

2026 HOMECOMING SPIRIT COMPETITION INFORMATION PACKET

Homecoming fosters a week-long interaction among students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community. This packet features information for student organizations wishing to participate in the Homecoming Spirit Competition. Submit a completed registration form to the Department of Campus Activities, Lowman Student Center Suite 215 or osandifer@shsu.edu, **by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 4, 2026.**

Your participation will be confirmed to the SHSU email address you provide on the registration form. Call (936) 294-3467 or email osandifer@shsu.edu with any questions.

For general information, visit www.shsu.edu/homecoming.

2026 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| BANNERS COMPETITION – DUE SEPT. 9TH | | |
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| Wednesday – SEPT 9 | LSC Suite 215 | 5:00 PM |
| STOCK THE PANTRY | | |
| Monday – SEPT 14 | LSC 230 A | 9:00 – 11:00 AM |
| SERVICE PROJECT | | |
| Monday – SEPT 14 | 1108 17th Street- Food Pantry | 1:30 – 3:30 PM |
| BANNER JUDGING | | |
| Tuesday – SEPT 15 | LSC | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| SAM JAM SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE | | |
| Wednesday – SEPT 16 | Holleman Field Complex | 6:00 PM |
| PARADE | | |
| Thursday – SEPT 17 | Sam Houston Ave. | 5:30 PM |
| BEARKAT SPIRIT FRIDAY | | |
| Friday – SEPT 18 | Frank Parker Plaza | 11 AM - 1 PM |
| FOOTBALL GAME vs. JAX STATE | | |
| Saturday – SEPT 19 | Coliseum Parking Lot | TBD |

Any **active** student organization may participate in the spirit competition (**active** = approved BearkatHQ registration as of September 1, 2026 & attended a Required Student Org Meeting).

Competition winners will receive the following prize amounts based on accumulated points:

1st - \$1,000
 2nd - \$500
 3rd - \$250

Results will be announced on social media.

Once the winners are determined, the three groups must submit a W-9 form to Campus Activities & Involvement to receive the monetary prizes.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

| BANNER COMPETITION | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a banner on a TWIN sized bed sheet that showcases our SHSU Bearkat Spirit. Banners must be in portrait orientation. Your orgs name must be clearly written on the banner. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: <i>APPEARANCE, SHSU SPIRIT, CREATIVITY</i> and <i>ORIGINALITY</i>. (Points will be deducted for not following instructions) • Banners must be turned in to LSC 215 no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Entries will be on display the week of September 14th - 18th and will be judged on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Winners will be recognized with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recognition and awarded points. | <p>POINTS AWARDED</p> <p><u>ENTRY</u>: 50 pts</p> <p><u>3rd PLACE</u>: +50 pts</p> <p><u>2nd PLACE</u>: +100 pts</p> <p><u>1st PLACE</u>: +150 pts</p> |
| STOCK THE PANTRY | |
| <p>Stock SHSU's Campus Food Pantry as a part of the competition. SHSU regularly collects donations of non-perishable food items to distribute to SHSU students who express a need through MySAM. Items needed the most are foods, you as a college student, would like to eat. Each item donated will be worth 1 credit, but the following donated items will earn 5 credits, as they are the most desirable donations: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, complete microwavable meals (not frozen), mac 'n' cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, soup (not ramen), canned/ jarred fruit, pasta sauce, and cereal/granola/protein bars.</p> <p>Organizations are encouraged to mobilize friends, faculty, and staff to donate items on behalf of your student organization, as any non-expired item donated in your organization's name will count towards your total credits.</p> <p>A minimum of 10 items must be donated to receive 50 points as an "Entry" into this portion of the competition. Spirit Competition points will be awarded to the organizations that earns the most credits for food donations. Food Donations must be turned in on Monday, September 14, 2026 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in LSC 230 A.</p> <p>***Expired food items will NOT count.</p> | <p>POINTS AWARDED</p> <p><u>ENTRY</u>: 50 pts</p> <p><u>3rd PLACE</u>: +50 pts</p> <p><u>2nd PLACE</u>: +100 pts</p> <p><u>1st PLACE</u>: +150 pts</p> |
| SERVICE PROJECT | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearkats will join together to support the SHSU Food Pantry by processing the collected food donations for an upcoming distribution. To receive points, service hours must be approved by the Campus Activities' Representative. • Each organization participating in this portion of the Spirit Competition will be required to send a 1-2 members to participate in the Service Project. Representatives will meet at the SHSU Food Pantry. • PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must wear closed toe shoes. 2. Must participate the entire scheduled time 1:30 – 3:30 PM on Monday, September 14, 2026. Must send a required number of representatives to participate in project. 3. Be enthusiastic and have fun! | <p>POINTS AWARDED</p> <p><u>ENTRY</u>: 100 pts</p> <p><i>(points may be deducted at the discretion of Student Activities, based on not meeting participant requirements)</i></p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations participating in this portion of the competition will be asked to pick up the organization banner from Campus Activities before 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 in LSC 215. Organizations will then take the provided banner to Sam Jam, held from 6:00-9:00 PM by the Holleman Field Complex. Organizations will be required to take a photo with the banner showcasing the event in the background. The photo must be uploaded to 2 social media outlets for Campus Activities & Involvement with specific provided hashtags. Instructions for how to take and upload the photo will be provided on the back of the banner. | POINTS AWARDED (for entry) <u>ENTRY</u> : 100 pts |
| HOMECOMING PARADE | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations wishing to participate in the parade must submit a separate parade registration form to Campus Activities & Involvement. Groups must abide by all policies listed in the parade guidelines. Entries will be judged by the university homecoming committee on the following criteria: APPEARANCE, SPIRIT, and CREATIVITY. | POINTS AWARDED (for entry) <u>WALKERS</u> : 25 pts <u>CAR (decorated)</u> : 100 pts <u>FLOAT</u> : 150 pts |
| BEARKAT SPIRIT FRIDAY | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations participating will attend our <i>Bearkat Spirit Friday</i> celebration on Friday, September 18, 2026 from 11 AM - 1 PM in the Frank Parker Plaza dressed in ORANGE with your org for a group picture to receive points for this portion! | POINTS AWARDED (for entry) <u>ENTRY</u> : 75 pts |
| FOOTBALL GAME ATTENDANCE | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After enjoying the pre-game party in Bearkat Alley, organizations shouldn't miss the big game inside Bowers Stadium! Organizations will receive points for students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni or community members entering the game on their behalf. Participants (anyone attending the game representing your organization) must check in with a representative from the Department of Campus Activities tent in the Coliseum Lot. Participants' hands will be marked, may only be counted for one organization, and must show a downloaded game ticket as proof of attendance for the game. | POINTS AWARDED 10 REPS: 50 pts 11-24 REPS: +2 pts each <i>(i.e. 11 reps = 52 pts, 24 reps = 78 pts)</i> 25+ REPS: 100 pts |