



# HOMECOMING

STUDENT ACTIVITY BOOK







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# HOMECOMING COURT

## NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS



**The following rules are taken directly from the SGA Elections Manual. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the SGA Elections and Recruitment Chair or the Center for Student Engagement.**





# HOMECOMING

## COURT INFORMATION

The Homecoming Court Selection is sponsored by the Student Government Association. Homecoming Court will be presented at the pregame show on October 18th at Braly Stadium.

### **NOMINATION OF THE COURT**

Homecoming Court Nominations open on September 22 on Campus Groups and close on September 29 at 11:55 pm.

*IMPORTANT! The Nominee must complete a FERPA release form before the deadline (Sept 29) in order to be included on the ballot.*

### **SELECTION OF THE COURT**

Homecoming Court Elections begin October 6 at 9:00am and conclude October 8 at 5:00pm. The ballot will be emailed to students' UNA email address the morning the elections begin.

### **SELECTION OF THE KING & QUEEN**

The 5 women with the most votes and 5 men with the most votes will be included on the homecoming court and King and Queen ballot. The King and Queen elections begin October 13 at 9:00 am and concludes October 15 at 5:00pm. The ballot will be emailed to students' UNA email address the morning the elections begin.



### **HOMECOMING COURT MEETING**

The court must meet with Ms. Becca Bush in the Student Engagement Conference Room on Friday, October 10th at 2:00 pm to discuss logistics for homecoming week.

### **HOMECOMING COURT REHEARSAL**

The rehearsal will be the afternoon of Friday, October 17th. The specific time and location will be announced at the Court Meeting on October 10th.

### **HOMECOMING COURT RULES**

The Homecoming Election rules and regulations are listed on the following pages and have been taken directly from the Student Government Association's Election Manual.



# TITLE II – HOMECOMING RULES AND ELECTIONS

## CHAPTER 5 - Eligibility

- 5.1 Students who are enrolled full-time, who are currently enrolled at the University of North Alabama, and are considered a Junior or Senior, may be eligible for nomination.
- 5.2 To be nominated for Homecoming Court, a nominee must have a cumulative institutional GPA of 2.5.
- 5.3 No previously elected queen or king, or student serving on the Homecoming Committee shall be eligible.

## CHAPTER 6 - Nominations

- 6.1 All student organizations in good standing with Student Engagement shall be eligible to nominate one (1) candidate for Homecoming Queen and/or one (1) candidate for Homecoming King.
- 6.2 Students that are not nominated by an organization may qualify as a nominee by submitting a petition of fifty (50) signatures and Student L Numbers of currently enrolled University students to the Office of Student Engagement. The deadline for petitioned nominees to be submitted shall be the same as the deadline for organizations nominees to be submitted.
- 6.3 If a student is nominated by more than one (1) organization, the student will be able to select which nomination to accept. An organization has the option to submit another nomination if a student accepts another organization's nomination.
- 6.4 The nomination form shall be filled out online. In extenuating, circumstances, paper nomination forms shall be present in the Student Engagement office (GUC 163).

## CHAPTER 7 - Election Process

- 7.1 Elections for Homecoming King and Queen will be a two-vote process. All nominees will be on the first ballot to determine who shall make it on homecoming court. After the first round of voting, the top five (5) in each category will make it on the homecoming court for the next ballot. The second round of voting will determine who on the homecoming court will be the Homecoming King and Queen. The person receiving the highest number of votes in each category will become the Homecoming King/Queen.
- 7.2 The first round of voting will take place one week before homecoming. The second vote will be during the week of Homecoming.
- 7.3 Each ballot will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.
- 7.4 The polls will open for a three (3) day period beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first day and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the third day.
- 7.5 The designated Elections and Recruitment member shall be responsible for publishing the ballot. Should he/she be nominated for the Homecoming Court, then a member of the Elections and Recruitment Committee, appointed by the Chair, is responsible for publishing the ballot.

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- 7.6 Students who are enrolled full-time , who are currently enrolled at the University of North Alabama, and are considered a Junior or Senior, may be eligible for nomination.

## CHAPTER 8 - Rules

### 8.1 **Campaigning**

- 8.1.1 The selected Homecoming Court shall be allowed to campaign digitally until the Homecoming Court is announced.
- 8.1.2 The selected Homecoming Court shall be allowed to campaign both digitally and physically starting the day that the Homecoming Court is announced.
- 8.1.3 Candidates are expected to run a fair, truthful, and respectable campaign.
- 8.1.4 Untruthful or misleading statements, and offensive or obscene images are not permitted during campaigning.
- 8.1.5 SGA is not liable or responsible for any untruthful or offensive statements made about candidates by other candidates, students, or employees of the University.
- 8.1.6 Candidates are not allowed to remove, cover, or deface other candidates' campaign materials.
- 8.1.6b If a candidate and/or their volunteer(s) is found to have maliciously done anything mentioned in 8.1.9, the candidate shall be referred to the Judicial Branch who will then make a recommendation for what shall be done.
- 8.1.7 Campaigning may not occur in any way that disrupts classes.
- 8.1.8 No campaigning of any type will be allowed in the Student Government Association Chambers. This includes the obtaining of signatures and the distribution of campaign material.
- 8.1.9 Candidates are not allowed to use mobile group messaging unless prior consent is given by each person.

### 8.2 **Campaign Material**

- 8.2.1 A candidate's campaign material must comply with Residence Hall and all University policies.
- 8.2.2 All campaign material must be free of any untruthful, misleading, discriminative, or obscene statements or images.
- 8.2.3 No campaign material shall be distributed among or placed on, utility poles, statues, monuments, sidewalks, steps, bike racks, trees, chain guards, or bushes.
- 8.2.4 Campaign materials must be removed by the deadlines posted for the current campaign period.
- 8.2.5 The deadline for each campaign period shall be three (3) school days after said election.
- 8.2.6 Failure to comply with 8.2.5 will result in a \$50 fine.





# HOMECOMING SPIRIT CHALLENGE

**OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 18**

The University Program Council would like to welcome students to participate in the annual Homecoming Spirit Challenge! Please review the following rules and guidelines:

1. Each event will be individually judged. Results of each event will be tallied to determine the overall winners. You can compete in as many challenges as you wish.

2. There will be three divisions to compete in. The divisions are as follows:

## **MEN, WOMEN, CO-ED**

There will be a first and second place winner in the following competitions: Banner Drop, Skit Competition, Go For Gold Lion Olympics, and the Parade Float Competition. An overall homecoming winner will be declared based off of the team with the most points at the conclusion of all competitions.

3. All team members must be currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students at UNA.

4. Teams must be submitted before 9/29/25 @ 6PM

5. The Parade Float and Overall Spirit Challenge winners will be announced on October 18th at the football game. The Banner Drop, Skit Competition, and Lion Olympic winners will be announced during the activities on Thursday, October 16th.

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# HOMECOMING SPIRIT CHALLENGE

**Dear Lions,**

This year the University is committed to excellence in all we do as we continue to embrace our Shine On Gold campaign. We are excited to recognize this significant endeavor and are looking forward to celebrating the new programs, buildings, and initiatives this campaign is supporting. Yet, we also want to celebrate all of our success thus far in our institutions rich history. Therefore, we are excited to celebrate this through this year's theme: **PURLE REIGN: A DYNASTY OF CHAMPIONS!**

The University of North Alabama is excited to host the 2025 Homecoming week beginning, Monday, October 13th. We will conclude the week with the UNA Homecoming Football Game on Saturday, October 18th at 6:00 pm. The University will provide an assortment of activities for all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends to unite as one and display our Lion Pride.

All students are encouraged to celebrate Homecoming by organizing a team to participate in the Homecoming Spirit Challenge sponsored by the University Program Council. Teams may consist of individual student groups or registered student organizations. Each team will compete in various activities throughout the week to become the 2025 Homecoming Spirit Challenge winner.

Applications for registration open September 9, 2025 at 9:00am.  
The Deadline to register is September 29, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Scan here to sign up:



This manual is a reference for all students who are interested in contributing to the success of Homecoming. Please review all information, guidelines, and deadlines carefully.

**Good Luck and Roar Lions!**



**Brian Johnson**  
**Spirit Activities Planner**





# IMPORTANT DATES

**SPIRIT CHALLENGE REGISTRATION:** Tues, Sept 9 to Mon, Sept 29 @ 6:00pm on Campus Groups

**MANDATORY TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING:** Mon, Sept 29 @ 6:00pm in the SGA Chambers

**BANNER DROP COMPETITION:** Mon, Oct 13 @ 5:00pm at the Shelby Way Bridge

**SKIT COMPETITION:** Tues, Oct 14 @ 7:00pm at the Amphitheater

**PURPLE PANDEMONIUM:** Thur, Oct 16 @ 6:00pm inside CB&S Arena

**GO FOR GOLD LION OLYMPICS:** Thur, Oct 16 immediately following the Pep Rally in CB&S Arena

**PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION:** Sat, Oct 12 @ 11:30am on Pine Street

*The University Program Council challenges each team or organization to coordinate their competition pieces with dignity and UNA SPIRIT in mind. Good Luck & Roar Lions!!*



# SPIRIT CHALLENGE

## CHALLENGE RULES, GUIDELINES, AND SCORING



**BANNER DROP POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON POINTS AWARDED TO EACH TEAM OUT OF THE 30 POINTS AVAILABLE.**

**SKIT POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON POINTS AWARDED TO EACH TEAM OUT OF THE 30 POINTS AVAILABLE.**



**LION OLYMPICS POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON PLACEMENT IN EACH OF THE 5 INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS:**

**FIRST PLACE: 15 POINTS  
SECOND PLACE: 10 POINTS  
THIRD PLACE: 5 POINTS**



**PARADE POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON POINTS AWARDED TO EACH TEAM OUT OF THE 30 POINTS AVAILABLE.**





# BANNER DROP

Monday, October 13 | 3PM Drop Off | 5PM Reveal

**The banner drop event is designed as a competition in artistic ability, coupled with school spirit. Teams will paint their supplied banner using their own design and interpretation of the Homecoming theme. Creativity, use of theme, and artistic appeal are the judging factors and are encouraged. Rules and guidelines are listed below.**

1. Each team will be given a banner at the mandatory captains meeting on September 29th.
2. Space is limited to the first 30 teams registering.
3. The entry should include the Homecoming theme. It is not required to incorporate the football game opponent.
4. Banners may be painted between any time from September 29th until October 13th at 2:59pm. Any team that turns in their banner late will be penalized 10 points. Any banner received after 4:00pm will not be judged. In the event of rain, the competition will be postponed and announced accordingly.
5. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1 - 10, with 30 being the highest possible total. The groups will be judged on the following:
  - a) Creativity
  - b) Use of theme
  - c) Artistic Appeal
6. The winners of this event will be announced during Purple Pandemonium on October 16th.
7. Groups are not responsible for taking down banners.
8. All entries must be in good taste. References to alcohol, drugs, and/or negative references about any campus organizations, students, faculty, or staff are strictly prohibited.



# SKIT COMPETITION

Tuesday, October 14 | 7:00 PM | Amphitheater

**Teams will be given creative freedom to create and perform a skit which will be performed at the Amphitheater that connects to the Homecoming Theme Purple Reign: A Dynasty of Champions. The teams will be graded by creativity, use of theme, and overall spirit. Rules and guidelines are listed below.**

1. Each group will be given the chance to perform their skit for no more than 5 minutes. Any team who exceeds this time limit will be penalized 10 points.
2. The use of the following is not permitted:
  - a) Animals and motor vehicles are NOT to be used in the performance. Their use will result in a 25 point deduction.
  - b) FIRE AND PYROTECHNICS ( I.E. CANDLES, LIGHTERS, MATCHES, FIREWORKS, ETC.) ARE PROHIBITED. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE RESULTS IN AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.
3. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1-10, with 30 being the highest possible total. The areas the groups will be judged on are:
  - a) Creativity/Originality
  - b) Use of Theme
  - c) Overall Spirit
4. Only 20 participants are allowed per group.
5. Groups are asked to refrain from the following:
  - \* Using obscene gestures or profanity during the show;
  - \* Disrespecting other organizations/students/faculty/staff: and props and/or choreography that allude to or imply sexual acts.Any group or individual member of a group engaging in the above-mentioned behavior will lead to the entire group being disqualified.
6. The winners of this event will be announced during the Homecoming Pep-Rally on Oct. 13th.





# GO FOR GOLD LION OLYMPICS

Thursday, October 16 | 6:00 PM | CB&S Bank Arena

**The Lion Olympics are designed for a competition in high spirited physical activity, creativity, and campus pride. Rules and guidelines are listed below.**

1. The Lion olympics will begin immediately following Purple Pandemonium inside CB&S Arena. The race is reserved for the first 30 groups who sign up. All teams are asked to be there at 5:30 p.m. to check in and review the rules of each game. Officials will be present, please respect and follow all rules.
2. Each team will need 8 members to participate. Each individual can only compete in one competition exclusive of the tug of war challenge. Four (4) of the games require a pair and the final challenge will require all 8 team members to participate.
3. Five games will occur in the Lion Olympics. These Include
  - a) **Corn Hole:** one person from each team will have the opportunity to throw the bags the bags at their board. The first person to make 5 bags into the hole wins. The game will continue until a first, second, and third place winner has been identified in each respective division.
  - b) **Hungry Hungry Hippo:** Two players from each team will compete in the live competition of this board game classic. One pool of ball-pit balls will be placed at the center of the court. Once the game begins, one member from each team will dash to grab as many balls from the pool as possible. Members must then transport the balls back to their station before the next member can go in. The game will continue until all the balls are captured. The team with the most balls in their bucket at the end is the winner.
  - c) **Rapid Relay Race:** Two players will compete in this timed event. There will be five stages to this competition.
    1. **Izzy Dizzy** - Two player will spin around a baseball bat 10 times
    2. **Wheelbarrow Race** - One player will put their hands on the ground and give their feet to their partner. The individual on the ground will then walk with their hands 15 feet.
    3. **Potato Sack Race** - Players will get into a potato sack and jump down the court 15 feet.
    4. **Cup Stacking** - Players will stack cups on the ground in a 4-3-2-1 formation and then put them back into a basic stack before continuing
    5. **Crab Crawl** - Player will crawl backwards on their hands and feet to the finish line.
  - d) **Rapid Relay Race:** Three members from each team will walk around a circle of chairs while music plays and when the music stops, every one must sit down on a chair. Whoever does not have a seat is eliminated until one more is left.



# GO FOR GOLD LION OLYMPICS

Thursday, October 10 | 6:00 PM | CB&S Bank Arena

**The Lion Olympics are designed for a competition in high spirited physical activity, creativity, and campus pride. Rules and guidelines are listed below.**

e) **Tug of War:** All members of each individual team will compete in this challenge. Each member will line up on their side of the rope and will begin to pull upon the whistle. The team that successfully gets the middle of the rope across their respective line will be declared the winner.

- Teams will be allotted points based upon their placement in each game within their division as stated on page 11.

First Place: 15 Points

Second Place: 10 Points

Third Place: 5 Points

Upon the conclusion of all the stages of competition, each team's scores will be added together. The teams with the highest overall points in each division will receive the first place award, and the team with the second highest overall points in each division will receive the Second Place Award.

- Any cheating and/or roughhousing will result in immediate disqualification. This includes but is not limited to tripping others, stealing equipment, interfering in another's lane, etc. Cheating and roughhousing claims will be evaluated by Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development and her decision will be final.
- Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the games on Thursday, October 16th





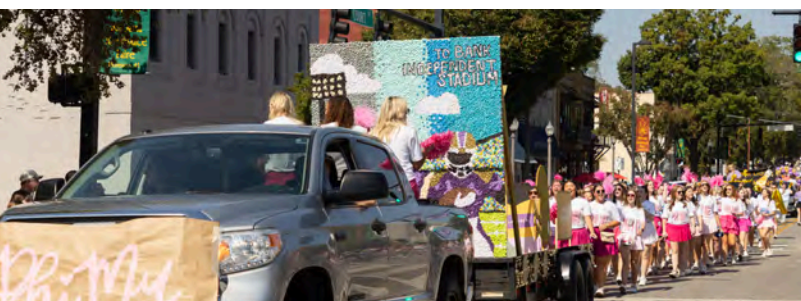
# PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION

Saturday, October 18 | 11:30am | Pine Street

**Teams will be given creative freedom to design their Homecoming Parade Float. The teams will be graded by creativity, use of theme, and overall spirit. Rules and Guidelines are listed below.**

1. The parade will begin at at 11:30am. Groups can begin lining up at 10:30, and must be lined up by 11:15am on Pine Street.
2. Parade line up will occur as first come first serve this year for floats. Therefore, **all entries must have their group name listed on the front of the pulling vehicle or clearly listing on sign** for those walking. This helps the judges know who they are scoring.
3. Floats may not be taller than 13 feet from the ground to the highest point.
4. Teams will not be allowed to pair up for this event.
5. Floats may be hand carried or pulled by a motor vehicle. They cannot be pulled by a semi-tractor- trailer.
6. Floats are not necessary but highly recommended. Participating teams may wish to walk, ride in a car (such as a convertible), or participate in any other way provided that participating teams follow all the same guidelines.
7. If the parade gets cancelled on Saturday due to weather, all groups will be informed via email.
8. Groups will be rated on a scale of 1-10, with 30 being the highest possible total. The areas the groups will be judged on are:
  - a) Creativity
  - b) Use of Theme
  - c) Artistic Appeal
9. The winners of this event will be announced during the Homecoming Game on October 12 at 6pm at Braly Stadium.
10. You must enter from the north of Pine Street in order to be admitted.  
**NO REGISTRATION = NO ENTRY IN THE PARADE.**
11. Organizations may begin working on floats when they choose.

Any organization that **does not** meet the deadline to sign-up for the Parade Float competition, but wants to be represented in the parade must register their float through the [Student Engagement Campus Groups page](#).





# **SPIRIT CHALLENGE**

## **PAST LIST OF WINNERS**

**2003 GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP ORG**

**2004 PHI MU**

**2005 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA**

**2006 ZETA TAU ALPHA**

**2007 ZETA & ALPHA GAM**

**2008 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA**

**2009 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA**

**2010 ALPHA TAU OMEGA**

**2011 ALPHA DELTA CHI**

**2012 PHI MU**

**2013 PHI MU**

**2014 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA**

**2015 ALPHA TAU OMEGA**

**2016 ZETA TAU ALPHA**

**2017 ZETA TAU ALPHA**

**2018 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI**

**2019 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI**

**2020 ALPHA TAU OMEGA**

**2021 ALPHA GAMMA DELTA**

**2022 FIRST FLOOR OLIVE**

**2023 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI**

**2024 LAMBDA SIGMA PHI**

## **ROAR LIONS!!**





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