



2019 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 Student Activities, Lowman Student Center Suite 328, by 5:00 PM on **Friday, October 4, 2019**. Your participation will be confirmed through the SHSU email address you provide on the registration form. Call (936) 294-3861 or email kpatterson@shsu.edu with any questions. For general information, visit www.shsu.edu/homecoming.

2019 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BANNERS – DUE DATE/TIME		
Fri – OCT 11	Student Activities, LSC 328	12:00 PM
STOCK THE PANTRY		
Mon – OCT 14	AB III	9:00 – 11:00 AM
BANNER JUDGING		
Mon – OCT 14	TBD	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
SERVICE PROJECT		
Mon – OCT 14	AB III/Food Pantry	1:30 – 3:30 PM
MOVIE		
Tue – OCT 15	LSC Orange Ballroom	6:00 PM
SAM JAM CARNIVAL SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE		
Wed – OCT 16	Holleman Field Pkg Lot	7:00 – 11:00 PM
PARADE		
Thu – OCT 17	Sam Houston Ave.	6:15 PM
FOOTBALL GAME vs. NICHOLLS ST		
Sat – OCT 19	Bowers Stadium	2:00 PM

Any **active** student organization may participate in the spirit competition (**active** = approved OrgLINK registration as of September 30, 2019 & attended a SOLR).

Competition winners will receive the following prize amounts based on accumulated points: 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$500, and 3rd - \$250. Results will be announced during halftime of the homecoming football game and made available through social media.

Once the winners are determined, the three groups must submit a W-9 form to Student Activities 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 promotes this year’s homecoming theme, “Sammystock.” Banners must have grommets for hanging purposes and be in portrait orientation. Your organization’s name must be clearly written on the banner. • Entries will be judged on the following criteria: <i>APPEARANCE, USE OF THEME, CREATIVITY</i> and <i>ORIGINALITY</i>. (Points will be deducted for not following instructions) • Banners must be turned in to LSC 328 no later than 12:00 PM on Friday, October 11, 2019. Entries will be on display the week of October 14-19 and will be judged on Monday, October 14. Winners will be recognized with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recognition. 	<p style="text-align: center;">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: <i>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.</i></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 14, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.</p> <p>***Expired food items will NOT count.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 collecting food donations from across campus and then processing the donations for an upcoming distribution. To receive points, service hours must be approved by a Leadership Initiatives staff member present at the project. • Each organization participating in this portion of the Spirit Competition will be required to send a certain number of members to participate in the Service Project. You will be emailed with details about the project and the number of members needed after you submit your Spirit Competition registration. • 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, October 14, 2019. Must send required number of representatives to participate in project. 3. Be enthusiastic and have fun! 	<p style="text-align: center;">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>

MOVIE NIGHT ATTENDANCE

- Organizations will receive points for students attending the Homecoming Movie Night on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 PM in the LSC Orange Ballroom. Participants (anyone attending the movie night representing your organization) must check in at the registration table outside of the LSC Orange Ballroom between 5:15 – 6:00 PM to receive a Movie Night Attendance Slip.
- At the conclusion of the movie, provided slips will be turned in to Student Activities staff. A minimum of 10 participants will grant your organization an “entry” into this portion of the competition for 100 points, and the organization with the most representatives will be awarded an additional 50 points.

POINTS AWARDED
ENTRY: 100 pts
1st PLACE: +50 pts

SAM JAM CARNIVAL SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

- Organizations participating in this portion of the competition will be asked to pick up the organization banner from Student Activities before 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in LSC 328. Organizations will then take the provided banner to the Sam Jam Carnival, held from 7:00-11:00 PM on the Holleman Field Parking Lot.
- Organizations will be required to take a photo with the banner showcasing the carnival in the background. The photo must be uploaded to 3 social media outlets for Student Activities 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)**
ENTRY: 75 pts

PARADE

- Organizations wishing to participate in the parade **must submit a separate parade registration form** to Student Activities. 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.*
- Winners will be awarded with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes (*from the homecoming committee – separate prize from spirit competition*). Results will also be made available on the Student Activities website the following day.

**POINTS AWARDED
(for entry)**
WALKERS: 25 pts
CAR (decorated): 100 pts
FLOAT: 150 pts

FOOTBALL GAME ATTENDANCE

- 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 Student Activities inside the North entry gate (We will have a large “Organization Check-In” Sign). **Participants hand will be marked, may only be counted for one organization, and must check in before the end of the 1st quarter.**

POINTS AWARDED
10 REPS: 50 pts
11-24 REPS: +2 pts each
*(i.e. 11 reps = 52 pts,
24 reps = 78 pts)*
25+ REPS: 100 pts