

MWSU Homecoming 2009



**Back in
Time to**

'69

Celebrating 40 Years of 4-Year Designation

Homecoming Participant Packet

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Dear Organization Representative,

We hope your organization is motivated and ready to begin preparing for this year's Homecoming competition! Homecoming week is **October 12th through the 17th** and this year's theme is **"Back in Time to '69."** Now you may be wondering what your organization's theme could possibly be with a theme like this but we assure you there are MANY things you can do! This year is most commonly associated with the first manned moon landing (Apollo 11) and Woodstock.

In this packet you will find information such as the following: rules, regulations, qualifications, and point allocations; which your organization will need to know in order to fully participate in this year's Homecoming activities. Necessary entry forms can also be found within this packet. If you happen to misplace any entry forms, copies can be picked up in the Center for Student Engagement (CSE) Office located in Blum Union, room 207.

Several events have been scheduled for your enjoyment and participation. Please review the calendar of events and make sure to submit your organization's entry forms by **September 25, 2009 at 4:30 PM** to the CSE. If your organization has any questions, please have them contact the following chairperson, Lolita Murphy at : lmurphy3@missouriwestern.edu. (Lolita may also be found working in the CSE most evenings)

We look forward to making this year's Homecoming the best yet with your organization's help and participation. Good luck!

Sincerely,

The 2009 Homecoming Steering Committee

Homecoming Steering Committee

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Calendar of Events

Sept. 1	Tues	Homecoming Informational Meeting; Blum 223 @ 5:30 PM
Sept. 11	Fri	Personalized Organizational T-Shirts Due; CSE Blum 207 NLT 4:30 PM
Sept. 18	Fri	Royalty Applications Due; CSE Blum 207 NLT 4:30
Sept. 19	Sat	Family (Day)Weekend; Clock Tower @ 1PM – 4PM
Sept. 22	Tues	Royalty Informational Meeting; Blum 223 @ 5PM
Sept. 25	Fri	Entry Forms Due; CSE Blum 207 NLT 4:30 PM
Sept. 29	Tues	Royalty Interviews (1); Blum 222 & 223 starting @ 5:30 PM
Sept. 30	Weds	Royalty Interviews (2); Blum 222 & 223 starting @ 5:30 PM
Oct. 7	Weds	Yell Like Hell Rehearsals; Kemper Recital Hall @ 7PM
Oct. 9	Fri	Mid-term break (NO SCHOOL)
Oct. 12	Mon	Sign Decorations & Residential Hall Decorations Deadline @ 8AM
Oct. 12	Mon	Royalty Campaigning and “Penny War” Begins
Oct. 12	Mon	Office Decorations Deadline @ 4PM
Oct. 12	Mon	“Griffstock” BBQ & Donation Creation; Westside of Blum @ 4PM
Oct. 13	Tues	University Happy Hour (Co-sponsored by PIP); Commons Pavilion 4PM
Oct. 14	Weds	Yell Like Hell; Kemper Recital Hall @ 7PM
Oct. 15	Thurs	Voting for Royalty Begins; MWSU & CSE Homepages @ 8AM
Oct. 15	Thurs	Griffon Spirit – MWSU v. NU (Soccer); Spratt Stadium @ 7PM
Oct. 16	Fri	“Penny War” Contributions to be turned; CSE Blum 207 NLT 4:30PM
Oct. 16	Fri	Pep Rally & Bonfire; Beginning in the Looney Arena @ 7PM
Oct. 16	Fri	Voting for Royalty Ends; MWSU & CSE Homepages @ 11:59PM
Oct. 17	Sat	Parade Line-Up; 36 th Street (b/twn Messanie & Faroan)@ 6:30AM – 7:30AM
Oct. 17	Sat	Parade; Downtown St. Joseph @ 9:30 AM
Oct. 17	Sat	Tailgate;
Oct. 17	Sat	Homecoming Football Game – MWSU v. UCM; Spratt Stadium @ 1:30 PM
Oct. 17	Sat	Royalty Coronation; End of the 3 rd Quarter
Oct. 17	Sat	Soccer Match – MWSU v. Truman; Spratt Stadium @ 7PM
Oct. 17	Sat	SGA’s WAC Comedy Concert; @ 9PM
Oct. 18	Sat	Signs to be picked up NLT 2PM
Oct. 20	Sat	Awards Ceremony; Blum 223 @ 6 PM

Point Layout

Event	Total Possible Points	Participation	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Steering Committee	100	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family Day	10	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Royalty Nomination	75	25	50	30	0
Sign Decorating Contest	35	15	20	15	10
Donation Creation & Penny War	75	25	50	25	15
Residence Hall Contest	N/A	N/A	Prize	Prize	Prize
Office Decorating Contest	N/A	N/A	Prize	Prize	Prize
University Happy Hour	45	15	30	20	10
Yell Like Hell	65	15	50	30	15
Griffon Spirit	35	15	20	15	10
Pep Rally/Bonfire	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Goofy Griff'	25	5	20	15	10
Float	150	75	75	50	25
Truck	75	25	50	30	15
Car	75	25	50	30	15

The Residence Hall and Office Decorating Contest is offered to our on-campus residents and departments for non-competition. Points will NOT be awarded, however; there will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner designated in each contest.

All other contests that take place throughout Homecoming week are for participation purposes and NOT for the competition between the participating organizations.

Royalty Candidates

GUIDELINES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications:

- All Royalty nominees must be fulltime MWSU students with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average. (In case of Freshmen nominees, they must ALREADY have a cumulative GPA here at MWSU.)
- Royalty Nominees must have had an application submitted to the CSE NLT 4:30PM on September 18th in order to be considered for Homecoming Court.
- If a Nominee succeeds in becoming a Royalty candidate, sponsoring organizations (an organization may only sponsor one king and one queen), must pay for all Homecoming advertisements for their Candidate(s).
- It's the Candidate's responsibility to comply with all the rules and regulations pertaining to being a part of the Homecoming Court.

Candidate Meetings and Events:

- All Nominees are required to attend the Royalty informational meeting on September 22 in Blum 223 at 5PM.
- Nominees who don't show up for their scheduled interview time will not be considered for the Homecoming Court.
- There are 7 Mandatory Events that a Candidate must attend. All of the events will have seating reserved for the Homecoming Court. Candidates who are unable to attend any these events must notify the Royalty Director before the homecoming week. **Unexcused absences will not be tolerated and will lead to disqualification.**

Please mark the following events on your calendar:

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| 1. Monday, October 12 th | “Griffstock” BBQ & Donation Creation – 4PM |
| 2. Tuesday, October 13 th | University Happy Hour 4PM |
| 3. Wednesday, October 14 th | Yell Like Hell – 7PM |
| 4. Thursday, October 15 th | Griffon Spirit – 7PM |
| 5. Friday, October 16 th | Pep Rally & Bonfire – 7PM |
| 6. Saturday, October 17 th | Homecoming Parade Line-up – 8:30AM |
| 7. Saturday, October 17th | Homecoming Football Game – 1PM |

Campaign Guidelines

1. An announcement of your candidacy will be put in The Griffon News with the information from your application. Please make sure that all information is correct and appropriate.
2. Campaigning may begin on Monday, October 12th.
3. Campaigning is defined as *any action taken to solicit votes*.

4. Campaigning will be limited to:
 - One poster or banner placed in each building in areas designated by Residential Life and West Campus regulations.
 - Members of sponsoring organizations are allowed to bring posters supporting their Candidate to any of the Homecoming Week events.
5. All publicity should be in the good spirit of Homecoming and MWSU. Publicity may not be used slander another candidate.

Election Process

1. The Homecoming elections will run for two consecutive days beginning on Thursday, October 15th at 7 AM and will end on Friday, October 16th at 11:59 PM.
2. The King and Queen will be selected by a majority vote of the student body by means of an online ballot
 - a. Only registered MWSU students may vote for candidates. Students are only allowed to vote once for their top Homecoming King or Queen.
 - b. The voting link will be located on both Missouri Western's homepage and the CSE's webpage.

Organizational Points

1. As a Royalty Candidate your sponsoring organization will accrue 25 pts for your participation throughout Homecoming Week.
2. If you are crowned Queen or King, your sponsoring organization will gain another 50 points bringing the total to 75 points
 - a. 1st Runner-ups will receive an allocation of 25 points
3. If a "tie" occurs, both sponsoring organizations will receive full point values.

Royalty Candidate
APPLICATION

Sponsoring Organization: _____ Applying for: KING QUEEN

Name: _____ G#: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Classification: (circle one) FR SOPH JR SR

Cumulative GPA: _____ (Understand that your GPA will be checked for accuracy)

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ -- _____

Involvement in Campus Organizations: _____

Off Campus Activities/ Organizations: _____

Future Goals: _____

I, _____ have read the rules and regulations set by the Homecoming Steering Committee, and understand the requirements for this nomination.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Type and attach a 250-300 word essay discussing why you feel you were nominated for this position and what Homecoming means to you along with the completed application. Also, use this space to highlight your achievements at Western and how you feel the Homecoming King and Queen should represent our University. **This is due NLT Sept. 18 by 4:30PM in the CSE.**

Sign Contest

GUIDELINES

- Must incorporate and relate to the Homecoming theme.
- Organization's *name*, the *year*, and overall theme, "*Back in time to '69*," must appear on the sign.
- Sign must be no bigger than 4' x 8' in size.
- Signs must be placed in the grass around Downs Drive.
- Signs cannot be driven into the ground because of possible hazards
- Signs must be up NLT 8AM on October 12 for display.
- The signs MUST be taken down by 2PM on October 18.
- Bashing of other organizations and profanity are not allowed on signs.

Donation Creation

GUIDELINES

- To qualify for Donation Creation, your organization must participate in the "Penny War."
- A maximum of 10 people per building team
- Cannot begin building before 4 PM. You may bring your materials to the parking lot prior to the start time.
- You have 2 hours to complete your 'creation.' Judging will take place at 6 PM.
- The only foods that can be used are non-perishable, unopened items.
- Food collected will be donated to American Second Harvest.
- The following may be used to bind items together: Rubber bands, rope, yarn, saran wrap, and string. DO NOT use anything that will ruin packaging (No tape or glue).
- Points will be awarded on the following:
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Relation to Homecoming Theme

Penny Wars

GUIDELINES

All organizations will be teamed up with a campus department, which are TBA. Combined, these teams will compete against one another to win the “Penny War.”

No points are awarded for first, second, or third place but participation is necessary in order to receive points for “Donation Creation.”

Organizations and departments can pick up their cans on Monday, October 12, in the Center for Student Engagement. It is necessary for each organization and department to write their name on the bottom of the can. All cans should be turned in on Friday, October 16, **NLT 4:30PM** to the CSE. Any cans turned in after this time will not count for participation, and therefore receive no points, even if the organization placed in the “Donation Creation” competition. From there the cans will be taken directly to a bank and total amounts raised by each team recorded.

For each penny placed into the can one positive point is awarded to your team. For each dollar amount placed into the can positive points are awarded based on the worth of the bill amount to your team. For each nickel, dime, or quarter placed into the can, negative points are placed on the other team’s total based upon the amount.

Point Values:

Pennies = +1 point

Nickels = -5 points

Dollar = + 100 points

Dimes = -10 points

Five = + 500 points

Quarters = -25 points

Ten = + 1,000 points

Any tampering with containers will result in disqualification. Money should be NOT be removed once it is placed inside of the can.

For example, if a one dollar bill is placed into the can, followed by 60 pennies, two nickels, one dime and three quarters, the amount of points the team would have is 65 points.

$$+100 + 60 - 10 - 10 - 75 = 65$$

**All proceeds (and food items from Donation Creation) will be donated the Second Harvest*

University Happy Hour

GUIDELINES

- Contestants must provide 3 decorated serving cups (for the judges) and recipe card.
- Organizations must also decorate a table that will be provided.
- University Happy Hour will begin at 4PM. Organizations must be set up by 4PM.
- The drink must contain no alcohol.
- The drink name must correlate to the organization's homecoming theme.
- Must provide enough samples of the drink for approximately 150 Dixie cups. The organization must provide the Dixie cups.
- Drinks must be made at the school; therefore, any utensils or machines needed to make the drink must be brought to the competition.
- Points will be awarded as follows:
 - Participation
 - Table
 - Cups
 - Recipe Card
 - Presentation/Appearance of beverage
 - Taste
 - Drink name correlation to Homecoming Theme

Yell Like Hell Contest

GUIDELINES

- Programs are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.
- The Homecoming Theme and MWSU fight song must be incorporated.
- Programs may include, but are not limited to skits, pantomime, lip sync, step, cheers, songs, etc...
- The use of props is optional.
- All props and materials are the responsibility of participating organizations. All materials must be removed immediately following the event.
- Yell Like Hell will be held in Kemper Recital Hall (Leah Spratt 101). Rehearsal will be at 7 PM on October 7 in Kemper Recital Hall. This is a mandatory rehearsal.
- Organizations must perform the same act done during rehearsal at the actual performance, or you will be disqualified.
- Before a group performs, they will draw from a hat (a word, phrase, action, etc.). The group will then have 30 seconds to discuss with each other how they will incorporate this into their skit. When the group performs, they will be judged on how well they incorporated the word, phrase, or action into their skit.
- Points will be awarded on the following:
 - Participation
 - Crowd Response
 - Improv
 - Costume
 - Enthusiam
 - Overall Performance

Griffon Spirit

GUIDELINES

- The contest takes place during the MWSU vs. NU soccer game at 7PM on October 15.
- The organization that displays the most “Griffon Spirit” will be awarded first place with a subsequent second and third place to follow.
- At least half of the organization’s members must be in attendance to qualify.
- Points will be awarded based on enthusiasm and props (ex. MWSU T-shirts and other paraphernalia, signs, chants, etc.); incorporation of this year’s homecoming theme is highly favored.
- What will not be tolerated is anything that would discredit the university; no inappropriate clothing, signs, chants or anything of that nature.
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Goofy Griffon

GUIDELINES

- The candidate must be a full time MWSU student with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- The candidate must have a sponsoring organization (an organization may only sponsor one Goofy Griffon candidate)
- Candidate may not use profanity or downgrade other organizations
- Candidate will be called out during the Pep Rally to inspire Griffon Spirit in their fellow students
- Judging will be based on the following:
 - Enthusiasm
 - Improv
 - Crowd Response
 - Costume

Parade Contest

GUIDELINES

- All floats must be capable of being transported to the parade step off site and remaining mobile throughout the duration of the Homecoming Parade.
- Organizations may begin bringing their floats to the parade step off site at 6:30AM and must be there NLT 7:30AM if they wish to participate in the parade.
- Alcoholic Beverages are NOT PERMITTED on the parade route. If your organization is caught drinking from the time of the parade line-up until the end of the parade your organization will be disqualified from the competition.
- All entries must follow city ordinances with regards to size regulation; float units (truck & trailer) must not exceed 80ft in length or 12 feet in height from the ground up.
- All entries must indicate the name of the organization to which the entry belongs.

ORGANIZATION ENTRY FORM

Organization: _____

Organization's Theme: _____

Primary Point of Contact: _____

Phone #: _____

Preferred email: _____

Check All that apply:

Royalty

Queen Nominee: _____

King Nominee: _____

Sign Contest

Donation Creation & Penny War

(For Steering Committee Use Only)

Penny War Dept' Battle Buddy:

Happy Hour

Yell Like Hell **On the back of this form, describe a tentative idea of your skit*

Griffon Spirit **Must submit an active roster of your organization with this form*

Goofy Griffon: _____
Name & Phone #

Parade

Float

Truck

Car

Extra Vehicle: _____
What kind of vehicle?

Residential Hall Decorating Contest

GUIDELINES

- All Residence Halls must abide by rules and regulations established by Housing/Residential Life, as well as the Fire and Safety Codes
- Decorating will be judged on creativity and appearance as well as adherence to the 2009 Homecoming Theme, "Back in Time to '69."
- All decorating must be completed by 8AM on Monday, October 12.

Office Decorating Contest

GUIDELINES

- Decorating will be judged on creativity and appearance as well as incorporation of the 2009 Homecoming Theme, "Back in Time to '69."
- All decorating must be completed by 4 PM on Monday, October 12.

Show your school spirit by decorating your hall or office!!!

To register for either competition, please email Lolita Murphy

@ lmurphy3@missouriwestern.edu

And don't forget to purchase your Homecoming shirts!!!

Shirts will be for sale in the Center for Student Engagement, Blum 207

Sizes S – XL are \$12 ea.

Size XXL are \$14

If a larger size is needed please email Keisha Caldwell @ lcaldwell@missouriwestern.edu.