORE SHEET

CHALK THE CAMPUS SCORE SHEET

VARIETY SHOW SCORE SHEET

YELL LIKE HELL SCORE SHEET

PARADE FLOAT SCORE SHEET

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

Rock the Flag Score Sheet:

Creativity: (Use of colors, images, words, etc.)	30		
Originality: (Novelty, original, unique)	20		
Incorporation of WIU and Homecoming theme: (School spirit, purple and gold)	30		
Overall effect: (How everything comes together; the overall composition)	20		
TOTAL:	100		

Paint the Town Score Sheet:

Creativity: (Use of colors, images, words, etc.)	30		
Originality: (Novelty, original, unique)	20		
Incorporation of WIU and Homecoming theme: (School spirit, purple and gold)	30		
Overall effect: (How everything comes together; the overall composition)	20		
TOTAL:	100		

Chalk the Campus Score Sheet:

Creativity: (Use of colors, images, words, etc.)	30		
Originality: (Novelty, original, unique)	20		
Incorporation of WIU and Homecoming theme: (School spirit, purple and gold)	30		
Overall effect: (How everything comes together; the overall composition)	20		
TOTAL:	100		

Variety Show Score Sheet:

Creativity: (incorporation of talents, usage of props, costuming, etc.)	30		
Incorporation of WIU and Homecoming theme:	30		
Spirit: (Attitude, enthusiasm, crowd reaction)	20		
Mechanics: (Synchronization and how clean the routine is in performance)	20		
TOTAL:	100		

Talent:

Yell Like Hell Score Sheet:

Creativity: (Incorporation of cheers, usage of props, costuming, etc.)	25		
Incorporation of Homecoming theme:	20		
Spirit: (Attitude, enthusiasm, crowd reaction)	30		
Mechanics: (Synchronization and how clean the routine is in performance)	20		
Routine: (Group involvement, volume, clarity)	5		
TOTAL:	100		

Parade Float Score Sheet:

Creativity: (Going beyond traditional float ideas)	25		
Quality of lettering / images on float: (Clear, easy to see)	25		
Incorporation of Homecoming theme:	25		
Overall effect:	25		
TOTAL:	100		