

Competitive Activities

2023 Official Rule Book and Scoring Packet



October 22-28, 2023

Competition Agreement

2023 HOMECOMING COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

All student organizations, residence hall, fraternity and sorority chapter teams must [register online](#) to be eligible to compete for prizes during the 2023 Homecoming Competitions.

All registrations **MUST BE SUBMITTED** no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2023**. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

By registering, your organization/team hereby acknowledges the following:

- The organization/team has read and will abide by the rules and regulations specified in the 2023 Homecoming Competitive Activities Official Rule Book.
- The organization/team understands that compliance with the 2023 Homecoming Competitive Activities Rule Book is mandatory for participation in the Midwestern State University Homecoming Competitions; and refusal to follow the Rule Book may lead to disqualification from Homecoming competitions and/or future Homecoming activities.

Mandatory Meeting - Attendance at **one** of the following Homecoming competition meetings is required for participation in the overall homecoming competition activities. **A representative from your team/organization must be in attendance at one of the following meetings to review the rule book, schedule and pick up any necessary supplies.**

ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN BRIDWELL ACTIVITY CENTER, SPIRIT.

- *Monday, September 25 @ 12pm*
- *Tuesday, September 26 @ 12pm*
- *Tuesday, September 26 @ 5pm*
- *Wednesday, September 27 @ 12pm*
- *Wednesday, September 27 @ 5pm*
- *Thursday, September 28 @ 12pm*
- *Thursday, September 28 @ 5pm*
- *Friday, September 29 @ 2:30pm*

Any questions relating to the 2023 Homecoming Competitive Activities should be directed to Bridwell Activities Center Room 101 at 940-397-3033.

Thank you for your interest in being part of Homecoming 2023! Good luck!

Competitive Activities

2023 Homecoming competitions, events and activities eligible for receiving points for the week's OVERALL COMPETITION

Traditional Competitions	Lip Sync	Compete to see who can best Lip Sync and perform to a creative mix of popular musical rhythm and rhymes. Organization/team must "tell a story" And promote the Homecoming theme.
	Cardboard Boat Race	One of the best things to do with cardboard and duct tape. Get your building skills ready for this ever-popular tradition at MSU. Build a boat and race across Sikes Lake.
University Pride Competitions	Banner Competitions	Proudly represent your organization. Banners are judged on the concepts of artistry, detail, creativity, color, appeal, presentation, and the use of the Homecoming theme.
	Graffiti Board Yard Signs	Another way to show off your organization/team's university pride. Decorate a supplied plywood board using this year's Homecoming theme.
Community Service Participation	Mustangs Pantry Food Drive	Support your fellow Mustangs by supporting the Mustangs Pantry and collecting as many food supplies as you can for the Pantry.
	Community Trunk or Treat	Decorate the trunks or your vehicles and hand out candy and other goodies to the children of the community of Wichita Falls. Vehicles and organizations/teams will be judged on the creativity of their decorated vehicle as well as spirit throughout the entirety of the event.
Bonus Points	Photo Submission Experience	Share a picture on Instagram and tag @MSUinvolvement that captures your organization/team preparing for any of this year's Homecoming competitions!
	Football Tailgate	Dec out your tailgate set up! Show off your school spirit and execution of the theme at the football tailgate. This could be your chance to push your team over the edge

Overall Homecoming Competition Scoring

The Overall Homecoming Competition is comprised of the single event competitions listed below. The Overall Homecoming Champions will be announced at the MSU Football game on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Overall Competition Event & Point Breakdown:

Competitive Activities	Points Awarded By	Points Possible
Lip Sync	Competitively Judged	25
Graffiti Boards	Competitively Judged	25
Banner Competitions	Competitively Judged	25
Cardboard Boat Race	Head to Head & Competitively Judged Competition	25
Mustangs Pantry	Head to Head Competition	30
Community Trunk or Treat	Head to Head Competition	25
Bonus: Photo Challenge	Head to Head Competition	30
Bonus: Tailgate	Head to Head Competition	15
Total Points Possible 200		

Prize Award Breakdown:

	Fraternity/Sorority Category	Residence Hall/Student Organization Category
1st Place Overall	Traveling Trophy	Traveling Trophy
2nd Place Overall	Award Plaque	Award Plaque
3rd Place Overall	Award Plaque	Award Plaque
4th Place Overall	Award Plaque	Award Plaque

Dates to Remember

Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 8AM	Registration Opens
Friday, September 29, 2023 @ 5PM	Registration Closes
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 by 6PM	Banners, Graffiti Boards, & Lip Sync Music Due to Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (Bridwell Activities Center Room 101)
Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 8PM	Lip Sync Competition @ D.L. Ligon Coliseum
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, by 5PM	Mustangs Pantry Food Drive Items Due to Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (Bridwell Activities Center Room 101)
Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 6PM	Community Trunk or Treat @ Council Drive & Nocona Trail Parking Lot
Friday October 27, 2023 @ 6PM	Cardboard Boat Race @ Sikes Lake, MSU Art Museum Side
Friday, October 27, 2023 @ 9PM	Lip Sync Finals @ Nocona Trail South Parking Lot
Saturday, October 28, 2023 @ 5PM	Tailgate and Football Game

General Competition Information

Register a Team – Visit Mustangs Link and complete the necessary information online. All registrations must be turned in before the deadline to be eligible for the homecoming competition prizes.

Competition Meeting - Attendance at **ONE** of the Homecoming competition meetings is **REQUIRED** for participation in the overall homecoming competition activities. (See schedule for meeting times on page 2).

Participation in Homecoming – All Midwestern State University students in registered student organizations and residence halls are eligible and welcome to participate in the Homecoming competitions. All registered student organizations competing must be in good standing according to the policies outlined in the MSU Student Handbook. In order to participate in the overall Homecoming competition, an organization/team must register in Mustangs Link. **The form can be found under “Forms” labeled as “Homecoming 2023 Competitive Activities Registration.”**

Eligibility for Prizes – In order to be eligible to win any prizes, an organization/team **MUST REGISTER AND ATTEND ONE OF THE MANDATORY MEETINGS. No more than two organizations will be able to pair up to compete.**

General Competition Rules

1. The 2023 Midwestern State University Homecoming theme will follow the Centennial Celebration theme.
2. The Homecoming Overall Competition will consist of SIX competitions: **Lip Sync, Banner, Graffiti Boards, Mustangs Pantry Food Drive, Community Trunk or Treat, and Cardboard Boat Race**. This allows for a possible overall score of **up to 250 points** per organization/team with bonus activity additions.
3. Unruly behavior or team members under the influence of drugs or alcohol during any Homecoming activities **WILL NOT** be tolerated. If any member of an organization/team participating in Homecoming is under the influence or acts inappropriately, the organization/team will be **DISQUALIFIED** from that event. This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**.
Being disqualified from an event results in:
 - a. An organization/team receiving zero points for that particular event.
 - b. The potential for an organization to face University sanctions and disciplinary action.
 - c. The possibility to revoke the organization/team's ability to participate in future events is not limited to Homecoming.
4. **The Homecoming Committee and event judges reserve the right to disqualify any inappropriate designs/performances.** Any performance found to be in bad taste will be disqualified, and all points for that event will be revoked. This includes the use of political propaganda, profanity, nudity, etc.
5. **Teams disqualified from any particular event will not be allowed to participate in the remaining competitions.**
6. A student organization is **allowed to pair with just one other organization** for Homecoming 2023. Those organizations must partner up for **ALL** competitive activities and have members from both groups participating. If two groups pair together, each must agree to share whatever prize(s) is awarded.
7. Rules and interpretations are subject to change at the discretion of the Homecoming Committee.

LIP SYNC COMPETITION: 25 POINTS POSSIBLE

The preliminary Lip Sync' Competition will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, in D.L. Ligon with the three finalists performing on stage during the Bonfire on Friday, October 27, 2023. A committee of judges will score the competition and determine the winners. The winners will be announced at the football game during halftime on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Memorial Stadium.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. There must be at least **three (3) participants** from an organization/team in order to participate in the competition. **The maximum number of participants per team is eight (8) members** and members must have appropriate dance wear and closed toe shoes **ONLY**. **Absolutely NO GLITTER OR GLITTER GLUE, SEQUINS, SILLY STRING OR CONFETTI is allowed.**
2. Each organization's performance time is limited to no more than **five (5) minutes**.
3. The musical selection must not contain excessive profanity or vulgarity. In other words, use the radio edits. Organizations must provide their own music on a flash drive and turn into the **Bridwell Activities Center Room 101 by 5pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. A list of songs in the mix must also be turned in to prevent repeating of songs. **First come, first served**.
4. Judging will be based on criteria including the following:
 - A. Accuracy of Lip Sync
 - B. Choreography
 - C. Creativity and Costume
 - D. Crowd Involvement and Reaction
5. Organizations will be allowed a **15-minute on-stage rehearsal starting at 4pm on Sunday, October 22, 2023**. Rehearsal times must be scheduled with the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (Bridwell Activities Center Room 101) beginning Monday, October 16th. **Space will be first-come, first-served. Notice will go out to all participants when sign-ups are available.**

Lip Sync Score Card

Please circle one number per category. [0 = worst, 5 = best]

Incorporation of the Homecoming Theme

0 1 2 3 4 5

Choreography

0 1 2 3 4 5

Accuracy of Lip Sync

0 1 2 3 4 5

Creativity and Costume

0 1 2 3 4 5

Crowd Involvement and Reaction

0 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points _____

Graffiti Board: 25 POINTS POSSIBLE

Graffiti Yard Signs will be displayed in the Quadrangle on campus during Homecoming Week October 22-28, 2023. A committee of judges will review the yard signs and the winners will be announced at the Homecoming Game during halftime on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. Graffiti Yard Signs must be done on the 4' x 4' plywood sheet provided by the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement.
2. Yard Signs will be judged on the following **four criteria**:
 - A. Incorporation of the Homecoming Theme: Centennial Celebration (MSU Spirit)
 - B. School Spirit (encouragement of MSU athletic teams, use of traditions, etc.)
 - C. Recognition of the organization/department who created the board (their success, characteristics, traditions, etc.).
 - D. Overall creativity and attention to detail.
3. Yard Signs must be submitted to the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (Bridwell Activities Center Room 101) by **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, by 6:00 PM** to be eligible for judging. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** **Absolutely NO GLITTER OR GLITTER GLUE, SEQUINS, OR CONFETTI.** **Board must be DRY when submitted.**

Graffiti Yard Signs Score Card

Please circle one number per category. [0 = worst, 5 = best]

Incorporation of the Homecoming Theme

0 1 2 3 4 5

School Spirit

0 1 2 3 4 5

Recognition of the organization/department who created the boards.

0 1 2 3 4 5

Attention to detail

0 1 2 3 4 5

Overall creativity

0 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points _____

BANNER COMPETITION: 25 POINTS POSSIBLE

Banners will be displayed in the Clark Student Center Atrium during Homecoming Week October 22-28, 2023. A committee of judges will review the banners. These winners will be announced at the Homecoming Football game.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. Banners must be done on the sheet provided by the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement. Sheets must be laid out **portrait style**. **Absolutely NO GLITTER OR GLITTER GLUE, SEQUINS OR CONFETTI.** **Banners must be completely dry when delivered.**
2. Banners will be judged on the following **four criteria**:
 - A. Incorporation of the Homecoming Theme: Centennial Celebration (MSU Spirit)
 - B. School Spirit (encouragement of MSU athletic teams, use of traditions, etc.)
 - C. Recognition of the organization/department who created the banner (their success, characteristics, traditions, etc.)
 - D. Overall creativity and attention to detail.
3. Banners must be submitted to the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement by **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, by 6:00 PM** to be eligible for judging. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Banner Score Card

Please circle one number per category. [0 = worst, 5 = best]

Incorporation of the Homecoming Theme

0 1 2 3 4 5

School Spirit

0 1 2 3 4 5

Recognition of the organization/department in the banner

0 1 2 3 4 5

Attention to detail

0 1 2 3 4 5

Overall creativity

0 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points _____

Trunk or Treat Competition: 25 POINTS POSSIBLE

Trunk or Treat will take place on Thursday, October 26th in the parking lot adjacent to the D.L. Ligon Coliseum. Participants are to open and decorate the backs of their vehicles trunks while handing out candy throughout the event. A committee of judges will review the design and decorations of trunks and the winners will be announced at the Homecoming Football game.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. Trunks are to be decorated by the participants and ALL supplies are to be purchased at the expense of the individuals and/or organizations participating. OSJI will not supply any items for participants.
2. Please refrain from anything overly spooky or gory as this event is open to the children of the community.
3. Costumes are encouraged. However, if you wear a costume, please do not wear a mask. For security reasons we need to make sure all individuals are identifiable.
4. Trunks will be judged on the following **four criteria**:
 - A. Incorporation of Halloween and the Homecoming Theme: Centennial Celebration (MSU Spirit)
 - B. School and Halloween Spirit (encouragement of MSU athletic teams, use of traditions, Halloween themes, etc.)
 - C. Recognition of the organization/department who created the trunk (their success, characteristics, traditions, etc.)
 - D. Overall creativity and attention to detail.
5. Participating vehicles will need to be parked by 5:30pm, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. You can come as early as 4pm to set up. Our OSJI team will be present to help direct you to a spot on the lot.
6. Please see next page for the complete Trunk or Treat guidelines.

Trunk or Treat Score Card

Please circle one number per category. [0 = worst, 5 = best]

Incorporation of Halloween and the Homecoming Theme

0 1 2 3 4 5

School & Halloween Spirit

0 1 2 3 4 5

Recognition of the organization/department

0 1 2 3 4 5

Attention to detail

0 1 2 3 4 5

Overall creativity

0 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points _____

TRUNK OR TREAT

RULES AND GUIDELINES

IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR VEHICLE, PLEASE READ!

ALL participating vehicles will need to be parked in the designated area no later than 5:30pm (you can come as early as 4pm). A representative from the Student Leadership and Involvement team will help direct you to a spot in the parking lot.

General Rules and Guidelines:

- Every individual participating in Trunk or Treat must complete the **MANDATORY** Child Protection Training on Mustang's Link by the end of the day Monday, October 23th.
- Costumes **ARE WELCOMED**, but please refrain from wearing a mask.
- Organizations will have marked spots, spots are based on what organizations sign-up (switching of spots will not be allowed).
- Games are optional.
- **ALL** participating organizations/teams will be required to provide their own candy to distribute to children.
- For candy, please only bring store bought and individually wrapped treats. Based off of previously hosted Trunk or Treats, we can expect to have over 500 children.
- Students not in an organization and/or team can participate. Please email student.activities@msutexas.edu to sign up for Trunk or Treat.
- Set up will begin at 4pm on October 26th in the parking lot adjacent to D.L. Ligon Coliseum.
- For safety reasons, please plan to stay parked and decorated until the completion of the event, 8pm.
- Best decorated trunk will receive a plaque.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT AT
STUDENT.ACTIVITIES@MSUTEXAS.EDU OR CALL 940-397-3033

Trunk or Treat Rules and Guidelines

If you plan to participate with your vehicle, please read!

ALL participating vehicles will need to be parked in the designated area no later than 5:30 PM (you can come as early as 4 PM). A representative from the Student Leadership and Involvement team will help direct you to a spot in the parking lot.

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- Games are optional
- **ALL** participating organizations/teams will be required to provide their own candy to distribute to children.
- For candy, please only bring store bought and individually wrapped treats. Based off of previously hosted Trunk or Treats, we can expect to have over 500 children.
- Students not in an organization and/or team can participate. Please [email student.activities@msutexas.edu](mailto:student.activities@msutexas.edu) to sign up for Trunk or Treat.
- Set up will begin at 4 PM on October 26, 2023 in the parking lot adjacent to D.L. Ligon Coliseum.
- For safety reasons, please plan to stay parked and decorated until the completion of the event at 8 PM.
- Best decorated trunk will receive a plaque.

For additional information, contact Student Leadership and Involvement by email at student.activities@msutexas.edu or call 940-397-3033.

CARDBOARD BOAT: 25 POINTS POSSIBLE

The annual Cardboard Boat Race is scheduled to take place during the Homecoming Fish Fry on Friday, October 27, 2023 at Sikes Lake. **All entries must be present by 5:00pm for inspection and review of the rules.** The Boat Race will follow at 6:00pm.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. Organizations must provide their own cardboard. Judges will disqualify boats which contain any other foreign materials to the structural rigidity or buoyancy of the boat (2 by 4's, metal tubing, plastic tubing, pvc pipe, vinyl sheeting, etc.).
2. The entire boat – including hull, superstructure, and seating – must be made entirely of cardboard. Any thickness is permissible: however corrugated cardboard bonded to other substances (like vinyl or plastic) may not be used. Only members of the organization are allowed to build the boat.
3. The hull may not be water proofed with any paintable one-part substance. That means **NO** epoxy glue, fiberglass resins or other two-part varnishes or paints. These two-part finishes normally require the addition of a catalyst or hardener. **The hull may not be wrapped in plastic, shrink wrap, or anything else. Only seams or joints may be taped, not the whole boat.** Absolutely no use of tar based substances will be allowed. You may use a standard, one-part glue to affix layers of cardboard to another. If you have questions, please ask the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement.
4. Propulsion/steering systems – While the propulsion and steering systems (i.e. oars) may be made of materials other than corrugated cardboard, they may not in any way significantly contribute to the structural rigidity of the boat. Materials other than cardboard may not connect the propulsion, seating, and steering systems to one another. No electric motors or propulsion systems are allowed of any kind. All crew members must be entirely in the boat while afloat (no one can swim/push the boat to assist).
5. All boats have to be powered by at least **TWO INDIVIDUALS.**
6. All crews will be required to wear a lifejacket. **Each crew member is responsible for providing his/her own life jacket! Failure to have a life jacket will result in an automatic disqualification from the boat race and additional competitions.**
7. Your boat must be easy to get in and out of (should it become an unintentional submarine), and free of sharp pointy objects and edges or anything else that could be dangerous. Crews will be instructed by the judges to fix sharp edges before they will be allowed to race.
8. **All human occupants of the boat must wear shoes or other footwear with a substantial sole.** Other than your occupants and propulsion materials, no foreign objects of any kind are allowed in your boat (i.e. water balloons, champagne bottles, ramming/sinking instruments, etc.). Individual occupants or entire boat crews may be disqualified if their ability to perform safely in the water is impaired.
9. All rule interpretations will be determined by the event judges, and the decision of the judges is final. There is no appeal.
10. Boats that complete race are subject to additional inspection following the race. Following inspection, teams' can be deducted points if boat does not follow the rules above.

Cardboard Boat Race Score Card

Please circle one number per category. [0 = worst, 5 = best]

Incorporation of Theme

0 1 2 3 4 5

Overall Design

0 1 2 3 4 5

Originality

0 1 2 3 4 5

Quality of work

0 1 2 3 4 5

Team Spirit

0 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points _____

Mustangs Pantry Food Drive: 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

This year's philanthropic competition will include collecting food items for the MSU Texas Food Pantry. The Mustangs Pantry is a free service open to all currently enrolled students at MSU Texas who are not on a residential meal plan. Organizations/teams will donate food donated to the Mustangs Pantry in order to gain points.

Student organizations can sign up for a time to drop off items beginning on Monday, October 16, 2023. Items will be dropped off at the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (Bridwell Activities Center Room 101). **The deadline to turn in your items will be Wednesday, October 28, 2023 by 5:00 pm.** Each item will be credited towards the organization's point total.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. The list of items that are acceptable are at the end of the competition packet or can be picked up at the information desk.
2. Items not on the list are accepted but will not be counted the total.
3. Points will be awarded to organizations/teams based on the food total range below.

Food Items Score Card

Mustangs Pantry Food Drive

0	5pts	10pts	15pts	20pts	25pts	30pts
No	1-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81-100	101-120
Food	Food items	Food items	Food items	Food items	Food items	Food items

Total Points _____

Food Drive List (Dry items only. No glass jars.)

Proteins:

Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, SPAM)

Beans (baked, canned, dried)

Canned or Boxed Soup

Canned Stew, Chili

Peanut Butter

Nuts, Trail Mix

Fruits & Veggies:

Canned Fruit, Fruit Cups

Canned Vegetables

Applesauce

Dried Fruit, Raisins

Spaghetti or Pasta Sauce

Instant Potatoes

Juice Boxes or Bottles

Grains:

Pasta & Noodles (canned, mix, dry)

Macaroni & Cheese

Rice (plain or mixes)

Oatmeal, Cereal

Crackers, Granola Bars

Pancake, Muffin, Bread Mix

Other Foods:

Jelly or Jam

Instant Jell-O or Pudding

Honey

Tea

Instant Coffee

Dry or Powdered Milk

Allergy Free Items (gluten/nut)

Non-Food Items:

Hand Soap, Body Wash

Shampoo, Conditioner

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

Deodorant

Razors, Shaving Cream

Feminine Hygiene Products

Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels

Laundry or Dish Detergent

Homecoming Bonus: 30 Points for Photo Submission

Share a picture on Instagram, and tag @MSUInvolvement, that captures your team preparing for Homecoming competitions! Every photo posted is worth 5 points. Teams can get up to 30 points.

Homecoming Bonus: 15 Points for Football Tailgate

Football Tailgate will take place on Saturday, October 28th in the Memorial Stadium parking lot. Participants are to open and decorate their tailgate tents/ booths. A committee of judges will review the tailgate's design and decorations, and the winners will be awarded bonus points toward their final score.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- The Tailgate will be judged on the following **four criteria**:
 - Incorporation of Halloween and the Homecoming Theme: Centennial Celebration (MSU Spirit)
 - School and Halloween Spirit (encouragement of MSU athletic teams, use of traditions, Halloween themes, etc.)
 - Recognition of the organization/department who created the trunk (their success, characteristics, traditions, etc.)
 - Overall creativity and attention to detail.
- Participants will need to be set up by 5:30pm, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Trunk or Treat Score Card

Please circle one number per category. [0 = worst, 3 = best]

Incorporation of Halloween and the Homecoming Theme

0 1 2 3

School & Halloween Spirit

0 1 2 3

Recognition of the organization/department

0 1 2 3

Attention to detail

0 1 2 3

Overall creativity

0 1 2 3

Total Points _____