



# Student Organization & Campus Groups Packet

The purpose of Homecoming is to come together as APSU students, to celebrate school spirit, and to welcome our alumni back to campus. The Homecoming committee encourages student organizations and other campus student groups to keep this in mind as they prepare for and participate in Homecoming events.

This year's Homecoming theme "*Nightmare on College Street... Fear the Stache!*", provides the opportunity to have fun with various aspects of the Halloween season. Celebrate coming back together as a Governor family this September at the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual Austin Peay State University Homecoming.



**Monday, October 2, 2023**

12:00 p.m. Homecoming King & Queen applications due (PeayLink)

**Monday, October 16 – Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

Homecoming King & Queen elections (PeayLink)

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

12:00 p.m. All Homecoming entry forms due (PeayLink)

12:00 p.m. Banners due (MUC 211)

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SGA T-Shirt Giveaway (MUC Plaza)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Homecoming Heroes competition (MUC Plaza)

6:00 p.m. Bonfire, Pep Rally, & Court Announcement (Dunn Bowl)

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Campus Spirit Judging (various locations)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Homecoming Heroes competition (MUC Plaza)

12:00 p.m. 8th Annual Musical Chairs Contest (MUC Plaza)

6:00 p.m. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gobs Got Talent (Foy)

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Community Day of Service

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Homecoming Heroes competition (MUC Plaza)

5:00 p.m. Unity Walk (Fortera Stadium)

6:00 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gov Tug (Intramural Field)

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Homecoming Heroes competition (MUC Plaza)

12:00 p.m. Halloween Costume contest (MUC Plaza)

6:00 p.m. Comedy Show (Foy)

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

12:00 p.m. Homecoming Hangout (*cookout*) (MUC Plaza)

12:00 p.m. T-shirt swap (while supplies last) (MUC Plaza)

6:00 p.m. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Contest (Foy)

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

11:00 a.m. 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Parade

3:00 p.m. Football Game vs. North Alabama

7:00 p.m. NPHC Step Show (Dunn Center)



## Rules and Regulations

The following rules were developed by the 2023 Homecoming committee and provide clear regulations governing the events, the participants, and competitions of the Fall 2023 Homecoming week. Please read all rules and regulations carefully to avoid any misunderstanding, incorrect interpretation, and possible disqualification from the Homecoming events. Any questions should be directed to Victor Felts, Associate Dean of Students/Director of Student Life and Engagement and 2023 Homecoming Co-Chair.

1. Official entry forms must be completed and submitted via PeayLink no later than Thursday, October 19, 2023 at noon.
2. All times and deadlines are strictly enforced. Refer to individual event rules and regulations for deadline information.
3. Official rules are explained to the judges by the 2023 Homecoming committee. After the initial explanation of the official rules, judges may interpret rules differently from one another.
4. Official appeals must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the specific event in question to the Associate Dean of Students/Director of Student Life and Engagement/2023 Homecoming Co-Chair.
5. Austin Peay is a dry campus and we strictly enforce the “NO ALCOHOL” policy at all events and competitions. Organizations or individual members of organizations caught drinking or carrying alcoholic beverages during the 2023 Homecoming events will be disqualified from the event.
6. Organizations or individual members of organizations who fail to adhere to the general rules and regulations must meet with the Associate Dean of Students/Director of Student Life and Engagement/2023 Homecoming Co-Chair and may be referred to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students for disciplinary action.



## Homecoming Red Bowl Competition

The Homecoming Red Bowl is the prestigious award given annually to the student organization that, through successful participation in Homecoming events, demonstrates the greatest amount of participation, talent in specific events, and school spirit.

To participate in an event, the organization must have completed an entry form prior to the published deadline and be present at the event. The total number of points available is 430. The organization with the most points will be declared the winner of the Red Bowl. In the event of a tie, the organization with the highest score in the banner competition will be declared the winner.

The winner will be announced via social media during the first half of the Homecoming football game and will receive a trophy and \$1000.00 prize. The Associate Dean of Students/Director of Student Life and Engagement/Homecoming Co-Chair (with the assistance of the Homecoming committee) will be responsible for tallying all points and determining the winners.

### Point Breakdown

#### Banner Contest

- Participation (banner submitted on time) 30 points
- First place 10 points
- Second place 5 points
- Third place 3 points

#### Homecoming Heroes

- Participation (representative at table) 50 points

#### Unity Walk

- Participation (80% of your organization) 50 points

#### Gov Tug

- Participation (80% of your organization) 30 points
- First place 10 points
- Second place 5 points
- Third place 3 points

#### Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition

- Participation (80% of your organization) 30 points
- First place 30 points
- Second place 20 points
- Third place 10 points

## Homecoming Parade

- Parade entry (float or non-float) 110 points
- Multiple entries do not add extra points

*Float competition-* Floats will be judged on the following: School Spirit, Incorporation of Homecoming theme, Visual Appearance and Color Scheme, Originality and Creativity, and Welcomes Alumni. Only members of the sponsoring organization may work on the float. Materials may be donated by outside sources. Each team will potentially be reimbursed up to \$500 (depending on the number of entries) for the float. Receipts should be submitted together (all at once) with the name of the student organization to be reimbursed at the top of the receipt. Individuals will not be reimbursed as the funds have to go to a student organization. All receipts must be submitted to Allison Booker (MUC 211) Wednesday, November 1, 2023 by noon.

First place 30 points  
Second place 20 points  
Third place 10 points

*Parade Spirit/Spirit of Homecoming-* An award will be given to the organization that displays the most/best Austin Peay spirit throughout the Homecoming parade and week of competitions. This can be APSU cheers or chants, singing the fight song, APSU signs, walking instead of riding, or other displays of Austin Peay pride. Be creative and have fun! If your organization is clearly separated from other organizations, you will receive points as an individual organization. If your organization appears to be participating in the parade with another organization, you will split any points with that other organization.

First place 30 points  
Second place 20 points  
Third place 10 points



## Banner Contest

Organizations will paint a flat bed sheet to be displayed in the Morgan University Center during Homecoming week. The banner should advertise Homecoming 2023 and instill a sense of school spirit while incorporating the theme of “Nightmare on College Street... Fear the Stache!”.

1. Completed banners are due in MUC 211 by noon Thursday, October 19, 2023.
2. A 4' x 5' piece of a flat bed sheet must be used as the banner. Banners should be prepared so that it can be hung horizontally. Vertical banners will not be judged. Completed banners must be thoroughly dry to be accepted.
3. Organizations should include their organization name on the banner. Organizations are encouraged to instill as much school spirit as possible while incorporating the theme on their banner.
4. Only members of your organization may work on your banner.
5. This competition is for individual organizations, not teams. Banners submitted by a team will not be judged.

Judging will be based on the following scale:

- 20% School spirit
- 20% Incorporation of Homecoming theme
- 20% Creativity
- 40% Quality of art, color scheme, and workmanship



## Homecoming Heroes

In it's third year, the Homecoming Heroes competition will be raising needed funds for Burt Elementary School located next to Fortera Stadium.

1. Each registered student organization or group may nominate one male and one female.
2. Nominated students must be currently enrolled at Austin Peay State University.
3. Nominated students will submit a photo to [feltsv@apsu.edu](mailto:feltsv@apsu.edu) by Thursday, October 19, 2023 by noon to participate.
4. Each contestant will have a coin bucket in the MUC plaza from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to collect money.
5. Each contestant (or her/his designee) will sit with the coin bucket (provided by SLE) each day to collect funds.
6. This is not a coin war! All money collected in each contestant's bucket will count toward their total for the week. Keep that Homecoming spirit! 😊
7. The male and female with the most money collected will be crowned Homecoming Heroes at the Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition.
8. The two named Homecoming Heroes will have a reserved spot in the 2023 Homecoming parade.



## Musical Chairs

Back by popular demand, Musical Chairs will be open to the entire campus. There will be 100 chairs and we will count down one-by-one until we have one person crowned champion. This event does not count towards the Red Bowl, but participation and attendance will be taken into account for the Spirit of Homecoming award.





## Gov Tug

The Gov Tug has now become a Homecoming tradition. There are three categories: men, women, and co-ed. Student organizations can only compete in one category. (all-male organizations vs. all-male organizations; all-female organizations vs. all-female organizations; co-ed organizations vs. co-ed organizations.) Co-ed teams must have three men and three women. No exceptions.

### Rules

Brackets for each category will be determined randomly.

Two teams of six (6) players will line-up on either side of the rope. Traditional tug-of-war rules apply with the following stipulations:

1. No cleats may be worn during competition.
2. No gloves or any sticky substance may be used.
3. No knots or loops can be constructed in the rope.
4. All players must use ordinary grip.
5. Rope cannot be wrapped around wrists.
6. Rope cannot be wrapped around any part of the body; including the anchor.



## Homecoming Unity Walk

The Homecoming Unity Walk is open to the entire campus (faculty, staff, students). It is an opportunity to celebrate our differences and similarities while coming together as Governors. We will meet at Fortera Stadium and walk through campus. This is an opportunity to show your pride in your organization as well as your Austin Peay pride. Participation will count towards the Spirit of Homecoming award. You are encouraged to wear Austin Peay or student organization apparel, as well as displaying flags, banners, etc.



## Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition

The fight song competition is designed to display school spirit! It should reflect originality, creativity, and pride in Austin Peay State University.

### Rules

1. Traditional lip sync competition with the incorporation of the Austin Peay fight song **Smash! Bang!** The entire fight song must be included in your performance. Be creative. Lip Sync songs can only be used by one organization and will be approved on a first come, first served basis when you submit your entry form.
2. Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. All performers must be present and your organization checked-in by 5:45 p.m.
3. Pre-recorded music must be submitted digitally to [feltsv@apsu.edu](mailto:feltsv@apsu.edu) by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2023. A representative of your team must meet with the production team between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. to the left side of the stage. Please bring a digital copy of your music on a thumb drive to this meeting to ensure your music works. **HAVE A BACK UP COPY OF YOUR MUSIC!**
4. If you will be starting and stopping your music during your performance, someone from your organization must be backstage to assist the tech professional.
5. Music used in the Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition may not contain vulgar language. This is immediate grounds for disqualification.
6. Performances may not contain profanity or inappropriate gestures. This is immediate grounds for disqualification. Judges and representatives of the Office of Student Life and Engagement will determine what is and is not appropriate.
7. No disparaging remarks about another student or student organization are permissible. This is immediate grounds for disqualification.
8. Performances must be no longer than 7 minutes. Time will begin as soon as the first sound is sung, spoken, or played. Time will end when the last person is off the stage. No one is permitted to jump off the stage. There will be a 10 point penalty for going over the time limit.
9. Props may be used as long as participants remove them from the stage. No confetti, glitter, balloons, pyrotechnics, or any other items may be released before, during, or after the performance. Any items left on stage will result in a 10 point penalty.

10. Absolutely no build-ups, tumbling, or stunts are allowed.
11. Maximum number of participants per performance may not exceed 20 members.
12. For combined/paired organizations, it is strongly suggested that you have the same number of men and women participating. Judges will take this balance into consideration.
13. Performances will be based on the following point system:
  - a. Lip syncing quality (memorization by all participants) 40 points
  - b. Knowing the words to Smash! Bang! (c'mon y'all) 30 points
  - c. Theme (choice of music, costumes, props) 20 points
  - d. Overall appeal (entertaining, choreography, applause) 10 points
14. All performers must be members of your organization and a currently enrolled student at APSU.

## ***Smash! Bang!***

Smash! Bang! To Victory  
Go the Governors of Austin Peay  
Clash! Clang! It's Misery  
For the minions of the Enemy  
Fight On and  
Smash! Bang! to Score Again  
For It's Ready, Set, 1, 2, 3!  
Smash Bang! Biff Bam! Clash Clang! Rim Ram!  
Dash Along to Victory!  
Let's Go Peay!



## Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming parade is one of the highest profile events to the Austin Peay and Clarksville community. Participation in this event can help highlight the positive aspects of your organization. The two categories for the Homecoming parade are: floats and non-floats.

### Float Competition

1. Float themes are approved on a first-come, first served basis. If your float is deemed to be too similar to another organization's theme, you will be asked to choose another theme.
2. All float entries must be at North 8<sup>th</sup> Street no later than 10:00 a.m. Any float entry not in its designated location and checked in with a parade marshal by 10:05 a.m. will have 10 points deducted.
3. Vehicles pulling floats may not have any decorations that block the front and side vision of the driver.
4. Individuals are allowed to ride on floats during the parade provided the float meets all safety requirements.
5. The driver of the float must not have consumed alcohol within the past 24 hours.
6. Extensions to float beds are not allowed. Floats are limited to one trailer.
7. Floats must have at least one working fire extinguisher on board at all times. Any entry not having a fire extinguisher will be disqualified from competition.
8. Organizations working together must indicate their partnership on the official entry form. Organizations must complete official entry forms individually and must both acknowledge the partnership on the entry forms and have the same description of the float.

Floats will be judged on the following criteria:

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| a. Workmanship and creativity        | 40 points |
| a. Incorporation of Homecoming theme | 30 points |
| b. School spirit                     | 20 points |
| c. Welcomes Alumni                   | 10 points |



### **Non-Float entries**

The non-float entry is a less costly and more creative way for organizations to be involved with the Homecoming parade. This includes marching bands, vehicles carrying organization members, walking, and performance groups.

1. All non-float entries must be at North 8<sup>th</sup> Street no later than 10:30 a.m.
2. The driver of any vehicle must not have consumed alcohol within the past 24 hours.
3. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times. If an individual cannot maintain appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, she/he will be asked to leave the parade, float, vehicle, or site immediately. Failure to leave will result in being escorted by Clarksville or APSU police.
4. Nothing may be tossed, thrown, or handed to a parade spectator by any one riding on a float or in a vehicle. Those walking in the parade may hand out items to spectators.

### **Spirit of Homecoming**

This award will be given to the organization that displays the most/best Austin Peay spirit throughout the Homecoming parade and the entire week of competitions. For the parade, this can be APSU cheers or chants, singing the fight song, APSU signs, walking instead of riding, or other displays of Austin Peay pride. Be creative and have fun! The second part recognizes student organizations who genuinely participate fully in Homecoming events and engages their members safely during scheduled events.

Homecoming is a time to celebrate our alumni while creating lasting collegiate memories. Having fun is paramount. Cut-throat competition attitude can be saved for intramural sporting competitions. Pettiness and shade have no place during Homecoming week. This award will be determined by the 2003 Homecoming committee and/or their designees. Now, let's have fun!