



October 24-30, 2021

Competitive Activities

2021 Official Rule Book and Scoring Packet

Competition Agreement

2021 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 ¹ Homecoming Competitions.

All registrations **MUST BE SUBMITTED** no later than **6:00 PM on Monday, October 18, 2021**. **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 2021 Homecoming Competitive Activities Official Rule Book.
- The organization/team understands that compliance with the 2021 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.**

- *Monday, October 4, 2021 @ 4pm in the Legacy MPR*
- *Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 5pm in the Legacy MPR*
- *Friday, October 8, 2021 @ 12pm in the Legacy MPR*
- *Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 12pm in Wichita I & II*
- *Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 5pm in Caddo*

Any questions relating to the 2021 Homecoming Competitive Activities should be directed to CSC Room 121 at 940-3973033.

Thank you for your interest in being part of Homecoming 2021! Good luck!

Competitive Activities

2021 Homecoming competitions, events and activities eligible for receiving points for the week's OVERALL COMPETITION

Competitive Activities		
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 much food supplies that you can for the Pantry.
Bonus Points	MustangsLink Photo Submission Experience	Share a picture on Mustangs Link that captures your team preparing for any of this year's Homecoming competitions!

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 30, 2021.

Overall Competition Event & Point Breakdown		
Competitive Activities	Points Awarded By	Points Possible
Lip Sync	Competitively Judged	40
Graffiti Boards	Competitively Judged	30
Banner Competitions	Competitively Judged	30
Cardboard Boat Race	Head to Head & Competitively Judged Competition	40
Mustangs Pantry	Head to Head Competition	30
Bonus	Head to Head Competition	30
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

Individual Event Award Prizes:

For each individual event, a first-place plaque will be awarded to the organization that wins.

Dates to Remember	
Monday, September 27, 2021 8:00 AM	Registration Opens
Monday, October 18, 2021 6:00 PM	Registration Closes
Friday, October 22, 2021 5:00 PM	Banners, Graffiti Boards, & Lip Sync Music Due Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (CSC 121)
Monday, October 25, 2021 8:00 PM	Lip Sync D.L. Ligon Coliseum
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:00 PM	Mustangs Pantry Food Drive Items Due Clark Student Center Information Desk
Friday October 29, 2021 6:00 PM	Cardboard Boat Race Sikes Lake, MSU Museum of Art Side
Friday, October 29, 2021 9:15 PM	Lip Sync Finals Bonfire at the Soccer Field Parking Lot

General Competition Information

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

Register a Team – Visit MustangsLink and complete the necessary information online. All registrations must be turned in prior to the deadline in order to be eligible for the overall homecoming competition prizes.

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 should be under “Forms” labeled as “Homecoming 2021 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 2021 Midwestern State University Homecoming theme is: HITS NOW HOMECOMING
2. The Homecoming Overall Competition will consist of FIVE competitions: **Lip Sync, Banner, Graffiti Boards, Mustangs Pantry Food Drive, and Cardboard Boat Race**. This allows for a possible overall score of **up to 200 points** per organization/team without 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 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 **two or more events** will not be allowed to participate in remaining competitions.
6. A student organization is **allowed to pair with just one other organization** for Homecoming 2021. 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: 40 POINTS POSSIBLE

The preliminary Lip Sync' Competition will be held on the Monday, October 25, 2021 in D.L. Ligon with the three finalists performing on stage during the Bonfire on Friday, October 29, ¹. 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 30, 2021 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 **four (4) minutes**.
3. The musical selection must not contain excessive profanity or vulgarity. In other words, use the radio edits. Music must also be theme related to the **HITS NOW HOMECOMING!** Organizations must provide their own music on a flashdrive and turn into CSC Room 121 by **3pm on October 22, 2021**. A list of songs in the mix must also be turned in to prevent repeat 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 **10 minute on-stage rehearsal after 4:00 pm** on Monday, October 25, 2021. Rehearsal times must be scheduled in the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement (CSC 121). 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 6 7 8

Choreography

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Accuracy of Lip Sync

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Creativity and Costume

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Crowd Involvement and Reaction

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Total Points _____

Graffiti Board: 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

Graffiti Yard Signs will be displayed in the Quadrangle on campus during Homecoming Week October 24-30, 2021. A committee of judges will review the yard signs and the winners will be announced at the Homecoming Game during halftime on Saturday, October 30, ¹.

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: HITS NOW HOMECOMING!
 - 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 on Friday, October 22, 2021 by 5:00 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 6

School Spirit

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Recognition of the organization/department who created the boards.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Attention to detail

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Overall creativity

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Total Points _____

BANNER COMPETITION: 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

Banners will be displayed in the Clark Student Center Atrium during Homecoming Week October 24-30, 2021. 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, CSC Room 121 (flat twin size sheet). Sheet 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: HITS NOW HOMECOMING!
 - 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 on **Friday, October 22, 2021 by 5:00 PM** to be eligible for judging. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Banner Score Card

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 _____

CARDBOARD BOAT: 40 POINTS POSSIBLE

The annual Cardboard Boat Race is scheduled to take place during the Homecoming Fish Fry on Friday, October 29, 2021 at Sikes Lake. **All entries must be present at 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.** There is no maximum number of people that can be in the boat.
6. All crews must consist of friendly, human occupants that must wear life jackets at all times while in the water. **Each crew member is responsible for providing his/her own life jacket!**
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. Any attempt to intentionally sink any other boats during the race will result in disqualification. Playful fun at the end of the race is at the discretion of willing participants.
10. All rule interpretations will be determined by the event judges, and the decision of the judges is final. There is no appeal.
11. 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 6 7 8

Overall Design

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Originality

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Quality of work

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Team Spirit

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Total Points _____

Mustangs Pantry Food Drive: 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

This year's philanthropic competition will include collecting food for MSU Texas's 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 18, 2021. Items will be dropped off at the Clark Student Center Information Desk. **The deadline to turn in your items will be Wednesday, October 27, 1 at 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 Points: 30 Points for MustangsLink Photo Submission Experience

Share a picture on MustangsLink that captures your team preparing for Homecoming competitions! Sign in to MustangsLink and click on “Share your Homecoming Photo Submission” on the front page. Every photo posted is worth 5 points. Teams can get up to 30 points.