

2019 Homecoming Events and Team Competition Information

October 21-26, 2019

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Student Director's Letter

Hello Participants!

Texas A&M University – Commerce, home to over 3,000 students, has stood proudly since 1889 leaving its legacy in Texas over the past 100+ years. This university has helped some of the most influential minds reach their highest potential. From Government to CEO's, potential for harnessing the greatness of individuality has been instilled in all the actions this university takes year to year. We continue this tradition through the celebration of Homecoming, the culmination of this university's triumphs, graduations, and expansion that has been achieved. Since the university's inception, TAMUC has honored Homecoming through the inclusion of the first football game of the semester, spirited team/ organization competitions, our long-standing Hot Dog Spirit Rally, to the highly anticipated bonfire. With that said, we are excited that you are planning on participating in this year's Homecoming and hope that you have an enjoyable and spirited experience.

Over the past four months, myself and 11 other student leaders on the Homecoming Crew have been working around the clock, dedicating our time and energy to provide a successful and enjoyable Homecoming experience for the entire university. We have all been working incredibly hard this year to make our events as inclusive as possible so that no student misses out on the opportunity to participate in one of the most anticipated weeks of the year. Our goal is to make sure your Homecoming experience is one that you will remember for a lifetime and encourages you to embody the spirit of TAMUC beyond your college career.

This year's Homecoming theme is "Deep Down in the Heart of Commerce," which was chosen by our very own TAMUC students. People from all walks of life, from alumni to our current freshman class, have a connection with Texas or have Texan roots that evoke a sense of love, joy, and inclusivity. We are excited to show you what we have in store for this year's Homecoming!

If your team has any questions, issues or concerns, please reach out through your team captain or a homecoming committee representative so that we can assist you in the best way possible. The Homecoming Crew wishes everyone the best of luck in all of the upcoming events, and we hope everyone has a great experience during Homecoming! Go Lions!

In the spirit of Homecoming,

Chandler Hallowell & Jamie Williams

2019 Homecoming Committee Student Directors

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Deep in the
Heart
of Commerce



**Chandler
Hollowell &
Student Director**

Jamie Williams,

Amada Almanza & Meghan Carlee, Marketing
Felicity Benedit & Jasmine Knight, Kickoff
Grant McKendall & Auzree Poland, Hot Dog Spirit Rally
Leslie Jaeger & Andrew Martinez, Bonfire
Courtney Freeman & Lauren Meyers, Yell Like Hell & Spirit Competition

Homecoming Committee Advisors

Alyssa Lowe, Assistant Director of Student Involvement

Contacting the Homecoming Crew

All communication regarding Homecoming must be sent to homecoming@tamuc.edu. For student teams competing in any events, correspondence must come from their Team Captain or homecoming committee representative using their leomail.edu email address.



Homecoming

OCTOBER 21-26, 2019

MONDAY 10/21

8:00am: Homecoming Court Elections Open | Online

11:00am: T-Shirt Donation Drive | RSC Atrium

6:00pm: Kick Off | RSC Conference Rooms

TUESDAY 10/22

11:00am: Photobooth and Lucky Meet & Greet | RSC Atrium

5:00pm: Homecoming Court Elections Close | Online

6:00pm: Volleyball Game | Field House

7:00pm: UPD National Night Out | TBD

WEDNESDAY 10/23

11:30am: Hot Dog Spirit Rally | Amphitheater (Rain: RSC Conference Rooms)

5:00pm: Big Pink Volleyball Tourney Begins | Morris Recreation Center

8:00pm: Yell Like Hell | Amphitheater (Rain: RSC Conference Rooms)

THURSDAY 10/24

5:00pm: Big Pink Volleyball Tourney Finals | Morris Recreation Center

7:00pm: CAB Talent Show | Ferguson

FRIDAY 10/25

9:00pm: Bonfire and Fireworks Show | Grid Behind Whitley


SATURDAY 10/26

Tailgate

Football Game

Court Presentation at Halftime

NPHC Stroll Off



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Team Competition Overview and Policies

About the Team Competition

The Homecoming Team Competition includes a variety of activities and events throughout the week. Competition consists of seven spirit events. Teams may compete in as many or as few events as desired. Each event will award teams points towards the overall spirit competition. The team with the most overall points from all events will win a Marketing package from the Pride Shop towards an event planned during the 2019-2020 school year by their student organization. Teams of individuals with the most overall points from all events will win Blue & Gold Prize Packs! Teams interested in participating in any of the Team Competition events must complete the [Team Competition Sign-Up Form](#) on ManeSync by Sunday, October 11, 2019.

Team Categories

There will be two categories for Team Competition events, and teams will only compete against the groups within their own category.

The categories include:

- TAMUC recognized Student Organization
- Non- Affiliated Student Team/Friend Group

Friend Groups are made up of a minimum of three currently enrolled TAMUC students and a maximum of ten currently enrolled TAMUC students who have formed a team to participate in Team Competition events. Friend Groups allow students who are not involved in a registered student organization to participate in Homecoming Team Competition events. Although Friend Groups are not registered student organizations, all rules/regulations and deadlines still apply.

Both student organizations and Friend Groups may not contain less than three members, and no more than ten at any time. Team members may be added to a roster up until the first day of the Homecoming Spirit Week.

Team Competition Policies and Procedures

Even if your team participates in only 1 of the 7 Team Competition events, all policies apply.

In this packet, you will find information regarding Homecoming Team Competition events; including forms, deadlines, rules, and the point system. **Please read the information carefully, as some details are different than in previous years.**

It is impossible to predict all situations that may occur during the Team Competition events. Therefore, in the absence of established rules or guidelines, decisions of Student Activities/Homecoming Crew will be made in the spirit of fairness and school unity, and when reasonable, consistency. As per "Revisions," edits made to this packet after initial publication will be sent to the Team Captains and Friend Group Representatives and placed online.

Sportsmanship and Conduct

Derogatory conduct directed towards others, or conduct not in the best interest of building school spirit and unity, will not be tolerated. Foul language, gestures, or destruction of another individual's or group's property, as well as violation of any law (e.g., public intoxication), TAMUC policy, or Homecoming Rule can result in immediate disqualification from all events for the team(s) in question and will be referred to the Dean of Students. All decisions about disqualification are at the discretion of Student Activities and the Homecoming Committee.

Accommodations and Accessibility Requests

All students are invited to participate in Homecoming activities and Team Competition events. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation (e.g., ramp to the stage at Yell Like Hell) or have questions about the access provided, please email Alyssa.Lowe@tamuc.edu at least 72 hours prior to the event in question. We will make all reasonable attempts to provide an accommodation.

Team Captains and Greek Chapter Representatives

Non-Student Organization Affiliated/ Friend Group Information

All Student Organization Teams and Friend Groups competing in any number of Homecoming Team Competition events must select and list one (and only one) Team Captain on the Team Competition Sign-Up Form. In an effort to decrease opportunities for miscommunication, the Team Captain will be the **only** student from their team who may communicate (e.g., ask questions, air concerns) in an official capacity with the designated Student Activities/Homecoming Representative. The Team Captain will also be the only person on the team who receives communication from the Student Activities/Homecoming Representative.

Only these representatives may communicate (e.g., ask questions, air concerns) in an official capacity with the designated Student Activities/Homecoming representative. Representatives will also be the only people on the team who receive communication from the Student Activities/Homecoming Representative. When a Chapter representative asks a question or requests clarification, Student Activities/Homecoming will make reasonable efforts to email the response to all team representatives on the team. However, it is ultimately that team representative's responsibility to communicate the response to the other Chapter Representatives on the team.

Team Roster Submission

All Student Organization Team and Friend Groups competing in **any** event in the Team Competition must [submit a roster](#) via ManeSync by 5pm on Friday, October 11th. The roster should be designed in an Excel document with 3 columns, as shown in the example below. Please note that the 3rd column should be the student's Student ID Number (9 digits). The roster should be inclusive of all of the members of the student organization, or friend group who will be participating in any Team Competition events for your team throughout the week.

Roster Example:

First Name	Last Name	CWID
John	Doe	111222333
Jane	Doe	111222333

Last Chance Roster Submissions

If a team does not meet the October 11th roster deadline, they will have until 8:00am on Monday October 14th to submit one. If a roster is not submitted by the October 14th deadline, a team will receive a 10 point deduction to their overall competition score.

Eligibility to Participate

All members of a team must be currently registered (Fall 2019) with Student Activities at the time of entry and through Homecoming Week to participate in Homecoming events. Multiple teams can combine to form one Homecoming team to participate in Team Competition events as long as the maximum amount of team members does not exceed ten. If you choose to combine for any one event, you must also combine with the same team for all other events in which you participate. When more than one team combines to form another team, all members within the team must be registered; otherwise, the entire team will be ineligible to compete. If unsure about your registration status for Fall 2019, you may contact Student Organizations or Jeremy Sippel at Jeremy.Sippel@tamuc.edu

Homecoming Awards Ceremony

Team Competition event winners will be announced at the Bonfire by a special guest after all the points are calculated and closely evaluated. The winner will have the option of claiming their prize there or going to the Student Involvement Suite the following Monday before 5:00 PM.

Questions and Concerns

All questions regarding Homecoming activities and Team Competition events should be directed to Alyssa.Lowe@tamuc.edu and must come from the Team Captain or Friend Group representative's leomail.tamuc.edu email address. Any TAMUC student may submit a complaint or concern (including a report of a team's potential rule violation) from their leomail.tamuc.edu email address within 24 hours of the completion of the Homecoming Awards Ceremony on October 26th, and may be able to remain anonymous upon request. When not possible, the Homecoming Advisor will notify the student and allow them to decide if they would like to retract the complaint. In some situations, the Homecoming Advisor may require that the complaint be submitted through the Team Captain or Friend Group Representative.

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Team Competition Point Breakdown

All teams will receive points for events in which they participate. The first-place team within each category will receive the maximum number of points, determined by the point criteria described in each event. In each event day, there will be different opportunities for each team to receive extra points to their total event points for the given event. Stipulations are included in each event detail. Below are the details of the completion throughout the week.

Event or Activity	Date	Location	Time	Type of Points	Point Value
Kickoff/ Spirit Competition	Monday, October 21	RSC Conference Rooms	6:00pm	Participation & Place	20 <small>*see below for place points</small>
Kickoff/ Banner	Monday, October 21	RSC Conference Rooms	6:00pm	Competition	30 <small>*see below for place points</small>
Volley Ball Game	Tuesday, October 22	Fieldhouse	6:00PM	Team Attendance	15 <small>*see below for place points</small>
Hot Dog Spirit Rally	Wednesday, October 23	Amphitheatre	11:30am	Participation & Place	20 <small>*see below for place points</small>
Yell Like Hell	Wednesday, October 23	Amphitheatre	8:00pm	Competition	30 <small>*See below for place points</small>
Cab Talent show	Thursday, October 24	Ferguson	7:00pm-9:00pm	Participation	20 <small>*see below for place points</small>
Bonfire	Friday October 25	Behind Whitley	9:00pm	Attendance	15 <small>*see below for place points</small>
					Total: 150

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Bonus points

Whole team B&G	Points Per day	Events listed above	Time of event	Participation	5
Whole Team attends	Points per day	Events listed above	Time of Event	Participation	5
					Total:70

- In the event of an overall tie, those teams will receive points for the higher/highest placement. In the event of a tie during a competition, the next event will serve as a tiebreaker.
- If a team is disqualified from competing in an event, it will receive no points for that event
- All teams' event points will count towards their cumulative scores and the team with the most overall points will win the Homecoming Spirit Competition.

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Place Points:

Kickoff- most spirited

- First – 20
- Second – 15
- Third – 10

Banner competition - Design

- Most Creative Design – 30
- Best Depiction of Theme – 15

Volleyball Game – Team Attendance

Most to least members *

- First – 15
- Second – 10
- Third – 5

Hot Dog Spirit Rally Eating Contest

- First – 20
- Second – 15
- Third – 10

Yell Like Hell

- First – 30
- Second – 20
- Third – 10

Cab talent Show – Attendance and Participation

- First – 20 Participants
- Second – 15 most attendance
- Third – 10

Bonfire and Firework Show – Attendance

- First – 20
- Second – 15
- Third – 10

****If an organization signs up for participation, but does not show, they will lose 10 points for that event**

Event 1: Homecoming Kick-Off Competition Part 1 – Banner

To officially enter into the Homecoming Spirit competition a team must bring a banner to represent their team and school spirit. The team will be judged on their banner and the banner will be displayed in the atrium based on points throughout homecoming week. Teams can get their banners in the Student Involvement Suite on Wednesday October 16, 2019 until October 21, 2019 at 1:00PM.

Banner Judging

Judging of the Spirit Banners will occur during the Homecoming Kickoff event in the RSC Conference rooms. Teams do not need to be present for judging, as teams are not allowed to speak with judges. Below is the judging rubric:

Criteria	Notes	Points
1.Creativity/Uniqueness/Originality		/5
2. Incorporation of Homecoming Theme		/5
3. Demonstration of “Deep in the Heart of Commerce” Spirit (Colors, design, creative capability, etc.)		/10
4. Overall design		/10
	Total	/30

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To participate, submit form on ManeSync by October 11, 2019

Event 1: Homecoming Kick-Off Competition Part 2 – Spirit

About Homecoming Kick-Off

The Homecoming Spirit Competition is an opportunity for your team to work together to compete in a variety of challenges. Activities range in style and difficulty, but all will require a sense of humor and willingness to have fun! The Homecoming Spirit Competition will take place beginning at 6:00pm on Monday, October 21st, in the RSC Conference Rooms, where participants and spectators are encouraged to come out and enjoy an evening of friendly competition. The Spirit Competition will conclude at the bonfire event. Winners of the competition will be announced at the bonfire.

Event Details

The Homecoming Kick-Off event is a fantastic way to begin the official TAMUC homecoming festivities. There will be exciting events, food, and games that represent the 2019 Homecoming theme: “Deep in the Heart of Commerce.” To begin the Homecoming Spirit Competition, teams will participate in a competition of “Who Has the Most Spirit?”

Rules

- Participating team members must check in with the Homecoming Committee representative by 6:10 pm. (Within 10 minutes of the start of the event)
- Each student competing for their team must present their TAMUC Student ID at check-in or provide their Student ID number

Point Distribution

Teams will be awarded points based on how spirited they are at the event. At the beginning of the Homecoming Kick-Off event, teams will be introduced. The team that is the most “spirited” (ex: spirit dress, face paint, etc.) will receive 20 points. Second place will receive 15 points. Third place will receive 10. Teams are also eligible to win 5 extra points if the entire team comes dressed in Blue and Gold/TAMUC Spirit attire for the event. An additional 5 points will be added if the entire team is present.

To participate, submit form on ManeSync by October 11, 2019

Event 2: Volley Ball Game

Event Details

Teams who attended volleyball games will be awarded points for attendance. The game will take place in the fieldhouse and will begin at 6:00PM.

Event Rules and Deductions

The volleyball game is a place for teams to show their school spirit and is an opportunity to earn points by attending. Teams attending the volleyball game will win up to 15 points if they have the most team members attending.

- Teams are eligible to win 5 extra points if the entire team comes dressed in Blue and Gold/TAMUC Spirit attire for the event. An additional 5 points will be added if the entire team is present.

Event 3: Hot Dog Spirit Rally

About the Hot Dog Spirit Rally

The TAMUC Homecoming Committee and Student Activities Board invite you to celebrate TAMUC's annual tradition of attending the Hot Dog Spirit Rally on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 11:30 am at the Amphitheatre. Rain location will be upstairs in the RSC Conference Rooms.

Event Details

- The Hot Dog Spirit Rally is an annual competition in which students compete to see who can finish the most hot dogs in the time given. Each team participating in the TAMUC Homecoming Spirit Competition may register one student to compete in the competition on behalf of their organization. This event will also feature 2 additional opportunities for bonus points for each team.
- If a team is comprised entirely of vegans, vegetarians, etc. the team captain must submit a notice of this by 7:00pm on Monday, October 21st.
- If your team becomes unable to participate there will be no points given for the contest.

Event Rules and Deductions

- At no time are any team members allowed onto the stage before, during, and after the Hot Dog Spirit Rally competition unless denoted by the event host.
- Any competing team member that attempts to cheat, hide, etc. will be disqualified from the competition.
- At no time can a team member be "subbed out/switched" and remain in the competition.
- If there is to be a switch in the team member that will represent the organization, the team captain must notify the homecoming committee chair, Alyssa.Lowe@tamuc.edu by Tuesday, October 22nd at 11:00am.

Judging Criteria

The judging breakdown will be as follows: The first place winner of the Hot Dog Eating competition will receive 20 points. Second place will receive 15 points. Third place will receive 10.

- Teams are eligible to win 5 extra points if the entire team comes dressed in Blue and Gold/TAMUC Spirit attire for the event. An additional 5 points will be added if the entire team is present.

Event 4: Yell Like Hell

About Yell Like Hell

The TAMUC Homecoming Committee and Student Activities Board invite you to compete in the 2019 Yell like Hell competition on Wednesday, October 23rd at 8:00pm at the Amphitheatre. Rain location will be upstairs in the RSC Conference Rooms.

Event Details

- Yell Like Hell is a performance competition in which teams develop a performance routine that showcases their skills, creativity, and school spirit. It is an opportunity for teams to showcase their talents, whether that be via dancing, skits, monologues, singing, stepping, strolling, or chants and cheers
 - **The use of a microphone will be prohibited during this competition**
- An event schedule, listing the arrival time, assigned seating area, order of performances, and projected performance times, will be emailed to Team Captains by 6:00pm on Monday, October 21st.
- If your team becomes unable to participate, your Team Captain is required to notify the Homecoming Committee Advisor by emailing Alyssa.Lowe@tamuc.edu by Monday, October 21st.
- On the day of Yell Like Hell, teams are required to check-in prior to the event start:
 - The Team Captain must check-in at 7:30pm with a Homecoming Committee representative. Check-in will be at a table closest to the amphitheater steps.
 - Your whole team must check-in at your team's assigned seating area by 7:45pm
 - Failure to check in at both of these times will result in your team's inability to perform and disqualification
 - Each performing team member must present their TAMUC Student ID at check-in or provide their Student ID number
- Teams will be assigned an area in which to sit and **must sit in their assigned area after checking in and remain there until called to perform**
 - Only the members who are part of the team's Yell Like Hell performance (maximum 10 students) may be in the assigned seating area
 - Once a team has performed, they will return to their assigned seating area until the award ceremony at the end of the event
- Teams will be called to the "on deck" section from their assigned seating areas; any team who misses their on deck call will forfeit their right to perform and be disqualified
- This is a family show, so no vulgar, explicit, or suggestive/inappropriate language (spoken or in your performance music), gestures, or actions will be tolerated
- Lifting is allowed; however, there shall be no basket tosses or throwing into the air, even if the people doing the stunts are trained to do so. The criterion by which it will be determined if this has occurred is that the lifting and lifted students lose contact

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(i.e., there is air between them). The lifting and lifted students must maintain contact at all times to limit the potential for injuries

- Cartwheels and other individual routines are permitted at your own risk
- Any material that would leave a residue that requires clean up on the stage, floor, or property of the Amphitheatre will not be allowed
 - This includes, but is not limited to, powders, glitter, confetti, and liquids
 - This includes event props and costumes. For example, costumes containing glitter that could be shaken loose and fall onto the stage are not permitted
- Performance props must be removed from the Amphitheatre immediately following the conclusion of the event; failure to do this will result in a deduction of five points, per piece, from the judges' combined final scores and could result in a change of placement for the event (even after winners are announced)
- Potential violations of these rules may be submitted per the "Questions and Concerns" section
- Student Activities/Homecoming Committee at their own discretion, reserve the right to disqualify a team for egregious violations of the rules/regulations or if they feel it is in the best interests of the spirit of Homecoming

Event Rules and Deductions

- Performances are limited to **2 minutes** in length
- The maximum number of student performers is 10 during the course of a team's 2 minute performance
- Teams may only utilize the talents of current student members to choreograph/plan their team's performance routine; no team may pay an outside source to choreograph or plan their team's routine
- Teams are eligible to win 5 extra points if the entire team comes dressed in Blue and Gold/TAMUC Spirit attire for the event. An additional 5 points will be added if the entire team is present.

Yell Like Hell Judging

Criteria	Notes	Points
Adherence to Rules: Are all of the rules followed?		/5
Showmanship: Entertainment value, including stage presence, facial expressions, and confidence of skill		/5
Spirit: Enthusiasm, pride, and passion for the Texas A&M University-Commerce Homecoming		/5
Creativity: Unique and imaginative ideas in the creation and delivery of the performance		/5
Incorporation of Theme: Implementation of “Deep in the Heart of Commerce” theme		/10
	Total	/30

Point Distribution

As described in “Team Competition Point Breakdown,” each team can receive up to 30 points. These points will then be ranked to determine which teams will receive overall event points.

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Event 5: Cab Talent Show

Event Details

Teams who attended Cab Talent Show will be awarded points for attendance. The Cab Talent Show will take place at Ferguson Auditorium on Thursday October 24th and will begin at 7:00PM.

Event Rules and Deductions

The Cab Talent show is a place for teams to show their school spirit and is an opportunity to earn points by attending and or participating. Teams attending the talent show will win up to 20 points if they have the most team members attending or participating.

- Teams are eligible to win 5 extra points if the entire team comes dressed in Blue and Gold/TAMUC Spirit attire for the event. An additional 5 points will be added if the entire team is present.

Event 6: Bonfire and Firework Show

Event Details

The Bonfire and Firework show is a tradition event hosted behind the Whitley residence hall on Friday October 25 at 9 pm. The event has a lot of activities for students to engage in. There is a live band, food, games, a bonfire and a firework show.

Event Rules and Deductions

The bonfire and firework show is a place for teams to show their school spirit and is an opportunity to earn points by attending. Teams attending the bonfire will win up to 20 points if they have the most team members attending.

- Teams are eligible to win 5 extra points if the entire team comes dressed in Blue and Gold/TAMUC Spirit attire for the event. An additional 5 points will be added if the entire team is present.
- The Spirit Competition winner will be announced at the Bonfire & Firework show.