



*MTSU Homecoming 2017*

**Middle Tennessee State University  
Student Government Association  
Homecoming Packet 2017  
Event Rules**



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## A Word from the Director

It is that time of year again to celebrate 106 years of True Blue pride here at Middle Tennessee State University. Homecoming 2017 is sure to be a great time as we bring the spirit of the 90s to Murfreesboro and celebrate this special homecoming the True Blue Way in “The Fresh Raiders of the ‘Boro”. With the help of the student body, faculty and staff, alumni, and community, we can make this the best homecoming that MTSU has ever seen as we play against our opponents, Florida International University in the Floyd Stadium! We are looking forward to the hard work that each of our campus organizations and community members put in each year, but we cannot have the best homecoming without you! So throw on your shoulder pads, and parachute pants, this 90’s Homecoming is sure to be ALL THAT!

*Sincerely,  
Alex Lineberry  
Student Government Association  
2017 Homecoming Director*

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## Important Dates and Times

### **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Homecoming Court Applications are available
- They must be turned in to the CSIL office by 4:00 PM

### **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Annual Fight Song Competition, 8:00 PM, MTSU Murphy Center

### **Tuesday, September 5**

- Homecoming Interest Meeting, 6:00 PM, STU 224

### **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Homecoming Entry Forms are available
  - Paint the Halls/Doors Blue Entry Form
  - Sign Competition Entry Form
  - Chili Cook-Off Entry Form
  - Parade Entry Form (Float, Vehicle and Non-Competition Entries)
  - Campus Rec Competitions
  - MJ's Sports Bar & Grill Pool Hall Billiard's Tournament / Wing Eating Contest
- All Entry forms should be submitted online, please go to <https://mtsu.edu/myMT> for all entry forms.
- If you have any questions about the entry forms please contact the Homecoming director.

ALL ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> BY 4:30PM.  
THESE ENTRY FORMS ARE EITHER TO BE TURNED IN ON  
<https://mtsu.collegiatelink.net/> OR IN THE CSIL OFFICE, STU 330

### **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Voting for Homecoming Elections
- Homecoming Campaigning begins on 9/8 at 12:01 AM
- Elections will begin at 10:00 AM on 9/18 and will end at 11:45 PM on 9/21

### **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Sign Competition signs are due at 1:00 PM, groups will be informed where there sign needs to be placed



### **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Homecoming Kick Off Event/ Skate Back to the 90's, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM, MTSU Recreational Gym
- Judging begins for Paint the Campus Blue

### **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Annual Chili Cook-Off, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Floyd Stadium
- Homecoming Intramural Games, 8:30 PM – 11:30 PM, Floyd Stadium

### **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- MJ's Sports Bar & Grill Give Back Night, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  - Billiards Tournament
  - Wing Eating Contest
  - 90's Karaoke

### **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

- NPHC Yard Party, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Student Commons
- Circle of SGA Presidents' Ceremony & Reception, 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM, Student Union Commons
- Mandatory Parade Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parliamentary Room 201

### **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Annual NPHC Step Show, 7:00 PM
  - Tickets are available on [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com).

### **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Mixer on Main Parade Watching Party, 9:00 AM, President's Lawn
- Homecoming Parade, 10:00 AM, East Main Street
  - Please see official rules for line up times)
- Homecoming Tailgate Lunch, 11:30 AM (RVSP Required)
- Raider Walk, Time 11:45 AM, Walnut Grove
- Awards Ceremony, Time 1:00 PM, Walnut Grove at Peck Hall
- **Blue Raiders vs Florida International University**, 2:00 PM , Floyd Stadium



## General Competition Rules

The theme for the 2017 Middle Tennessee State University Homecoming shall be:

# “The Fresh Raiders of the ‘Boro’”

This theme may best be described by:

As we compete against Florida International University, they CAN’T TOUCH THIS True Blue team because NOBODY PUTS ME IN THE CORNER. The Raiders have not BEEN ON A BREAK, so SMELL YA LATER FIU, for our team has been preparing for a FLAWLESS VICTORY!

“The Fresh Raiders of the ‘Boro’” is not solely about “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air,” but is simply about throwing it back to our childhood memories of the 90s. We are going to show you that MTSU IS ALL THAT, so BYE, BYE, BYE FIU. You can TALK TO THE HAND because you are in our CRIB now. You will be wishing you were in the 90s!

“The Fresh Raiders of the ‘Boro’” theme is not meant to solely include the “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air” television show. Your group can pick anything from the 90’s decade for their theme.

The following rules, events, and activities were developed by the 2017 Homecoming Committee. Please read all rules and regulations carefully prior to homecoming events/activities to avoid any misunderstanding, incorrect interpretation, and possible disqualification from the homecoming events. Any questions should be directed toward the 2017 Homecoming Director.

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1. All official homecoming entry forms must be completed and turned in to SGA email or myMT, no later than **4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Official homecoming entry forms and entry fees must be paid in order to complete the approval process determined by the Student Government Association Homecoming Committee.



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2. Groups and organizations working together must note their partnership on the official entry forms. Groups and organizations must complete official entry forms individually and must both acknowledge the partnership on entry forms. If an organization is partnered with another organization, they do not necessarily have to enter every competition as partners.
3. All times and deadlines are strictly enforced. Refer to individual event rules and regulations for deadline information.
4. **All decisions of judges will be kept confidential until the 2017 Homecoming Committee makes its official announcements. All decisions of the judges are final.** Moreover, official rules are left up to the judge's discretion to interpret the rules as they see fit.
5. Official appeals must be made within 48 hours of the specific event in question. All appeals must be filed in writing with SGA Homecoming Director and the Director of Student Organizations and Service at [sgahome@mtsu.edu](mailto:sgahome@mtsu.edu) and [Jackie.Victory@mtsu.edu](mailto:Jackie.Victory@mtsu.edu).
6. Since MTSU is a dry campus, we strictly enforce the "No alcohol" policy at all events and competitions. Organizations that are caught drinking or carrying alcoholic beverages during the SGA Homecoming events will be disqualified from the event. Further action may be taken however the homecoming committee sees fit.
7. Individuals or organizations who fail to adhere to the general rules and regulations must meet with the Homecoming Committee and Homecoming Advisor.
8. Winners from each event and category will be announced on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM in Walnut Grove.
9. **NOTE: All on-campus locations listed are subject to change. Exact locations will be publicized closer to event dates.**

**All Student Government Association Sponsored Homecoming Week Events Are Subject To Change. All Changes Will Be Announced Via Email, Pipeline, MyMT, SGA Website, And Social Media To Organization Homecoming Chairman & Organization President.**





## Working Together

The purpose of Homecoming is to come together as MTSU students, to celebrate school spirit, and welcome our alumni back to campus. As a result, the Homecoming committee encourages student organizations to work together in all Homecoming events and activities. Organizations that join together for these events will be referred to as "teams."

Student organizations may be paired and work together. If student organizations do pair up, they are not required to pair up for all events.

### SGA Sponsored events:

- Fight Song
- Sign Competition
- Paint the Halls Blue (Residence Halls & Campus Departments)
- Paint the Doors Blue (Student Organization Advisor Doors)
- Skate Back to the 90's
- Chili Cook-Off
- Parade Competitions
  - Float
  - Non-Float
- MJ's Sports Bar & Grill Pool Hall Give Back Night
  - Billiards Tournament
  - Wing Eating Contest



## Point System

We will have overall winners in the following categories: Residential & Housing, Student Organizations, and Fraternity and Sorority Life. Each of the competitions that are hosted is designated a certain number of points that may be accumulated. Points will be calculated and kept in a spreadsheet to determine overall winner. Winning complex, organization, and team will receive an award at the end of Homecoming Week and will be announced on our Homecoming Social Media sites.

**All departments may participate in any SGA sanctioned events to compete in the individual events, but only these will be used to calculate overall winners in each division.**

### Residential & Housing

Paint the Halls Blue	100 Points	Chili Cook-Off	100 Points
Billiards Tournament	100 Points	Parade Entry	100 Points
Sign Competition	100 Points	Wing Eating Contest	100 Points
Intramurals	75 Points	Fight Song	100 Points

### Student Organizations

Paint the Doors Blue	100 Points	Chili Cook-Off	100 Points
Billiards Tournament	100 Points	Parade Entry	100 Points
Sign Competition	100 Points	Wing Eating Contest	100 Points
Intramurals	75 Points	Fight Song	100 Points

### Fraternity and Sorority Life

Billiards Tournament	100 Points	Chili Cook-Off	100 Points
Sign Competition	100 Points	Parade Entry	100 Points
Intramurals	75 Points	Wing Eating Contest	100 Points
Fight Song	100 Points		

All events will award first, second, and third place.  
 Competitions that are worth 100 points will award as follows:  
     First Place: 100 Points  
     Second Place: 75 Points  
     Third Place: 50 Points

Competitions that are worth 75 points will award as follows:  
     First Place: 75 Points  
     Second Place: 50 Points  
     Third Place: 25 Points



## Fight Song

The MTSU Fight Song Competition will be held during MTSU's Week of Welcome at 8:00 PM on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in the Murphy Center. The seating to the event will be available an hour before show time. The Fight Song is designed to display school spirit. It should reflect originality, creativity, and pride in our university. The theme for this year's fight song is "90's" themed! Entries may incorporate anything their team feels complies with the theme. If you have any questions on whether or not something is acceptable, refer to:

1. Mandatory Fight Song meeting will be **June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2:00 PM, in STU**. A member from each organization must be present regardless of partnership (example: Homecoming Chair/Fight Song Chair)
2. Each fight song team must pay a refundable clean-up fee of \$50. It is the organization's responsibility to remove all props, costumes, makeup, etc. If materials are left on stage or if changing facilities are not properly cleaned following the show, the team forfeits the \$50 deposit. Please make checks payable to MTSU SGA (no cash accepted.) Checks to be turned into CSIL in STU 330. **Deposits are due by August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM.**
3. Organizations may begin practicing **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017** after the informational meeting. No groups may congregate prior to this date.
4. **Groups must submit official entry form, list of songs, and lyrics, and may begin submitting these at 8:00 AM on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.** Song availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Groups must send song list and lyrics to [sgahome@mtsu.edu](mailto:sgahome@mtsu.edu) by July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** To avoid duplication of songs, songs will be time stamped, and the organization first requesting the song is allowed and all others (if duplication occurs) must choose another song. **There is no need to bring these to the SGA office. Songs and lyrics will only be accepted through email.**
5. Participating organizations must arrive to rehearsal location at least 30 minutes prior to their designated rehearsal time. Each organization will be notified of the check in location and their designated rehearsal time.



6. Each team has seven minutes for their performance. Time will begin as soon as the first sound is sung, spoken, or played. Timing will end when the music stops. One point will be deducted for each 20 seconds over. (Note: If performance is 7 minutes and 15 seconds, you will still be deducted one point.)
7. Each team will have four minutes to set up and four minutes to take down any props. Any group exceeding the four minute set-up and/or tear down will be penalized 1 point per minute.
8. All props must be carried on and off the stage using the stairs or ramp on the side of the stage. If damage occurs due to an organization's method of setup / tear down, the organization will be held responsible for any damages caused to the facility, stage, or the curtain set up behind it.
9. Props may be used as long as participants carry them on and off stage. Any items left on stage will result in a 10 point penalty. Props may not exceed 12 feet high. Each group must have designated individuals responsible for securing each props position. Props must be sturdy enough to stand without falling.
10. Absolutely **no glitter / confetti**. If any glitter is used, the team will be disqualified.
11. The MTSU Fight Song must be sung in its traditional form first. After the first time through, the MTSU Fight Song may be sung in any non-traditional form. Only the words in the fight song may be used, however they may be sung in any order.  
**Speaking parts do not have to follow this rule.**
12. Absolutely no build-ups or stunts. Stunts may be defined as 3-person pyramids, etc. No one is permitted to jump off the stage. Stunts will also be defined as a person getting onto another person's shoulders. Pursuant to general competition rules, SGA accepts no responsibility for accidents or injuries before, during, or after the performance.
13. Two instruments may be used during the performance. (Instruments are anything extra brought on stage to make sound. Examples: microphone, trumpet, etc.) Any necessary equipment must be requested before **August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 by 4:30 PM**. Pre-recorded music may be used, however, it may not have lead vocals, or it will count as one of the instruments used. It is up to the judges' discretion to determine if the pre-recorded vocals overpower the performance. \*\*\*



14. The team must provide a person to help the sound technicians with the music. Groups must have the music into two different forms. For example: A flash drive can be brought and the music can be put on a phone. If a phone is used, it must be able to go onto airplane mode.
15. Music, Lighting Cues, and a Script of your group's performance must be submitted for screening to [sgahome@mtsu.edu](mailto:sgahome@mtsu.edu). The deadline is **August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 by 4:30 PM.** \*\*\*
16. Only active members of organizations are allowed to participate or assist in the Fight Song competition in any way, with the exception of music editing. **NO OUTSIDE CHOREOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED AND NO HELP FROM ALUMNI.** Violation of these rules will result in immediate meeting with the homecoming committee and advisor. Violations may result in disqualification.
17. Maximum number of participants per performance may not exceed **35**. It is not required to use all 35 participants, and the number of participants will not be a determining factor for the judging of fight song. \*\*\*
18. Music, vocals, and speaking may not include profanity or offensive jesters.
19. Fight Song will be included in the Overall Homecoming Competition and will go towards Lightning's Cup.
20. All decisions made by the judges are final. Judging will be based on the following:

<b>Performance</b> (clarity of words, creativity, choreography, set display)	35%
<b>Spirit</b> (enthusiasm, school spirit, crowd appeal)	30%
<b>Theme</b> (choice of music, costumes, props, story)	30%
<b>Pre Performance</b> (entry form, directors meeting attendance, music, instrument, and sign in submitted on time, etc.)	5%

**Final scores have been very close in the past, so please follow the rules to give your organization the best chance at winning.**

**\*\*\* This information has not been finalized through production services. Please ensure that you check your registered email regularly to receive any updates.\*\*\***



## Parade & Non-Competitive Entries

The Homecoming parade is one of the longest standing traditions of Middle Tennessee State University. It is the best way to unite and feature the community of students, alumni and local residents. Anyone has the opportunity to be recognized by walking in the parade or building a float. For those interested in participating in the parade please check the webpage for information, route location and forms.

1. All entry forms for parade are due to the SGA Homecoming Directors email or submitted into MyMT by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
2. All organizations should have one member to attend a **MANDATORY** meeting about the parade on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
3. Entries must be in good taste supporting MTSU spirit. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.
4. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event.
5. Where applicable, each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (**meaning NO alcohol has been consumed**) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade
6. Participants may choose to either enter a float, vehicle, or a non-float entry. The 2017 Homecoming Committee must approve all entries. Once the Homecoming Committee receives an entry form no changes may be made.



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7. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2017 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged.
8. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee. All float entries must be at the intersection of Bell St and Highland (old hospital parking lot) at 8:00 AM vehicles and walkers should arrive at 9:00 A.M., the parade begins at 10:00 AM. Any entry not in its correct location and checked in with the parade by this time will receive a penalty of five points for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location on hour prior to parade Kick-off
9. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at the parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.
- 10. ATTENTION: The check in location is the parking lot at the corner of Bell and Highland. NO cars will be allowed to park at the parking lot beside Oakland Mansion. People walking in the parade may park in the parking garage at the corner of Bell and Highland.**



## Float Competition Entry

Float decorations are a great way for your organization to display the spirit of MTSU and the homecoming theme. Organizations are welcome to work together to create a float to be displayed during the parade. A float is best described as a decorated platform, either built on a vehicle, truck or towed behind on a trailer. The rules stated in the General Parade rule will be considered along with the following are. If there are any questions, please contact the Homecoming Director.

1. Entries must be in good taste supporting MTSU spirit. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.
2. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event.
3. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee
4. No person participating in the parade is allowed to be inside the truck bed, if the truck is pulling a trailer during the parade.
5. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (**meaning NO alcohol has been consumed**) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.
6. No person participating in the parade is allowed to enter or litter on any private property (people's yards, business, churches, etc.) If a group is found guilty of this a 15 point deduction will be made.





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7. **Floats must have at least one working fire extinguished on board at all times.** Any entry not having a fire extinguished will be disqualified. The homecoming committee will be inspecting floats at check in to ensure all entries meet this requirement.
8. The location of the float construction site must be on the parade entry form. The Homecoming Committee and Parade Director reserve the right to visit each site at any time throughout the building process.
9. Any float that has movement must have consistent movement throughout the parade route.
10. All size specifications will be strictly enforced. If an entry does not conform to the specifications for the event it will be automatically deducted 5 points per width, length, and height. **Indicated measurements are from skirt to skirt of the trailer.**

Float dimensions may not exceed:	Floats
<b>Maximum</b> Width	9 Feet
<b>Maximum</b> Length	16 Feet
<b>Maximum</b> Height (from the ground)	10 Feet

Non-float specifications will be determined on an individual basis.

11. **Judging of the float will occur at noon at each float site on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Parade entries will be informed of their judging time within one week prior to the parade. However, spirit judges will be placed at strategic locations throughout the parade route.

School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme on Float	25%
School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme During Parade	25%
Workmanship and Color Scheme	30%
Originality & Creativity	20%



## Non-Float Competitive Entry

The non-float entry is one of the less costly and more creative ways for organizations to be involved with Homecoming Parade. If your organization wants to be in the parade but does not have resources to create a float, this is a good way to participate.

Organizations or individuals can choose to walk behind/ with a banner or a vehicle in order to be recognized in the parade.

1. Non-float entries may be described as an organization driving a car, golf cart or simply walking the parade route. An organization can choose to have a decorated banner to introduce their organization.
2. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at parade check in location at the corner of Bell and Highland, as no through vehicles will be permitted.
3. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event. Murfreesboro Police will then be contacted and student will be sent to Judicial Affairs.
4. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2017 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged.
5. All registered primary drivers should arrive at the parade start at 8:30 AM to get their spot in the parade. Participants should be at the intersection of Bell St and Highland (old hospital parking lot) one hour prior to parade start time to decorate their cart. The person responsible for the vehicle must check in with the parade director to receive access to parade spot.
6. Each vehicle may only have participants riding that have available seating. (ex: if there are four seatbelts, only four people can ride in the car). Organization members can walk behind the vehicle in the parade!



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7. Vehicles entries can chose to be decorated before they arrive or on site. If you wish to be judged you will need to indicate this on the entry form, judging will take place on the parade route.
  
8. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (**meaning NO alcohol has been consumed**) driver for the float and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.



## Chili Cook-Off

The Homecoming Chili Cook-Off will be held at Floyd Stadium on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. We are going to have three different divisions:

Community, student groups, and alumni & friends. **We welcome everyone to participate in this Homecoming event!**

1. All entry forms are due in the SGA email or myMT by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All deposits are due at this time, in the CSIL office.
2. For all groups, a non-refundable fee of \$30 is required. This fee includes your chafing dishes, table, chairs, napkins, bowls, spoons, forks, and drinks. There is also a refundable clean-up deposit of \$20 that is required. Any organization that fails to clean up their designated area forfeits their deposit. **Please write two separate checks for these fees payable to the Student Government Association.**
3. Each of the three categories will all have a first, second, and third place winner. The first place winners from each category will compete for "Lightning's Ladle," meaning the overall best chili for the event.
4. No more than four "cooks" will be allowed in the booth area before and during the judging. These cooks must be identified on the entry form in order to be given a wristband. Although teams may be as large as each group desires, only four entry passes will be given to registered team members.
5. No generators for food warmers will be used. ALL organizations are required to use the provided chafing dishes to keep chili warm. Thermometer inspections will be given periodically throughout the cook-off to ensure chili is at the appropriate temperature. (All chafing dishes will be provided for each participant.)
6. One cafeteria style table, two chairs, one trash receptacle, chafing dishes, napkins, forks, spoons, and bowls will be provided for each serving booth.
7. The maximum area for groups to decorate is 10' x 10'. Because judging will also include appearance and incorporation of school spirit, groups are encouraged to decorate their booths according to the Homecoming theme and blue and white. Organizations may also use their "Letters" to decorate their location. **The more blue and white or school spirited the decorations are the better (example: props, structures, balloons, streamers, etc.).** Groups are encouraged, but not required to bring a tent to set up over their area.



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8. Teams may begin setting up their booths from 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM. All groups must be checked in by 5:00 PM and ready to serve at 5:15 PM. Only four entry passes for cooks will be accepted at that time. No other students or contestants may enter the event until 6:00 PM
9. Decorations must be complete by 5:30 PM. There will be a 5 point deduction for any late decorating.
10. Chili must be in the chafing dishes by 5:00 PM to allow time for proper heating. If chili is not in the dishes by that time there will be a 5 point deduction. MTSU Homecoming will supply the chafing dishes.
11. Wristbands will be given out at the gate. Chili may only be distributed to individuals wearing official Chili Cook-Off Wristbands.
12. Judging will begin at 6:00 PM. All booths must remain set up and serving until 8:00 PM.
13. After the winners are announced each team must have a Homecoming committee member inspect their serving area and “check them out” prior to leaving. If groups do not check out they will automatically lose their clean up deposit.
14. **All ingredients are required to be posted for allergenic purposes. If ingredients are not posted, the group will forfeit 15% of their presentation points.**
15. Chili must arrive to the groups designated area ready to be placed in provided chafing dish that is used to maintain serving temperature. Chili that is not properly warmed beforehand will not be accepted. **PLEASE NOTE: The provided chafing dishes are only used for maintaining chili’s serving temperature and cannot be used to heat refrigerated or cooled chili.**
16. Judging will be based on the following:

Flavor, texture, taste	30%
Presentation	25%
Incorporation of School Spirit	25%



## Sign Competition

We are going to decorate the campus with our sign competition once again! Each group will decorate a piece of plywood and it will be placed on campus for everyone to see.

We will leave the signs up for game day. This is a great and easy way to get your student organizations name out there! Show your school spirit and make a design!

### Construction & Materials

1. Maximum size is 8 feet wide by 4 feet tall. The Homecoming Committee members will measure the dimensions for point violations.
2. Signs can only be painted. Signs can only be made out of wood and paint. Make sure your sign is waterproof! This means that a protective coating may be needed on the sign. Tents are not considered as protective covering. Waterproofing may be tested. If your sign is not waterproof, you will receive a 5 point reduction.
3. Each group must have at least 2 2x4 pieces of wood to support the sign. The 2x4s will need to be attached by hinges. Each group must also provide 4 plastic stakes. Examples of each can be found below.

### Home Depot

Hinge Model #20824

Plastic Stake Model #4150



### Setting Up of Sign

1. All signs are due at 1:00 PM on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Walnut Grove. Signs must be completed, pre-constructed and finished (and dry) by the time they are put up. Only construction of support stands may be performed on site. If a sign is not completed by the time it is placed, it will not be judged.



2. A representative from each group must stay with the sign until cleared by a designated Homecoming Committee member. Entries deemed unsafe by the MTSU Homecoming Committee or Advisor are subject to disqualification. All areas must be clean before the site is left. If items are left behind, a 5 point deduction will occur.
3. **PLASTIC STAKES AND ROPE MUST SECURE SIGNS FROM BOTH THE FRONT AND BACK.** Groups will be provided with rope and caution tape for flagging ropes. Each group will be provided with two 4x4 in pieces of wood to attach to the back of each sign. These will be used to secure signs with rope.

#### Overall Information

1. Please make sure that the names of the pairing are on the sign and easily visible. Sign must adhere to both your pairings' theme and the overall university Homecoming theme.



# PAINT CAMP S Blue

The MTSU Homecoming's Paint Campus Blue will promote Blue Raider Pride and school unity. All departments, facilities, and housing on campus are strongly encouraged to participate in this competitive event. Each participating site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Fresh Raiders of the 'Boro." Sites are encouraged to decorate as much as possible (inside, outside, or around office area) in whatever manner they see best to portray MTSU pride (streamers, window chalk, banners, lights, etc.). Any board game may be used. Faculty and students may collaborate in this creative competition. Decorations should be displayed throughout the Homecoming celebration weeks. All decorations must comply with building and fire safety codes (i.e.: not blocking fire extinguishers and alarms, emergency doors, air vents, sprinkler systems, lighting fixtures, etc.)

1. Entry forms are due Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:30 PM.
  - Areas that can be decorated
    - Residence Halls
    - Department
2. Each participating site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Fresh Raiders of the 'Boro"
3. Judging will begin Monday, October 2nd, 2017.
4. The competition will be based on the following scale:

School Spirit & Incorporation of Theme	40%
Quality of Art, Color, Workmanship	30%
Originality/Creativity	30%





## Yard Games

Homecoming yard game competitions will be on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8PM, and Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> during Homecoming week at Campus Rec. All homecoming yard games will count for both campus rec intramural points and homecoming points. Yard games may be subject to change. Entries and entry fees must be made through campus rec. please go to [http:// www.mtsu.edu/campusrec/intramural/](http://www.mtsu.edu/campusrec/intramural/) for entry forms and contact information. (*Homecoming yard games may be subject to change.*)

Homecoming Competitions hosted by Campus Rec

- Corn Hole Toss Competition
- Bubbleball
- Kan Jam
- Dodgeball
- Hippo Chow Down
- 90s Field Day Game

[http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/rules\\_2014/Corn%20Hole.pdf](http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/rules_2014/Corn%20Hole.pdf)

[http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/rules\\_2014/Bubble%20Ball.pdf](http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/rules_2014/Bubble%20Ball.pdf)

[http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/2017\\_2018/kanjam\\_rules.pdf](http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/2017_2018/kanjam_rules.pdf)

[http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/2017\\_2018/dodgeball\\_rules.pdf](http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/documents/2017_2018/dodgeball_rules.pdf)



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## MJ's Sports Bar & Grill Pool Hall Give Back Night

The MJ's Sports Bar & Grill Pool Hall Give Back Night/Billiards Tournament will be on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. At this event we will be having a Billiards Tournament, Wing Eating Contest, giveaways, 90s Karaoke, and free fountain drinks! The Billiards Tournament and Wing Eating Contest will count towards homecoming points. We are going to have three different divisions for the Billiards Tournament / Wing Eating Contest: residential & housing, student organizations, and fraternity & sorority life. *Participants who enter the Billiards Tournament / Wing Eating Contest do not have to pay an additional entry fee on top of their fees to enter. **All proceeds will be going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.***

### Billiards Tournament

1. All entry forms for the Billiards Tournament are due on myMT, or in the CSIL office, STU 330, by Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.
2. The Billiards Tournament will be played in "Scotch Doubles 8-Ball style." This Billiards Tournament will also be played in doubles. Organizations may submit up to two different teams. Each team will consist of two people. Organizations may also place more than once. Each team must pay an entry fee of \$10.00. This money must be turned in to the CSIL office, STU 330 by Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.
3. If you are in Residential Housing, and are wanting to participate in this tournament you must sign up at the front desk. You will still sign an entry form on myMT. However, Residential Housing will not cover your entry fee for the tournament. This fee must be provided by yourself. Please see the front desk at your residential dorm for more details.
4. The Billiards Tournament will be **double elimination**. A double elimination tournament is a type of elimination in which a participant/participants ceases to be eligible to win the tournament's championship upon having lost two games or matches. Once your team is eliminated you are free to enjoy what is left of the give back night.
5. Refs will be provided by MJ's Sports Bar & Grill, and will be inspecting all of the games during the Billiards Tournament.



6. The following link contains the official APA/CPA 8-Ball game rules. Please make sure to familiarize with these set of rules before entering the tournament.  
<http://poolplayers.com/8-9-ball-Rules.pdf>
7. If you have any questions concerning this tournament please contact the Homecoming Director at [sgahome@mtsu.edu](mailto:sgahome@mtsu.edu).

### **Wing Eating Contest**

1. All entry forms for the Wing Eating Contest are due on myMT, or in the CSIL office, STU 330, by Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.
2. Organizations may submit up to two different teams for the Wing Eating Contest. Each team will consist of one person. Organizations may also place more than once. Participants for each team must pay an entry fee of \$5.00 per person. This money must be turned in to the CSIL office, STU 330 by Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.
3. If you are in Residential Housing, and are wanting to participate in this tournament you must sign up at the front desk. You will still sign an entry form on myMT. However, Residential Housing will not cover your entry fee for the tournament. This fee must be provided by yourself. Please see the front desk at your residential dorm for more details.
4. Each competitor will start with exactly twenty wings covered with sauce. (*Amount of wings given to start off with may be subject to change depending on how many participants are signed up for the contest.*)
5. The contest will last exactly three (3) minutes.
6. Once the contest starts, the competitors will consume their allotted wings, and place the eaten chicken wing bone back into the wing receptacle.
7. If a competitor finishes their allotted twenty wings before the contest is complete, they will be given an additional ten wings to consume.
8. Once the contest is complete, each competitor's wing receptacle will be taken to be counted by the Wing Eating Contest judges.



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9. The winner will be determined by the total amount of wings eaten. In the event of a tie between competitors, there will be a 60 second “run off” (whoever can eat the most amount of wings in 60 seconds) to determine the winner.

### **Official Rules for Wing Eating Contest**

- *The wing eating competition is open to all amateur eaters 18 years or older who are in good health. Any competitor with a serious ailment, health problem, food allergies, and does not like spicy foods may not compete in the contest.*
- *Competitors may eat sitting down or standing up in their designated areas. Any contestant leaving their designated area during the contest will be disqualified. Competitors may not make physical contact with any other competitor at any time. Any competitor who deliberately makes contact with another competitor will be disqualified. If a competitor vomits or regurgitates at any time during the competition or during the time period the wing count is being tallied, he or she will be disqualified. The use of utensils is not allowed.*
- *Chicken meat must be eaten directly from the bones. Stripping the bones of meat first and eating the meat at one time will not be allowed. Competitors may not touch the wing basket or wings in the basket before the contest begins. Competitors must place each and every finished chicken wing bone back in the wing basket. Failure to place wing bones back into the basket will result in disqualification.*
- *If contingencies or disputes arise at the contest/before, during or after, that is not explicitly covered by these official rules, the Wing Eating Contest judges decision will stand with the same finality as the rules. Middle Tennessee State University is not at fault for any harmful occurrences.*



## **Notes**