

2025 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 exc122@shsu.edu, **by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 26, 2025**.

Your participation will be confirmed to the SHSU email address you provide on the registration form. Call (936) 294-3862 or email exc122@shsu.edu with any questions.

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

2025 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BANNERS – DUE DATE/TIME		
Wednesday – OCT 1	LSC Suite 215	5:00 PM
STOCK THE PANTRY		
Monday – OCT 6	LSC 230 A	9:00 – 11:00 AM
SERVICE PROJECT		
Monday – OCT 6	1108 17th Street- Food Pantry	1:30 – 3:30 PM
BANNER JUDGING		
Tuesday – OCT 7	LSC	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
PARADE		
Tuesday – OCT 7	Sam Houston Ave.	5:30 PM
FSL “WE BLEED ORANGE” BLOOD DRIVE		
Wednesday – OCT 8	LSC Orange Ballroom	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
SAM JAM SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE		
Wednesday – OCT 8	Holleman Field Complex	6:00 PM
FOOTBALL GAME vs. JAX STATE		
Thursday – OCT 9	Shell Energy Stadium	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Any **active** student organization may participate in the spirit competition (**active** = approved BearkatHQ registration as of September 1, 2025 & 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	
<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 and ORIGINALITY. (Points will be deducted for not following instructions)</i> Banners must be turned in to LSC 215 no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Entries will be on display the week of October 6th - 10th and will be judged on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Winners will be recognized with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recognition. 	<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, October 6, 2025 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 in LSC 230 A at 1:00 PM to walk over to the SHSU Food Pantry. PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Must wear closed toe shoes. Must participate the entire scheduled time 1:30 – 3:30 PM on Monday, October 6, 2025. Must send a required number of representatives to participate in project. 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>

FSL “WE BLEED ORANGE” BLOOD DRIVE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations participating in this portion of the competition can choose to donate blood for the Fraternity and Sorority Life “We Bleed Orange” Blood Drive in the LSC Orange Ballroom from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Each organization participating in this portion of the Spirit Competition needs to have only ONE member from the organization to earn the “ENTRY” points. Please check-in with an FSL or CAI representative at the Blood Drive. 	<p>POINTS AWARDED (for entry)</p> <p><u>ENTRY</u>: 100 pts</p>
SAM JAM SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE	
<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, October 8th, 2025 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. <i>Instructions for how to take and upload the photo will be provided on the back of the banner.</i> 	<p>POINTS AWARDED (for entry)</p> <p><u>ENTRY</u>: 75 pts</p>
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: <i>APPEARANCE, SPIRIT, and CREATIVITY.</i> 	<p>POINTS AWARDED (for entry)</p> <p><u>WALKERS</u>: 25 pts</p> <p><u>CAR (decorated)</u>: 100 pts</p> <p><u>FLOAT</u>: 150 pts</p>
FOOTBALL GAME ATTENDANCE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For points, organizations will submit a photo to SHSUCAT@shsu.edu of your student organization present at the game on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Organizations will have till Friday, October 10, 2025 to submit their photo for points. The subject line of the email MUST have your student organization name! All winners of the Spirit Organization Competition will be announced on social media (@SHSUCAT) and emailed separately! 	<p>POINTS AWARDED</p> <p><u>ENTRY</u>: 100 PTS</p>