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**Middle Tennessee State University  
Student Government Association  
Homecoming Packet 2013  
Event Rules and Entry Forms**



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## A Word from the Director

*It's that time of year again to celebrate 102 years of True Blue pride here at Middle Tennessee State University. Homecoming 2013 is sure to be a great time as we adventure "The Deep Blue Sea." 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, though we can't do this without you! We are looking forward to the hard work that each of our campus organizations and community members put in each year, and hope that this year is even better than the past. Take a dive with us into "The Deep Blue Sea" and the Middle Tennessee State University Homecoming tradition!*

*Sincerely,*

*Brandon Loso  
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2013 Homecoming Director*

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## Important Dates and Times

### **Friday, August 16**

- **Mandatory Fight Song Meeting**, Deposits & Applications Due by 4:30 pm
- Music, lighting cues, script, and any needed equipment due to the Homecoming director by 4:30 pm

### **Monday, August 26**

- Homecoming Election packets are due by 4:00 pm on Monday, August 26 to the SGA Office. The Vice President of Campus Relations is responsible for Homecoming Elections.

### **Tuesday, August 27**

- Annual Fight Song Competition, 7:00 pm, MTSU Murphy Center

### **Monday, September 16 – Thursday, September 19**

- Voting for Homecoming Elections
  - Elections will begin at 8:00 am on 9/16 and will end at 11:59 am on 9/19.

### **Friday, September 20**

- Homecoming Entry Forms Due, 4:30 pm, STU 306
  - Official Homecoming Entry (Required for Every Organization)
  - Waiver Release Form (Required for Every Organization)
  - Paint the Halls/Doors/Row/Mall Blue Entry Form
  - Profile Picture Competition Entry Form
  - Banner Competition Entry Form
  - Horseshoe Pursuit Entry Form
  - Chili Cook-Off Entry Form
  - Parade Entry Form (Float, Golf Cart, and Non-Competition Entries)

### **Tuesday, September 24 – Friday, September 27**

- Paint the Halls Blue Decorating (Departments & Res Life)
- Paint the Doors Blue Decorating (Student Organizations)
- Paint the Row Blue Decorating (Greek Organizations)
- Paint the Mall Blue Decorating (All Organizations) between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **Friday, September 27**

- Facebook Profile Pictures Due, 4:30 pm to sgahome@mtsu.edu
- Banners Due, 4:30 pm to the SGA Office, STU 306

### **Saturday, September 28**

- Homecoming Golf Tournament, Registration 11:00 am, Champions Run Golf Course



### **Sunday, September 29**

- Homecoming 5K, 8:00 am, Campus Recreation Center

### **Monday, September 30**

- Homecoming Kick-Off, 6:00 pm, Campus Recreation Center Intramural Fields
  - T-Shirt Swap and Food
  - Yard Games (Horseshoe, Corn Hole, Kick ball)
    - *Yard Game Entries must be completed w/ Campus Rec\**

### **Tuesday, October 1**

- Annual Chili Cook-Off, 5:00 pm, Stones River Mall
- Paint the Mall Blue Judging will take place during Chili Cook-Off

### **Wednesday, October 2**

- Freshman Treasure Walk, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Location TBA

### **Thursday, October 3**

- Horseshoe Pursuit Competition, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Campus Wide
- Alpha Omega's Homecoming Movie Night, 7:00 pm, Location TBA

### **Friday, October 4**

- NPHC Annual Step Show, 7:00 pm, Murphy Center
- Float Judging, 12:00 Noon – 4:30 pm, All Float Building Sites

### **Saturday, October 5**

- Golf Cart Registration/Cart Decorating, Time TBA, Parade Line-up
- Parade Registration, Time TBA, Parade Line-up
- Annual Homecoming Parade, Time TBA, East Main Street
- Golf Cart Judging, Time TBA, Floyd Stadium
- Raider Walk, Time TBA, Walnut Grove
- Awards Ceremony, Time TBA, Walnut Grove at Peck Hall
- **Blue Raiders vs. East Carolina Pirates** ,Kick-Off Time TBA, Floyd Stadium



## General Competition Rules

The theme for the 2013 Middle Tennessee State University Homecoming shall be:

# “The Deep Blue Sea”

This theme may best be described by:

***Ahoy! Set sail with the Blue Raiders as we batten down the hatches and take our Homecoming adventure across the Deep Blue Sea! Watch the Pirates walk the plank as Lightning declares victory over the scallywags of East Carolina State.***

The following rules, events, and activities were developed by the 2013 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 2013 homecoming director.

Brandon Loso, Homecoming Director  
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1. All official homecoming entry forms must be completed and turned in to the SGA office, STU 306, no later than **4:30 pm on Friday, September 20**. 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.
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 2013 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 Leadership 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 5 one hour prior to the MTSU vs. ECU game in Walnut Grove.
9. **With the recent change to Conference USA, the Homecoming game time may not be announced for several months. All game day event times will be scheduled accordingly when the MTSU vs. ECU game time is released.**
10. **NOTE: All on-campus locations listed for the Student Union Commons have an alternate location. 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
- Banner Competition
- Facebook Profile Competition
- Paint the Halls Blue (Residence Halls & Campus Departments)
- Paint the Town Blue (Local Businesses & Residential Homes – Not Judged)
- Paint the Doors Blue (Student Organization Advisor Doors)
- Paint the Row Blue (Greek Row / Global Learning Community)
- Paint the Mall Blue
- Kick-Off Event
  - T-Shirt Swap Day
  - Yard Games
- Chili Cook-Off
- Freshman Treasure Walk
- Horseshoe Pursuit
- Homecoming Movie Night
- Parade Competitions
  - Float
  - Non-Float
  - Golf Cart





## Point System

This year, we are bringing back Overall Winners in the following categories; Residential & Housing, Student Organizations, and Greek 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
Profile Picture	75 Points	Paint the Mall Blue	75 Points
Banner Competition	100 Points	Golf Cart or Float Entry	100 Points
Horseshoe Pursuit	100 Points		

Student Organizations			
Paint the Doors Blue	100 Points	Chili Cook-Off	100 Points
Profile Picture	75 Points	Paint the Mall Blue	75 Points
Banner Competition	100 Points	Golf Cart or Float Entry	100 Points
Horseshoe Pursuit	100 Points		

Greek Life			
Paint the Row Blue	100 Points	Chili Cook-Off	100 Points
Profile Picture	75 Points	Paint the Mall Blue	75 Points
Banner Competition	100 Points	Golf Cart or Float Entry	100 Points
Horseshoe Pursuit	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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in the Murphy Center. The doors to the event will open one hour prior to 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 "Be A True Blue Hero (superhero theme)." 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:

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Kelley Oberg, Assistant Director  
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1. Mandatory Fight Song meeting will be **August 16, 2013, 3:30PM, STU 220**. A member from each organization must be present regardless of partnership (example: Homecoming Chair/Fight Song Chair). **Deposits are due by August 16 at 4:30 pm.**
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.)**
3. Organizations may begin practicing **April 12, 2013** 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 April 15, 2013.** Song availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Groups must send song list and lyrics to sgahome@mtsu.edu.** 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. Each organization will have a total of 20 minutes on stage to rehearse their performance. No time extensions will be permitted to any organization. Rehearsals will take place on Monday, August 26 from 5:00 – 10:00 pm at the Murphy Center.
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 three minutes to set up and three minutes to take down any props. Any group exceeding the three 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.
10. Absolutely no glitter / confetti. If any glitter is used, the organization will incur a 15 point deduction.
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. 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 by **August 16, 2013 by 3:30pm**. Pre-recorded music may be used, however, it may not have lead vocals, or it will count as one of the instruments used. The team must provide a person to help the sound technicians with the music. It is up to the judges' discretion to determine if the pre-recorded vocals overpower the performance. \*\*\*
14. Music, Lighting Cues, and a Script of your group's performance must be submitted for screening to **sgahome@mtsu.edu** no later than one week before performance. The deadline is **August 16, 2013 by 3:30pm**. \*\*\*
15. 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.
16. Maximum number of participants per performance may not exceed **40**. It is not required to use all 40 participants, and the number of participants will not be a determining factor for the judging of fight song. \*\*\*
17. Music, vocals, and speaking may not include profanity or offensive gestures.
18. 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)	35%
<b>Theme</b> (choice of music, costumes, props, story)	25%
<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.**



## Small/Large Float or Non-Float Competition

The parade and the non-float entry offer the most publicly visible aspects of the MTSU Homecoming Festivities. You are not only representing your individual student organizations, but also the MTSU community.

1. All entry forms for parade are due in the SGA Office by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 20, 2013.
2. Participants may choose to either enter a float, golf cart, or a non-float entry. An organization may either build a float in the Homecoming Parade, or step in the parade, etc. The 2013 Homecoming Committee must approve all non-float entries. Once the Homecoming Committee receives an entry form no changes may be made.
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 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:	Large	Small
<b>Maximum</b> Width	9 Feet	6 Feet
<b>Maximum</b> Length	16 Feet	8 Feet
<b>Maximum</b> Height (from the ground)	10 Feet	10 Feet

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

5. 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.
6. **Judging of the float will occur at each float site on Friday, October 4, 2013.** 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%



## Float Competition

1. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee. All parade entries must be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street of no later than two hours prior to Parade start. Any entry not in its correct location and checked in with the Parade Director by this time will receive a penalty of five points for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location by one hour prior to Parade Kick-Off.
2. **Members of groups are not allowed to ride on the floats during the parade.**
3. 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.
4. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to remove any individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) Murfreesboro Police will be contacted and student will be sent to judicial affairs.
5. Float “beds” may not be extended. No extensions in the floor size of the trailer are permitted.
6. **Floats must have at least one working fire extinguisher on board at all times.** Any entry not having a fire extinguisher will be disqualified. The homecoming committee will be inspecting floats at check-in to ensure all entries meet this requirement.
7. The location of the float construction site **must** be on parade entry form. The Homecoming Committee and Parade Director reserve the right to visit each site at any time throughout the building process.
8. Any float that has movement must have consistent movement throughout the parade route. Judges will determine this as they are placed along the entire parade route.
9. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2013 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.



## Non-Float Entry

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

1. Non-float entries may be walked or driven down the parade route on a truck, car, or on foot.
2. Non-float entries may include banners, step shows, or simply an organization walking down the parade route with like shirts (must be school colors) or any other creative expression. The 2013 Homecoming Committee must approve every non-float entry.
3. All parade entries must be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street no later than two hours prior to parade start. Any entry not in its correct location and checked-in with the Parade Director by this time will receive a five point deduction for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location by one hour prior to parade.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2013 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.



## Golf Cart Entry

Don't have enough time, space, or the funds to decorate and build a float? Your organization can reserve a golf cart to ride in the parade. Arrive at the parade site the morning of the parade, decorate your cart and show your Blue Raider spirit in the parade!

1. Entry forms are accepted on a first come first serve basis. A non-refundable \$30.00 security deposit is due with entry form. All deposits will be returned after golf cart is returned and inspected. **Please make checks payable to MTSU Student Government Association.**
2. All registered primary drivers should arrive at Floyd Stadium three hours prior to parade start to pick-up their golf cart. Participants should be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street two and a half hours prior to parade start time to decorate their cart. Judging will be done one hour and forty five minutes prior to parade kick-off. The person responsible for the cart must check in with the parade director to receive access to cart.
3. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.
4. Each unit may consist of no more than one driver and one passenger with organization members following directly behind.
5. Decorating materials may not consist of anything damageable to the cart and must align with the 2013 homecoming theme (examples: Paint, wood, nails, screws, glue, etc.).
6. All golf cart entries require a release and liability form.
7. Major decorations may be assembled beforehand (see measurements in diagram).
8. Remove all decorations at the end of the parade route and return the keys to the drop off location after the parade ends.
9. 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.







10. 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) Murfreesboro Police will be contacted and student will be sent to judicial affairs.
  
11. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2013 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.



## Chili Cook-Off

The Homecoming Chili Cook-Off will be held at Stones River Mall by the Shops at Stones River (Bink's, Dillard's, etc) on Tuesday, October 1 at 5:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm. This year 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 office by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 20, 2013. All deposits are due at this time.
2. For all groups, a non-refundable fee of \$20 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 during the judging. 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 or 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.



8. Teams may begin setting up their booths at 2:00 pm. Only four entry passes will be accepted at that time. No other students or contestants may enter the event until 5:00 pm.
9. All groups must be checked in by 4:30 pm and ready to serve at 5:00 pm. Decorations must be complete by 4:30 pm. Chili must be in the provided chafing dishes by 4:30 pm for proper heating.
10. Wristbands will be given out at the gate. Chili may only be distributed to individuals wearing official Chili Cook-Off Wristbands.
11. Judging will begin at 5:00 pm. All booths must remain set up and serving until judging is completed.
12. 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.
13. **All ingredients are required to be posted for allergenic purposes. If ingredients are not posted, the group will forfeit 15% of their presentation points.**
14. 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.**
15. Judging will be based on the following:

Flavor, texture, taste	30%
Presentation	25%
Incorporation of School Spirit	25%
Student Vote	20%



## Banner and Profile Picture Competition

Groups may paint a banner to be displayed on campus. This banner should advertise Homecoming to Murfreesboro and exhibit school spirit while incorporating the 2013 theme. Groups can design a Facebook Profile Picture to promote MTSU's Homecoming.

**PARTNERING TEAMS PLEASE NOTE: Each official partnered organization may only submit one (1) banner and one (1) profile picture entry.**

1. Entry forms are due in the SGA office by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 20, 2013. Completed banners are due in the SGA office at 4:30 pm on Friday, September 27, 2013.
2. A 3 x 5 sized canvas must be used as the banner and must be horizontal. These must also have grommets. You may purchase these materials at Joann's Fabric, Hancock Fabric, and other craft stores in the area. If you have any specific questions regarding banner requirements, please contact the Homecoming Director at [sgahome@mtsu.edu](mailto:sgahome@mtsu.edu). Any banner not meeting these requirements will be disqualified and will not be displayed in the Student Union.
3. Completed banners must be thoroughly dry to be accepted. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry that is not entirely dry.
4. The SGA Homecoming Committee will be responsible for hanging the banners before Homecoming Week. **The Homecoming Committee is not responsible for any stolen banner.**
5. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry that may be distasteful or offensive to the community.
6. Groups or organizations may use their organization name on their banner and profile picture. Organizations are encouraged to use as much school spirit as possible.
7. **All profile pictures must be sent to [sgahome@mtsu.edu](mailto:sgahome@mtsu.edu) in order to be judged.** They will later be uploaded to the MTSU Homecoming Facebook Page.
8. Judging will be based on the following scale for both the banner and profile picture competition:

School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme	40%
Creativity	30%
Quality of art, color scheme, and workmanship	30%



## Horseshoe Pursuit Competition

Being a symbol that represents Blue Raider spirit and tradition, the horseshoe has great history and tradition that's rooted deep into the university, its students, and its alumni. The Horseshoe Pursuit Competition allows student groups to go on a quest competing against other students in the hunt for horseshoes located throughout the MTSU campus.

1. Participants must submit Horseshoe Pursuit entry form by 4:30 pm, Friday, September 20, 2013.
2. The Horseshoe Pursuit will begin Wednesday, October 1, 2013 at 8:00 am and will end at 4:30 pm the same day. **Participants cannot start searching for horseshoes until 8:00 am. Any organization or housing residents found to be violating this policy will be disqualified from the event.**
3. Each entry will drop off horseshoes in the Student Union lobby.
4. No horseshoes will be accepted after 4:30 pm when bins are collected. To receive credit all horseshoes must be dropped off at the designated SGA table.
5. Many horseshoes will be hidden throughout campus, some more obvious than others. Depending on the level of difficulty, points will be awarded on a scale ranging from 1 to 5. A color sticker is placed on the horseshoe to determine its value.
  1. No sticker – 1point
  2. Pink – 2 points
  3. Yellow – 3 points
  4. Orange – 4 points
  5. Green – 5 Points
6. MTSU trivia clues will be posted throughout the day via twitter and Facebook. There will also be a "True Blue Treasure Map" to specific locations throughout the day, so be sure to check Facebook and Twitter periodically throughout the day for hints and locations.
7. 10 golden horseshoes will be hidden around campus, and these do not contribute to the competition; however, if found, the individual can take this horseshoe to Phillip's Bookstore for a prize.
8. Throughout the competition, posts may occur on Twitter and Facebook that encourage you to do other various tasks for additional points (i.e. take a picture of an object that resembles a horseshoe). Photos are worth 5 points each, with a maximum of 50 points per organization / team. Be sure to tag @MTSUHomecoming on Twitter or post photos on the MTSU Homecoming Facebook page!



## Freshman Treasure Walk

This year we are starting a new homecoming event just for freshman! During this event, freshmen have the opportunity to win free prizes as we explore the depths of “The Deep Blue Sea” with games, prizes, music and CAKE!

1. The Freshman Treasure Walk will tentatively take place at the MTSU Student Union Commons. This event back-up location will be the Murphy Center Lawn on Wednesday, October 2 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
2. More details about the event will be released when available.

## Homecoming Movie Night

Join the Student Government Association for a night of fun and enjoy “The Pirates of the Caribbean” and popcorn on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm! Tentative location is the Student Union Commons with alternate location at the Murphy Center Lawn.

***Special Thanks to Alpha Omega College Ministry***





## Paint the Halls Blue

The MTSU Homecoming's Paint the Halls 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 Deep Blue Sea." 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.). 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 Friday, September 20 at 4:30 pm.
2. Each participating site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea."
3. Judging will begin Friday, September 27 at 12:00 pm and will end at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. All entries will be sent a schedule of judging time within one week prior to judging.
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%



## Paint the Town Blue

The MTSU Homecoming's Paint the Town Blue will promote Blue Raider Pride and school unity throughout the local Murfreesboro community. Residents, businesses, and off-campus housing apartments are 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 Deep Blue Sea." Sites are encouraged to decorate as much as possible (inside, outside, or around store area) in whatever manner they see best to portray MTSU pride (streamers, window chalk, banners, lights, etc.). Students may collaborate in this creative competition. Decorations should be displayed throughout the Homecoming celebration week.





## Paint the Doors Blue

The MTSU Homecoming's Paint the Doors Blue will promote Blue Raider Pride and school unity. All **student organizations** are encouraged to participate in this competitive event. Each organization's advisor should consent to allow their student organization to decorate their office doors in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea." Sites are encouraged to decorate as much as possible in whatever manner they see best to portray MTSU pride (streamers, window chalk, banners, etc.). 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 Friday, September 20 by 4:30 pm.
2. Each participating site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea."
3. Judging will begin Friday, September 27 at 12:00 pm and will end at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. All entries will be sent a schedule of judging time within one week prior to judging.
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%



## Paint the Row Blue

The MTSU Homecoming's Paint the Doors Blue will promote Blue Raider Pride and school unity. All **Greek Row Houses** are encouraged to participate in this competitive event. Each house should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea." Sites are encouraged to decorate as much as possible in whatever manner they see best to portray MTSU pride (streamers, window chalk, banners, etc.) 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 Friday, September 20 by 4:30 pm.
2. Each participating site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea."
3. Judging will begin Friday, September 27 at 12:00 pm and will end at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. All entries will be sent a schedule of judging time within one week prior to judging.
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%

**Paint the Row Blue: Each Homecoming Team will have the following designated decorating locations: ΣΝ, ΑΟΠ, ΣΧ, ΣΑΕ, ΚΑ, ΧΩ, and the Global Learning Community. Every team has a location to decorate on the row. ΑΔΠ'house (or ΣΝ; whichever is not used) does not count toward overall points!**



## Paint the Mall Blue

Similar to MTSU Homecoming's Paint the Halls Blue, Paint the Mall Blue will promote Blue Raider Pride and school unity encouraging community involvement by decorating Stones River Mall. Stones River Mall is partnering with MTSU during the 2013 Homecoming Celebration Events in hosting Paint the Mall Blue. MTSU student and campus organizations are invited to take advantage of specific days and times to utilize approved common area space throughout the mall to install signage and decorations in support of MTSU's 2013 Homecoming events.

Each organization's assigned site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea." Organizations are encouraged to decorate their area as much as possible in whatever manner they see best to portray MTSU pride (streamers, window chalk, banners, lights, etc.). Organizations may collaborate in this creative competition. Decorations should be displayed throughout the Homecoming celebration week.

1. Entry forms are due Friday, September 20 at 4:30 pm.
2. **Decorating takes place between September 24 and September 27 between the hours of 9:00 am and noon. Decorating may also take place on September 26 from 9:00 – 10:00 pm.** The Homecoming Committee will provide the mall a list of interested organizations and mall staff will provide a designated space for each organization. Members of the organization should report to the mall office first during approved installation dates for a copy of the rules and for assigned common area space. Signage will remain up in the mall throughout Homecoming week.
3. Each organization must abide by Stones River Mall's decorating guidelines:
  - a. Organizations are encouraged to utilize creativity through signage in support of the 2013 MTSU Approved Homecoming theme. Organizations are not permitted to install signage outside of the approved theme. Signage must be free of profanity or any offensive language or graphics and cannot be used to promote individual or campus groups or organizations. Organizations are permitted to include language or other graphics (i.e. official logos) that specify who the work belongs to for judging purposes. Stones River Mall reserves the right to remove signage at any time should the signage violate any of the rules outlined herein or not fit within the approved 2013 MTSU Homecoming theme.
  - b. Signage can be installed in a non-permanent manner with temporary spray adhesive or removable tape. Tacky glue, hot glue, nails or screws are not permitted. Signage must be no larger than the approved and designated installation area for each organization.



- c. Signage must be removed in its entirety no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, October 7. Due to limited resources, Stones River Mall cannot provide clean up. It is the responsibility of each participating student organization to remove all signage and dispose of it appropriately. The Homecoming Committee will do a walk-thru to ensure areas are cleaned.
4. Each site should be decorated in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue & White) and in accordance with the Homecoming Theme, "The Deep Blue Sea."
5. Judging will be during the Chili Cook-Off on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.
6. The winning organization has the opportunity to receive a monetary donation from Stones River Mall.
7. 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 Game Competitions



Homecoming yard game competitions will be held on Monday, September 30, 2013 during the Homecoming Kick-Off event at the MTSU Campus Rec Intramural Fields. All homecoming yard games will count for both Campus Rec intramural points and homecoming points. Entries and entry fees must be made through Campus Rec. Visit Campus Rec online at "<http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/>" for entry fees, forms, and contact information.

Homecoming Yard Games Include:

- Horseshoe Toss Competition (at Kick-Off)
- Corn Hole Toss Competition (at Kick-Off)
- Lawn Bowling Competition (at Kick-Off)
- Kick Ball Competition (Tuesday Evening)
- Spike Ball Competition (Tuesday Evening)
- Battleship Competition (Wednesday Evening)

**\*PLEASE NOTE: All participants must carefully read the Campus Recreation intramural sport rules and guidelines online at <http://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/intramural/>\***



# Official 2013 Homecoming Entry Form

All organizations must file an entry form with the Homecoming Committee!

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Campus Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Members in Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Homecoming Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate for Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Homecoming Partner organizations (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please check all the events that you are registering for:

- Banner Competition  
 Yard Games (Contact Campus Rec for all entry forms and fees)  
 Chili Cook-Off  
 Paint the Halls / Doors/ Row / Mall Blue  
 Float Entry  
 Non-Float Entry  
 Golf Cart Entry  
 Horseshoe Pursuit

I have read and understand all the rules governing the 2013 Homecoming: **"The Deep Blue Sea"** and my organization and all its members agree to abide by them

\_\_\_\_\_  
President Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homecoming Chairperson Date

Official Entry Forms are Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231



# Middle Tennessee State University Student Government Association Statement of Non-Liability

## (Waiver and Release Form)

I will not, nor will my organization, hold Middle Tennessee State University or its Student Government Association responsible for any risk or accident incurred due to participation in any 2013 Homecoming activities.

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homecoming Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Waiver and Release Forms are Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231



## Fight Song Entry Form

**Please only submit one form per team.**

Partner Organization 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Practice Location: \_\_\_\_\_



Official Entry Forms are due to the SGA Office  
Refundable Deposit is due by August 16, 2013 at 4:30  
Make checks payable to MTSU Student Government Association

For Office Use Only:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_





## Parade Entry Form

Name of Organization or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Type:  Float Entry  Non-Float Entry  Golf Cart

Primary Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Float building site location: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of entry (To be read by announcer during the parade):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If your organization intends to have multiple entries to the parade, (i.e. a float and a golf cart), you must submit separate forms for each.**

Parade Entry Forms and Deposits Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231

For  
Office  
Use  
Only

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Chili Cook-Off Entry Form

**ONE ENTRY FORM PER TABLE REQUESTED**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Chili Cook-Off Entry Form & Deposit Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231

For  
Office  
Use  
Only

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Profile Picture Competition

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partnering Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE NOTE: PROFILE PICTURES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 27 NO LATER THAN  
4:30 PM TO SGHOME@MTSU.EDU**

Profile Picture Competition Entry Forms Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231



## Banner Competition

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partnering Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE NOTE: BANNERS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 27 NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM  
TO SGA OFFICE, STUDENT UNION ROOM 306**

Banner Competition Entry Forms Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231



## Horseshoe Pursuit

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_



Horseshoe Pursuit Entry Forms Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231



## Paint The Hall/Doors/Row/Mall Blue

Please indicate the contest(s) you are entering

Halls     Doors     Row     Mall

Department / Housing Location / Town Business or Resident:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Paint the Town Blue Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Clarification

Paint the Halls Blue	Residence Halls & Campus Department / Offices
Paint the Doors Blue	Student Organization Advisor Doors
Paint the Row Blue	Greek Row & Global Learning Community
Paint the Mall Blue	Any registered student organization/housing dept/Greek Org



Paint Everything Blue Entry Forms Due September 20 at 4:30  
Please deliver forms to STU 306 or fax to (615) 904-8231