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 to keep this in mind as they prepare for and participate in Homecoming events.
Important Times and Dates

**Thursday, October 17, 2019**
12:00 p.m.  Homecoming King & Queen applications due (PeayLink)

**Monday, October 28 – Wednesday, October 30, 2019**
Homecoming King & Queen elections (PeayLink)

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019**
12:00 p.m.  All Homecoming entry forms due (PeayLink)

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**
12:00 p.m.  Banners due (MUC 211)

**Monday, November 4, 2019**
7:00 p.m.  Bonfire & Pep Rally (Dunn Bowl)
7:30 p.m.  Court Announcement
7:45 p.m.  SGA T-Shirt Giveaway

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**
12:00 p.m.  Homecoming Hangout (cookout/MUC Plaza)
7:00 p.m.  Comedy Show (Foy)

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**
9:00 a.m.  Campus Spirit Judging (various locations)
12:00 p.m.  T-shirt Swap (MUC Plaza)
3:00 p.m.  6th Annual Gov Tug (Intramural Field)

**Thursday, November 7, 2019**
12:00 p.m.  Throwback Thursday Mystery Event (MUC Plaza)
7:00 p.m.  15th Annual Gov’s Got Talent Show (Foy)

**Friday, November 8, 2019**
12:00 p.m.  6th Annual Musical Chairs Contest (MUC Plaza)
7:00 p.m.  10th Annual Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Contest (Foy)

**Saturday, November 8, 2019**
10:00 a.m.  74th Annual Homecoming Parade
3:00 p.m.  Football Game
7:00 p.m.  NPHC Homecoming Step Show
Rules and Regulations

The following rules were developed by the 2019 Homecoming committee and provide clear regulations governing the events, the participants, and competitions of the 2019 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 2019 Homecoming Co-Chair.

1. Official entry forms must be completed and submitted via PeayLink no later than Thursday, October 31, 2019 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 2019 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/2019 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 2019 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/2019 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 400. 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 mystery event will be declared the winner.

The winner will be announced at halftime 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**

- **Monday, October 22, 2019**
  - Bonfire & Pep Rally
  - Participation 25 points

- **Wednesday, October 18, 2019**
  - Banner Contest
  - Participation (banner submitted on time) 25 points
  - First place 10 points
  - Second place 5 points
  - Third place 3 points

- **Wednesday, October 18, 2019**
  - Gov Tug (featured event)
  - Participation 25 points
  - First place 30 points
  - Second place 20 points
  - Third place 10 points

- **Thursday, October 19, 2019**
  - Throwback Thursday Mystery Event
  - Participation 25 points
  - First place 10 points
  - Second place 5 points
  - Third place 3 points

- **Friday, October 20, 2019**
  - Musical Chairs
  - Participation 25 points

- **Friday, October 20, 2019**
  - Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition (featured event)
- Participation 25 points
- First place 30 points
- Second place 20 points
- Third place 10 points

Saturday, October 21, 2019

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 be reimbursed up to $1000 (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 Natalie Ross-Baggett (MUC 211) Wednesday, November 20, 2019 by noon.

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

Parade Spirit- An award will be given to the organization that displays the most/best Austin Peay spirit throughout the Homecoming 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! 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
The Bonfire and Pep Rally are two of the longest-standing traditions associated with APSU Homecoming. By supporting the Govs, cheering with the cheerleaders and dance team, singing and clapping with the Governors Own Marching Band, you will not only have a fun time, but also accumulate points toward the Red Bowl.

**Rules**

1. Make your presence known in a positive way during the pep rally.
2. Celebrate the men and women who are announced to the 2019 Homecoming Court.
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 2019 and instill a sense of school spirit while incorporating the theme of “Govs On Broadway”.

1. Completed banners are due in MUC 211 by noon Thursday, October 31, 2019.

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.

Judging will be based on the following scale:

25% School spirit
25% Incorporation of Homecoming theme
25% Creativity
25% Quality of art, color scheme, and workmanship
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.
Musical Chairs

A game of musical chairs will be open to the entire campus this year, with 100 participants. Participation from student organizations is encouraged.

Rules

1. Emcee will instruct participants when to rise and begin circling around the chairs.
2. When the music stops, participants will sit in empty chair.
3. The person(s) left without a chair will be eliminated.
4. Pending a dispute, available judges will determine who is eliminated.
5. If participants demonstrate elevated aggressiveness for a “disputed” seat, both will be eliminated. Judges will determine if a “dispute” has occurred.
6. Towards the end of the game, chairs will be separated and dispersed further apart to allow a fair distance.
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. Organizations are strongly encouraged to select songs from *one musical* instead of songs from various ones. Songs from the same musical will be approved before those from a list of songs from various musicals.

2. Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. All performers must be present and signed-in by 6:45 p.m.

3. Pre-recorded music must be submitted in two formats between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to the production team located by the stage. (1- CD with your organization clearly marked; and 2- digital version on a mobile device) The CD should be labeled with your organization’s name.

4. Music used in the Smash! Bang! Lip Sync Competition may not contain vulgar language. This is immediate grounds for disqualification.

5. 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.

6. No disparaging remarks about another student or student organization are permissible. This is immediate grounds for disqualification.

7. Performances must be no longer than 10 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.

8. 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.

9. Absolutely no build-ups, tumbling, or stunts are allowed.

10. Maximum number of participants per performance may not exceed 40 members.
11. For combined organizations, it is strongly suggested that you have the same number of men and women participating. Judges will take this balance into consideration.

12. Performances will be based on the following point system:

   a. Performance (creativity, memorization, choreography) 25 points
   b. APSU Spirit (including Smash! Bang!, enthusiasm) 25 points
   c. Theme (choice of music, costumes, props) 25 points
   d. Overall appeal (entertaining, comedy, applause) 25 points

13. All performers must be members of your organization and a currently enrolled student at APSU.
Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming parade can be 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 parade entries must be at North 8th Street no later than 9:00 a.m. Any float entry not in its designated location and checked in with the parade director by 9:05 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.

Floats will be judged on the following criteria:

- **School spirit** 25 points
- **Incorporation of Homecoming theme** 25 points
- **Workmanship, Originality, and Creativity** 25 points
- **Welcomes Alumni** 25 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 parade entries must be at North 8th Street no later than 9:30 p.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. Further, the organization the person represents will be disqualified from all parade events.

4. Store bought, wrapped candy and other prizes may be distributed to parade spectators only by individuals walking in the parade. Nothing may be tossed, thrown, or handed to a parade spectator by any one riding on a float, in a vehicle, or being transported by any means.

Parade Spirit

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2019 Homecoming Prize Package

Banner  trophy
Gov Tug  trophy
Musical Chairs  trophy
Mystery Event  trophy
Smash! Bang! Lip Sync  trophy
Float  trophy
Spirit of Homecoming  trophy
Red Bowl Winner  $1000