The Official Homecoming 2012 Information Guide

Division of Student Affairs and Academic Support
Department of Student Life
The 2012 Homecoming Commission

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2012 Schedule of Events

**Saturday, November 3**  
Service Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Sunday, November 4**  
Dance Marathon ft 5k 9:00 am  
Blatt

**Monday, November 5**  
Kick-off Event 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Greene Street  
T-Shirts available for pick up

Spurs and Struts 8:00 pm  
Greene Street

**Tuesday, November 6**  
Showcase 7:00 pm  
Carolina Coliseum

**Wednesday, November 7**  
Canned Creations 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Greene Street

Float Building 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Greene Street Intramural Field

**Thursday, November 8**  
Cockfest Pep Rally 8:00 pm  
Greene Street

Float Building 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Greene Street Intramural Field

**Friday, November 9**  
Float Building 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Greene Street Intramural Field

Parade 3:00 pm  
Greene Street

Stepshow 7:00 pm  
Carolina Coliseum

**Saturday, November 10**  
Homecoming Game: USC vs. Arkansas  
Williams-Brice Stadium
Carolinian Creed

The community of scholars at the University of South Carolina is dedicated to personal and academic excellence.

Choosing to join the community obligates each member to a code of civilized behavior.

As a Carolinian...

◆

I will practice personal and academic integrity;
◆

I will respect the dignity of all persons;
◆

I will respect the rights and property of others;
◆

I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions;
◆

I will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions which support their work and development.
◆

Allegiance to these ideals requires each Carolinian to refrain from and discourage behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect every individual deserves.
Important Homecoming Dates

9-19-12 *Information Meeting - Russell House 205, 7:00 p.m.

9-26-12 *Information Meeting - Russell House 205, 7:00 p.m.

9-28-12 Homecoming Applications Due Online (homecoming.sc.edu)
T-Shirt Orders are due in Russell House 227 with money by 4:00 p.m.
Step Show Application Due in Russell House 227 by 4:00 p.m.
Showcase Application Due in Russell House 227 by 4:00 p.m.

9-28-12 Spurs and Struts Tryout Schedule Posted Online (homecoming.sc.edu)
Parade Trailer Recipients Posted Online (homecoming.sc.edu)

10-5-12 Parade Float Design Submission in Russell House 227 by 4:00 p.m.

10-8-12 Parade Float Designs Judged

10-8-12 Showcase Semi-finalists Posted Online (homecoming.sc.edu)

10-10-12 Parade Float Design Winners Announced

10-14-12 Showcase Interviews - Russell House 301 (Whitten Room), 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10-14-12 Spurs and Struts Tryouts - Russell House Ballroom, 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

10-15-12 Showcase Finalists Posted Online (homecoming.sc.edu)

10-15-12 Spurs and Struts Finalists Posted Online (homecoming.sc.edu)

10-28-12 Showcase Finalist Meeting – Russell House 301 (Whitten Room), 4:00 p.m.

11-3-12 Service Saturday, 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

11-4-12 Banners Due to Russell House 227 by 12:00 p.m.

11-4-12 Pick Up Supplies For Paint the Town Garnet and Black, 12:00 p.m.

11-4-12 Dance Marathon FT5K, 9:00 a.m.

11-5-12 T-Shirt Pick Up @ Kick-off on Greene Street, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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11-5-12 Spurs and Struts - Greene Street, 8:00 p.m.
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*A representative from each participating organization MUST attend one of these two informational meetings in order for their organization to be eligible to participate*
Homecoming 2012 Official Rules and Participation Guidelines

Student organizations and individual students are encouraged to take part in all Homecoming week activities. Organizations may also participate in the annual Homecoming point’s competition. Points are awarded throughout the week for attending, participating in, and winning Homecoming events. The group with the most points collected over the week wins the honor of first place overall in Homecoming 2012 and will be recognized in the halftime program at the Homecoming football game on November 10, 2012.

1. Any registered USC student organization or individual student may participate in any Homecoming activity.

2. USC student organizations participating in Homecoming activities must be registered and in good standing with the Department of Student Life.

3. Organizations have the ability to participate in either the Gamecock Greatness Category of the Cocky’s Cup Category. An organization competing alone or as a pair with 80 members or less on their official roster will be included in the Cocky’s Cup Category. An organization competing alone or as a pair with more than 80 members will be included in the Gamecock Greatness category.

4. Organizations have the opportunity to participate in each category for points. The organization with the most collected points will be deemed the winner of their respective category (Gamecock Greatness or Cocky’s Cup.) Note: Participation in the point’s competition of either category during Homecoming Week is optional for any organization. Organizations must indicate on their application if they will or will not be participating in the point’s competition.

5. Two organizations participating as a team in Homecoming week events will share all points earned. To register as a team, both groups must list their partner organization on their individual applications.

6. Student organizations who are not participating in the point’s competition are still capable of winning Homecoming honors/awards (ex. Best of Carolina, etc.) Attendance points are awarded for attending Showcase, Spurs & Struts, Cockfest, and the Step Show. To earn attendance points, organization members must swipe their own USC ID at designated check-in turbos. Turbos will be available 1 hour before each event begins and will continue until 15 minutes after the official start time of the event. For all events, points are calculated by the percentage of checked-in organization members. Attendance for all events will be monitored by Homecoming Commission members. The Homecoming Commission reserves the right to deduct points from organizations found to be vacating events more than 1 hour prior to the end time.

7. For events with entry points, such as Showcase and halftime awards, a team may nominate only two (2) candidates/nominees; one from each organization; organizations participating in the points competition may only receive credit for a maximum of two (2) entries for these particular events. Organizations may nominate only active members in good standing. For example, Club XYZ and Club ABC are a team; they are only able to nominate 2 individuals total.

8. Organizations are required to designate an official Homecoming representative on the Homecoming application. This person will serve as the official contact person, and will receive
all Homecoming notifications and updates from the commission for his/her organization.

9. Official Homecoming applications (Homecoming and Halftime Awards) are due online (http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/homecoming/) by September 28, 2012. In addition to the application, a full updated organizational roster is due. Please submit an electronic list in excel format (Full first name, Last name). The electronic form must be sent to sahc@email.sc.edu, by September 28. Only members on this roster can compete and receive participation points during the week of Homecoming. Please make sure to include new members on this roster. Remember to take members off your roster who are disaffiliating. Student Organizations with rosters filed in the Department of Student Life office (i.e. Greek Organizations) will be attained by the Homecoming Commission. No adjustments can be made to the rosters after being submitted by September 28.

10. All preliminary information (audition schedules, finalists, etc.) will be posted on the Homecoming website (http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/homecoming/).

11. The Homecoming Commission will not reimburse organizations for expenses related to Homecoming week.

12. Winners of the individual events will be announced on Thursday, November 8 at Cockfest, except Showcase which will be presented on Tuesday, November 6 and Step Show which will be presented on Friday, November 9. Overall Homecoming Winners will be announced at Half-time presentation on game day (November 10).

13. One representative from each organization receiving an overall Homecoming award will be required to accept the awards on behalf of their organization on the field at the halftime presentation.

14. Organization presidents and Homecoming representatives must state that their organization will follow all rules by submitting the Homecoming application, and signed agreement. All rules are strictly enforced by the Director of Rules and Regulations Chairman.

15. Performances and entries in Homecoming week must not display offensive or inappropriate language and behavior. All offensive performances and entries are subject to scoring deductions and disqualification at the discretion of the Director of Rules and Regulations. Additionally, all point deductions and penalties for breaking rules will be made at the discretion of the Director of Rules and Regulations of the Homecoming Commission.

16. The Homecoming Commission reserves the right to disqualify any organization found in violation of the rules set forth in this information guide, the policies of the USC Department of Student Life, and the policies and guidelines of the University of South Carolina.
Competition Categories

Organizations will be able to participate in one of the following categories. Each category will be judged separately and there will be an overall winner announced within each category.

Gamecock Greatness Category

Organizations will apply for this category if:

- They are competing alone or as a pair with more than 75 members on their official roster. Note: if competing as a pair, the combined total of both organizations must be more than 75 members.
- They are interested in competing with other large organizations.
- They want to showcase their gamecock spirit!

Cocky’s Cup

Organizations will apply for this category if:

- They are competing alone or as a pair with 75 members or less on their official roster. Note, if competing as a pair, the combined total of both organizations must be 75 members or less.
- They are interested in competing with other small organizations.
- They want to showcase their gamecock spirit!

Note: The point breakdowns for each category (for those organizations competing) are depicted on the following pages.
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Cocky’s Cup Parade:

By taking part in the Parade, Cocky’s Cup competitors may receive extra points. Maximum points awarded for participating is 24 and points will be added to that organization’s total for Homecoming activities.

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<td>A group leads Carolina cheers or is wearing Carolina swag.</td>
<td>Group gets onlookers involved in their route, can be done by involving them in cheers or another means.</td>
<td>Group performs during parade. Must be done in front of judges and at a second time during the parade route.</td>
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Example: Organization has 100 total members and 23 members check-in and run. That organization will receive 46 points! (23/100=23%×2pts = 46 attendance points)

Dance Marathon ft5k:

Attendance points will be calculated based on the percentage of checked-in organization members on their official roster. For every 1% checked in the organization will receive 2 attendance points.

Example: Organization has 100 total members and 23 members check-in and run. That organization will receive 46 points! (23/100=23%×2pts = 46 attendance points)

**All organizations must notify Taylor Monferdini (monferdt@email.sc.edu) by Oct 24 and provide a 2 sentence blurb about your organization to participate. No late entries will be accepted.**
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**Service Saturday**
Saturday, November 3
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Co-sponsored with Community Service Programs

Event Director: Marissa Barmine

**About:**
Join up to 200 students in a half day of service. Once a month, students gather on a Saturday to pack food at the Harvest Hope Food Bank, interact with residents at Agape Senior Assisted Living facility, or do trail maintenance at Belser Arboretum to name a few. Transportation and lunch are provided. Register in advance to guarantee a spot.

1. Points Allocation
   - Cocky's Cup
     a. Participation: 100 points for participation of (minimum) 5 members
   - Gamecock Greatness Award
     a. Participation: 100 points for participation of (minimum) 10 members

**Rules:**

A. Each group must arrive at Russell House at 8 AM for Check in. Buses Depart at 9AM
B. Groups must register Community Service Programs. To register with Community Service Programs go to the website: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/servicesat/ (available Monday, October 15, 2012)
   1. Under register now, click on the link for the November 3rd Service Saturday date. You should be directed to the Volunteer Registration form.
   2. Make sure to include your organization's name on the volunteer registration form.
Homecoming Banners
Sunday, November 4
12:00 PM Greene Street / Blatt / Strom

Event Director: Valerie Cumpston

Points Allocation:

1. Participation: 50 points
2. Competition:
   a. 1st Place: 200
   b. 2nd Place: 150
   c. 3rd Place: 100

Rules:

1. Banners must be made on twin sized sheets, or of material of the same size
2. Banner must be landscape oriented.
3. Banners may be hung in three different places, on the Greene Street Wall, Blatt, or Strom. The location of your banner will be determined first by those organizations that placed in the competition and then based off of first come, first serve requests.
4. All banners must include the names of the organizations which have created the banner.
5. Banners must be completely dry before turned in for judging.
6. All banners must be turned into the Campus Life Center (RH 227) by 12:00 PM and judging will begin promptly at 5:00 PM.
7. Judging will be equally based on adherence to theme, aesthetics and design.
Paint the Town Garnet and Black
Sunday, November 4

Event Director: Valerie Cumpston

About:
Paint the Town Garnet and Black is a window painting competition in which each organization is matched with a local business or recognizable location in the City of Columbia. The windows will be judged according to how well the organization’s mural coincides with the Homecoming 2012 theme “Cocky for a Reason.”

1. Points Allocation: Participation: 75 points

Rules:
1. Participating organizations must fill out a formal agreement with its paired business/location.
2. The agreement will be emailed to the representative if your organization decides to participate.
3. You will be provided 4 colors of paint markers (one of which will be black). However, you are still able to bring additional paint markers of various colors if you so desire.
4. Each organization will have a designated area for painting. These areas will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Nobody will be assigned a spot before 11:00am on Sunday, November 4.
5. You may begin painting your window Sunday, November 4 at 12:00 pm.
6. Paint must be cleaned up ENTIRELY by Sunday, November 11th at 5:00 pm. Each organization is responsible for all damages and the clean up of the painted window by Sunday, November 11 at 5:00pm. If the windows are not cleaned up by this date and time, the business reserves the right to charge the organization a clean-up fee, and the organization will have 100 points deducted.
About:
Dance Marathon at the University of South Carolina is the largest student-run philanthropy in the state. It is an annual 24-hour no sitting, no sleeping event held in February. USCDM raises awareness and funds for the Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, our local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital. Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital is the largest free-standing children's hospital in the state, serving over 80,000 patients each year. The event will take place on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 9:00 am in front of Blatt PE Center

Points Allocation:
1. Attendance: 2 points per 1% (Explanation on page 8)

Rules:
- The event will take place on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 9:00 am in front of Blatt PE Center
- Organizations are able to walk or run in the event.
- More information will become available as the FT5K approaches.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Greenwall at uscft5k@gmail.com
Spurs and Struts
Monday, November 5
8:00 PM Greene Street

Event Director: Dakota Bierly

About: Spurs and Struts is the annual dance competition. Participants are judged on spirit, synchronization, pep, and how well their dance fits with the Homecoming theme. A variety of dance styles and music are encouraged, though discretion is advised.

Points Allocation
a. Participation: 50 points – including teams that try-out but did not move on to competition
b. Competition and Attendance:
   i. First Place: 200 Points
   ii. Second Place: 150 Points
   iii. Third Place: 100 Points
c. Organization’s points will be counted towards their respective big/small organization overall competition.

Overall Rules
a. The dance competition will consist of one group dance, though a couple’s dance may be included as part of the group routine, it is not required.
b. No member of any organization may enter the competition more than once. (Ex: if you are a member of both a Greek and service sorority, you may only participate as a member of one group.)
c. Organizations entered into and paired with another organization for all Homecoming activities may only be entered into the competition once.
d. Dance routines may not exceed 4 minutes in length. Deductions will take place every 15 seconds after the 4 minute mark is reached.
e. No routine may involve “stunting.” This includes any form of cheer stunts/lifts and/or tumbling.
f. Groups will be penalized for any sort of mass jumping/cheering before, during, or after a routine while still on-stage. Jumping must be limited to dance moves appropriate to the routine and no routine may include a jump that involves the majority of dancers on stage.
g. Group routines are limited to 25 dancers total.
h. Only dancers are allowed on stage.
i. Only those organizations registered for the competition may participate.
j. In order to participate, dancers must be registered members of the organization he/she is representing in the competition.
k. Reminder that organizations are being judged on creativity, adherence to theme, and Carolina Spirit.
l. Each group or organization will draw 4 songs from a bowl. All of the songs will come from the Billboard Top 100 released in the last 10 years on the second week of November. The organization must use 30 seconds from each song somewhere in their routine. The remaining 2 minutes can be filled with music of the organization’s choice.
m. The use of professional choreography (i.e. from a movie or music video) or a professional choreographer is prohibited. Any group found to be using such material will be disqualified.

1. Dance Competition Information
a. **Stage Dimensions**: 32’ (wide) x 20’ (deep) x 9’ (tall)

b. **Tryouts**:
   i. Audition schedule will be posted online at the Homecoming website ([http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/homecoming/](http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/homecoming/)) by Friday, September 28th, 2012.
   ii. All tryouts will be held on Sunday, September 30th in the Russell House Ballroom 4 pm-10 pm.
   iii. All dancers must be present 15 minutes prior to tryout time in order to participate in tryouts.
   iv. All late dancers will be unable to participate in tryouts.
   v. Organizations cannot require dancers to wear matching costumes for the tryouts; organizations will not be judged on or penalized for dress, unless it is inappropriate.
   vi. Organizations are encouraged to bring any major props necessary for the performance. This does not include flat backdrops (sheets) or unused decoration (statues that are for aesthetic purposes only, etc.)
   vii. As in actual competition, dances exceeding 4 minutes in length will be penalized every 15 seconds over 4 minutes.
   viii. Auditions are closed. Organizations may have no more than 2 non-dance members watching the audition; no organization or member thereof may watch another organization’s tryout.
   ix. Organizations must bring a CD-R with only their routine’s track on the disk. Tryout facilitators will play only the first track on the disk.

c. **Scoring**:
   i. Judges will be non-biased faculty, staff, administration, or community members.
   ii. Judges can have no affiliation with any organization, whether it is past, present, or future.
   iii. Judging will be based on:
      1. Spirit – 25%
      2. Creativity – 25%
      3. Adherence to Theme – 25%
      4. Synchronization, Technique, and Difficulty – 25%
         *** Judging will not be based on number of dancer participants. In case of a tie, the order of judging criteria will be the order that scores are looked at***
   iv. Twelve teams will participate in the Spurs and Struts competition.
   v. The 9 top-scoring teams after tryouts will move on automatically.
   vi. The remaining team names will be put in a bowl; three will be randomly selected. These three teams will participate in the Spurs and Struts competition at the same level with the 9 top-scoring teams. Judges will not be aware of the 3 wildcard teams.
   vii. Scores from tryouts will not be carried on to the Spurs and Struts competition; they will only be used to determine the 9 top-scoring teams and, if necessary, break a tie during competition. The 12 participating teams will compete on a level playing field during the Spurs and Struts competition.

**Spurs and Struts Competition**

a. The 12 finalist organizations will be posted on Monday, October 1st on the Homecoming website (www.homecoming.sc.edu).

b. Finalist organizations must provide a well-labeled copy of their final CD-R (same stipulations as during tryouts) to Allison Toney in Room 227 of the Russell House by 4 PM Friday, November 2.

c. All organizations must report to the area designated by the Homecoming Commission **1 hour before their actual performance time**.
d. Organizations may have no more than 2 non-dance members backstage during the competition at any time.

e. Finalist organizations should perform a routine that very closely resembles the tryout routine, though improvements and small changes may be made between tryouts and the Spurs and Struts competition.

f. Organizations are encouraged to wear spirited and appropriate costumes; stage displays, if not excessive, are welcomed, though they should be limited to no more than a flat backdrop and one or two free-standing displays. The use of hand-held signs is allowed.

g. All routines must follow the “dance competition rules” as stated above.

h. Teams will not be allowed to re-perform their dance unless sound is through a technical fault. In this case, teams will be allowed to restart their performance once.

i. After organization’s final performance, they are required to clear the designated backstage area. Organizations who fail to completely vacate the backstage area will be disqualified. One member from each team must return to the backstage area after the final performance for the final results.

j. Judging criteria is identical to criteria outlined under “tryouts”.

k. The rain location is the Russell House Ballroom.

l. Participants are encouraged to bring as many spectators as possible!
Showcase
Tuesday, November 6
7:00 PM Carolina Coliseum

Event Director: Anne Payne

About:
Showcase is an event during Homecoming 2012 that "showcases" the tremendous talent held by students at the University of South Carolina and to decide our annual homecoming king and queen. Each organization participating in homecoming week is permitted to nominate one member to apply for this event. The first judging process of reviewing applications helps us to find our top 10 female and top 10 male participants. Next, we hold interviews for those who have advanced to the second selection process, where we then decide on our top 5 female and top 5 male participants. Finally, the top 10 participants chosen compete in a "pageant" showcasing their presentation, talent, and interview skills, and our homecoming king, queen, prince, and princess are crowned. The 2012 Showcase Competition will take place on Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Coliseum.

Points Allocation
a. Participation:
   i. Selection of an applicant as a Semi Finalist: 15 points
   ii. Selection of an applicant as a Finalist: 20 points

b. Competition and Attendance:
   i. King/Queen: 150 Points
   ii. Prince/Princess: 100 Points

c. Congeniality Award: 50 Points (male and female winners)

d. Talent Award: 50 Points

Rules
a. Rehearsal: Contestants must arrive at the Coliseum the day of the event at their scheduled rehearsal time. Rehearsal will be completed by 6:00 p.m. All spectators to be counted for participation points must arrive by 7:15 p.m.

b. Homecoming King and Queen selection process
   i. Candidate qualifications and nominations:
      1. Academic qualifications: All candidates must be full-time students at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. All candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and sixty (60) credit hours completed, thirty (30) of which must have been completed at the USC-Columbia campus.
      2. Organization nominations: Candidates may only be nominated by a registered student organization at the USC-Columbia campus that has registered for participation in the point’s competition (small organizations are also encouraged to nominate someone). Each team may nominate a maximum of two (2) candidates, (one from each organization on the team): one (1) king and one (1) queen. Organizations should, at their own discretion, choose eligible candidates whom the members of the
organization deem qualified to represent their group. Students may not nominate themselves. Organizations cannot nominate someone who previously made it to the finalist stage.

3. Application process: All properly nominated candidates must complete the official Showcase application, which will be available on the Homecoming website (http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/homecoming/) beginning third week of August. No applications will ask for demographic information from any Showcase applicant. Applications and all attached application material must be submitted to Russell House Suite 227 by Friday, September 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

ii. Selection process:

1. First Selection Round—Application Review: An objective commission comprised of a diverse group of faculty members and administrators will judge all complete and timely applications. The judges in this round of competition will not be privy to any applicant’s name or demographic information. The judges will select the ten (10) best-qualified semi-finalists for Homecoming King and the ten (10) best-qualified semi-finalists for Homecoming Queen, based solely on the information provided to them in the Showcase applications. Semi-finalists’ names and organizations will be posted on the Homecoming website on Monday, October 8, 2012.

2. Second Selection Round—Interview: A second objective panel comprised of a diverse group of faculty members, administrators, alumni, and local community members will interview each semi-finalist. The ratings of these judges will make up each semi-finalist’s interview score, which will be used to select the five (5) best-qualified King and five (5) best-qualified Queen semi-finalists. In the event of a tie in interview scores, scores from the application review will be used to determine the winner; only in the event of a tie will previous scores be referred to during this phase. Semi-finalists will sign up for individual interview times at any time before 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2012. Interviews will last ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes per semi-finalist. Interviews will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2012 in Russell House Room 301 (Whitten Room). The ten (10) finalists for the Showcase competition will be announced on the homecoming website on Monday, October 15, 2012.

3. Third Selection Round—Showcase: A third objective panel comprised of a diverse group of faculty members, administrators, alumni, and local community members will serve as judges for the Homecoming Showcase on November 6, 2012. During showcase, finalists will perform publicly, displaying their speaking skills, poise, formalwear, and public presentation of talent. All finalists must attend all rehearsals and meetings set by the Homecoming Commission. The talent portion of the Showcase competition will be no longer than five (5) minutes per finalist and the talent must consist of a presentation to the audience that is performed at the time of Showcase. The talent cannot rely heavily on recorded video. Appropriate talents include, but are not limited to: live music performance, dramatic interpretation, rhetoric, spoken word performance, stand-up comedy, or dance. Equipment available to finalists for talent performances will include various musical instruments, microphones, and a projector screen. The judges will select a Homecoming King and Queen and a Homecoming Prince and Princess. In addition, the judges will also select a contestant to receive the talent award based on the talent scores. All finalists will vote on a Miss and Mr. Congeniality for the competition, to be announced with the King,
Queen, Prince and Princess at the end of Showcase. In the event of a tie, scores from the interview round will be used to determine the winner; only in the event of a tie will previous scores be used during the Showcase round. The judging criteria for Showcase will be as follows:

- 15% Personality
- 20% Audience Vote (via text messaging)
- 25% Talent
- 25% Onstage Interview
- 15% Poise/Formalwear

c. **Homecoming Court Duties:**

   iii. The Homecoming Court (King, Queen, Prince, and Princess) must attend Cockfest, Parade, the Homecoming football game on Saturday, November 10, 2012, and any rehearsals for the half-time portion of the Homecoming football game.

   iv. The Homecoming Court will be presented at half-time of the Homecoming football game.

   v. Appropriate attire is required for all official duties, and a schedule delineating proper attire will be distributed to the King and Queen at Showcase.

   vi. The King and Queen may be asked to participate in other programs which represent the University and the Carolina community. Attendance at such additional programs is encouraged, but not required.

   vii. If, at any time following their coronation, the King and Queen are found in violation of the policies or laws of the University of South Carolina, the city of Columbia, or the state of South Carolina, or if they take part in any actions deemed illegal or inappropriate by the Homecoming Commission, he or she will be asked to step down and the Prince or Princess will assume the duties and title of Homecoming King and Queen.

   viii. Come to other Homecoming events so that people can get to know you.
Canned Creations
Wednesday, November 7
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Greene Street
Co-Sponsored with Carolina Service Council

Event Director: Marissa Barmine

About:
Canned Creations is a competition where organizations create an object out of cans to represent the Homecoming theme. At the end of the event, all cans are then collected and donated to Harvest Hope. In 2010, Canned Creations donated over 8,000 pounds of non-perishables to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Two cans per member of the organization are required.

Points Allocation:

a. Participation: 50 Points
b. Competition:
   i. First Place: 200 Points
   ii. Second Place: 150 Points
   iii. Third Place: 100 Points

2. Judging Criteria:
   a. Adherence to theme – 25%
   b. Esthetics – 25%
   c. Presentation – 25%
   d. Design – 25%

3. Rules:
   a. Construction of each creation will take place between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 7 on Greene Street in front of the Russell House.
   b. Participating teams must arrive at Greene Street at 9 AM with the minimum required number of cans. Participants will have an hour to set up cans into 10x10 blocks within their designated areas so in order to have the cans counted by Homecoming Representatives. Minimum entry of 2 cans per person (based off of the official rosters provided to the Homecoming Commission); other non-perishable items can be used! For example, if you have 100 people in your organization, your minimum entry is 200.
      Note: Organizational representative will bring cans for organization on the day of the event, they do not need to be dropped off in Russell House.
   c. Each group will be allotted a space on Greene Street that measures 8 feet by 8 feet.
   d. For safety reasons, canned creations cannot be stacked higher than 10 feet.
   e. Groups may practice construction or develop their design before the event (sketches, designs, measurements, etc.), BUT each creation must start from scratch the day of the event (No cans may be attached to one-another or pre-wrapped with construction paper before arrival on Greene St.)
f. Creations must be built entirely from non-perishable food, fishing line/string/thin wire, cardboard, rubber bands, construction paper, and scotch tape may be used for structural support. All construction paper must the attached/touching a can.

g. Groups may bring a ¼ inch-thick flat plywood to ensure a flat surface for building. The floor of your creation must include cans if decorated.

h. Only one piece of USC paraphernalia may be used as a theme-related accent, however this is not required for the creation.

i. Judging will be based on adherence to theme (25%), esthetics (25%), presentation (25%) and design (25%).

j. All creations must be properly torn down by 2:15 pm.

k. Teams are responsible for loading and unloading cans and also cleaning up their space, including loading your cans in the Harvest Hope Food Bank truck.

l. All cans collected will be donated to Harvest Hope Food Bank.

4. **Harvest Hope Wish List Includes:** Canned vegetables & fruit, canned meats & fish, peanut butter, rice and instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned soups & stews, ready to eat Pop-Top items, evaporated or powdered milk, macaroni & cheese, sugar, coffee, Jell-O, diapers and personal hygiene items. **All of these can be used in addition to your minimum amount.**
About:
Every year we see thousands of students in student section of Williams Bryce Stadium claiming to be Carolina’s #1 Fan, now we want you to prove it! During Cockfest, Thursday November 8 we will be hosting a contest to find Carolina’s #1 Fan. Submit a video to USC Homecoming page and you could be invited to cheer on stage during Cockfest and be crowned Carolina’s #1 Fan.

*This event is open to all students. Also, if you are a member of an organization and would like to submit a video, your organization will receive 10 points for every 2 video entries. Organizations are limited to 10 entries.

Rules:
1. Participant must be a current student at USC, under grad or grad.
2. Participant must submit a video to the USC Homecoming website that’s not longer than 2 minutes describing why they are Carolina’s #1 Fan:
3. Videos must be appropriate, no nudity, no cursing or vile language, no alcohol, and no violating an opposing team or mascot.
4. Videos must focus on only one individual, not a group; other people may be featured in the video, but the video must focus on only one person.
5. Along with the video, student must fill out the following information and submit with their video:
   - Name:
   - Year at USC:
   - Favorite Part of Gameday at Carolina and why:
   - Favorite Carolina cheer/song and why:
   - What other sporting events do you attend during the year?
   - Why do you believe are you Carolina’s #1 Fan?
   - Do you have your own tailgating spot or use a friend’s tailgating spot?

*more dates and information will become available as Homecoming week approaches
Cockfest Pep Rally and Concert
Thursday, November 8, 2012
8:00 PM Campus

Event Director: Brittany Prince

Cocky for a Reason!

School Spirit

&

Concert

Special concert with guest to be announced later.
Parade
Friday, November 9, 2012
3:00 PM Campus

Event Director: Taylor Monferdini

About:
The Homecoming Parade occurs the afternoon of the Friday of Homecoming week. Organizations have
the option of building floats in a competition, which judge’s score based on creativity, aesthetics, and
adherence to the homecoming theme. There will be first, second, and third place winners which earn
varying levels of points. If an organization does not wish to build a float, they can be recognized by
walking in the parade or carrying a banner. (The organizations choosing to walk will also earn a smaller
number of points.) The Homecoming Parade is the only Homecoming event which unites the entire
Columbia community: students, alumni, and local residents alike.

Points Allocation:

a. Participation:
   i. 100 points – Approved Float Design with trailer provided by USC
   ii. 75 points – Organization walking in parade with banner

b. Competition and Attendance:
   i. First Place: 400 Points
   ii. Second Place: 300 Points
   iii. Third Place: 200 Points

c. Point Reduction: -300 Points for getting approved design and not walking the float in the
   parade.

*Only those organizations that have an approved float design and are using USC trailers can compete for
competition points (1st, 2nd, or 3rd).

Rules:

a. Design Submission and Finalist Selection: Due to limited space in the Homecoming Parade,
   only seven organizations will be selected as finalists allowed to build floats for the parade. If
   your organization is not selected as one of the seven finalists, you can provide your own
   trailer and still create your float. If you submit a float design and it is not approved you will
   still be able to obtain 50 participation points by providing your own trailer and building your
   own float during the designated float build times at the Greene Street Intramural Lot.
   However, any organization can walk the parade and carry a banner and receive 75
   participation points. Designs for floats should reflect South Carolina spirit and the theme of
   the 2012 Homecoming Week, “Cocky for a Reason”, and will be judged on the basis of
   creativity, aesthetic appeal, and commitment to theme and spirit. All teams that wish to
   compete to be chosen as finalists must submit their proposed float design along with a brief,
   2 sentence description of their float by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 28. An objective panel
   of judges comprised of faculty, administrators, community members, and/or alumnae will
   choose the seven best-qualified float designs without knowledge of which team submitted
   each design. The seven finalists will be announced on Friday, October 5 on the Homecoming
   website (http://www.sa.sc.edu/sl/homecoming/).

b. Float Building: Float building will not begin until Homecoming Week. To ensure that each
participating organization spends an equal amount of time building its float, float building will take place at designated times on the evenings of Wednesday November 7, Thursday November 8, and the afternoon of Friday November 9 on the Greene Street Intramural field. Homecoming Commission officials will oversee these periods of float building. The Homecoming Commission will provide the trailers for the floats, but materials for the floats must be provided by each organization. Any noteworthy changes from the submitted designs must be cleared with the Homecoming Commission and Director of Rules and Regulations before being built into an organization's float. Float construction can only occur during the designation float building times; this includes but not limited to pre-pomping, any pre-built materials, or painting. When in doubt consult the Homecoming Commission officials. All floats must be completed by the end of the final float building period on Friday, November 9. It is recommended by the Homecoming Commission to cover the float with tarps or tents in the event of rain. The following rules stand:

i. All organizations will be allowed a maximum of 20 persons at the float build location. Organizations will sign-in upon arrival to ensure that no more than 20 individuals per organization are allowed.

ii. All members of an organization must arrive within 30 minutes of the start of the event. Members more than 30 minutes after the start of the event will not be admitted.

iii. Organization members will be allowed to leave at any time. However, once a member leaves the location, they will not be able to re-enter.

c. Parade Day and Competition:

i. Float Line up begins at 2:15 PM on Friday, November 9 at 743 Greene Street (Greene Street Intramural Field, in adjacent to the Colonial Life Arena). Each organization’s Homecoming Representative must sign-in with the Event Director.

ii. All members must report to their floats by 2:15 pm.

iii. Parade entries may not change positions without direction of the Event Director.

iv. Adjustments to the floats may not be made after the float building period on Friday afternoon, November 9.

v. An objective panel of judges will review the floats during the parade route on Greene Street in front of the Russell House. The results of the float-building competition will be announced at half time of the football game.

vi. Floats may not exceed 14 feet in height from the ground and 22 feet in length.

vii. All floats must meet safety regulations. Materials used must be flame resistant and a fire extinguisher must be on or near the float during the parade (in the truck is acceptable).

viii. The speed limit of the parade is 5 miles per hour. At this speed, participants should be able to walk comfortably with their floats. This speed should be maintained throughout the parade. Floats may not stop at any point, including the Horseshoe, unless directed to do so by the Homecoming Commission.

ix. Floats must complete the entire parade route. Any floats leaving early from the parade will be disqualified from the competition.

x. Floats may only be pulled by motor vehicles.
xi. No-one is allowed to stand on the float while in motion

xii. Animals are not permitted in the parade

xiii. No candy is permitted during the parade

xiv. **Organizations must clean-up their floats immediately after the parade and drop the trailers off at the appropriate place, as specified by the event director.**

xv. Each organization’s Homecoming Representative must inform the Homecoming Commission when their site is clean, and either the Event Director or Director of Rules and Regulations will inspect the site and sign each organization out. Organizations who fail to be signed out will be disqualified from the parade competition and penalized an additional 100 points in the point competition.

xvi. Organizations not interested in creating a float are invited to participate as well by walking, riding in a truck, etc. and encouraged to create a sign or banner to be recognized.
Step Show
Friday, November 9
7:00 PM Carolina Coliseum

Event Director: Melanie Pompey

About:
The Step Show features entertainment from student organizations on campus to a crowd of over 4,000 students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members.

Points Allocation:
1. Participation = 50 Points
2. 1st Place = 200 Points (for the winning male and female team)
3. 2nd Place = 150 Points (for the winning male and female team)
4. Attendance Points

Rules:
1. All teams must report to the Carolina Coliseum on Friday, November 9, 2012 for check-in at 4:30pm. There will be a mandatory meeting at 4:30pm and at 6:00pm in the Carolina Coliseum Conference Room; there will be a penalty for arriving late.
2. Rehearsal time (15 minutes) will be given to teams who arrive on time and will start at 2:00pm. Rehearsals will conclude promptly at 4:30pm.
3. If a team member is found to be grossly unsportsmanlike causing a disruption to the show, the team will be penalized for indecent conduct, deemed by at least (5) judges.
4. All teams will be responsible for any damages assessed to their respected dressing rooms and fined for not cleaning up after themselves or removing props from the Coliseum (i.e. Glitter on stage, etc.)
5. Undergraduate, graduate, and mixed (undergraduate and graduate) teams are eligible to participate.
6. Each team will have a total of 8-10 minutes to perform; this includes both the introduction and exit steps. A total of five points will be deducted from the total score of each team that exceeds the 12 minute time allotment. This deduction will be assessed by the Score Keeper only once per team.
7. Each team must have all music pre-cued on one (1) CD. Videos will be able to use and should be provided on (1) one DVD. All music needs to be submitted to Allison Toney by October 30th, at 5:00pm to the Campus Life Office in Russell House. Jump drives, iPods, or any other technology not stated above will not be used.
8. Teams will be penalized for late arrivals, failure to turn in packet by deadline, failure to submit music by deadline, and/or failure to perform.
9. Members of your organization or local council other than those specified to perform may not be back stage or on stage at any time during the show. NO EXCEPTIONS.
10. Anyone found attempting to sneak people, alcohol, drugs, or other contraband into the show will have their team forfeited from the competition while removed from our premises.
11. The decision of the judges is final.

12. There is no registration fee, but registration packets need to be turned in no later than September 28, 2012.

12. Must clean up after your performance or will be fined by the Coliseum.

13. Judging Criteria:

   i. Introduction: This category rates each team on their set design, costume originality, and overall stage presence. (10%)

   ii. Synchronization and Precision: This category scores each team on the synchronization of the steps as well as how precisely they execute each step. (25%)

   iii. Difficulty of Steps: Each team should display a level of complexity in their steps that shows a high level of skill. (25%)

   iv. Professionalism: It is expected that each team maintain good sportsmanship, respect, and decorum in relationship to the other teams. This includes excessive insulting of other organizations, profanity, and crude sexual displays. (15%)

   v. Creativity/Originality: The theme of each show should be fully developed, and all aspects of the show should be related to the theme. (20%)

   vi. Exit: (5%)

14. Deductions:

   Deductions will be taken from the average score due to situations discussed throughout this document, and specifically for the following occurrences:

   i. Nudity: 2 points per incident

   ii. Profanity: 2 points per profane word usage by participant in the show (this includes music)

   iii. Time Limit: 2 points per minute for exceeding the 12 minute time limit (Example: 2 points deducted for a show with a 12:01 – 13:00 minute length)

   **Judges must write out the reason for any deductions so that the organization knows why they received said deduction.

15. In the event of a tie, the Creativity/Originality score will be used to choose the winner. All Judges’ decisions are final.

Wristband Information:

Wristband information will be available closer to the time of the event.

2. We will send out the t-shirt proof as soon as possible and designate a payment date at that time. **Orders must be paid with one (1) check per organization. Checks should be made payable to University of South Carolina. Multiple checks or cash will not be accepted.** **If paying with a University account please indicate account number and fund number.**

3. T-Shirts may be picked up on Monday, November 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Greene Street or after Monday in the Student Organizations Office, RH 227.
**T-Shirt Order Form**

Student Organizations participating in Homecoming may order the Official Homecoming 2012 T-shirt. T-shirts are $14.00 each, and may be picked up on Greene St. on November 5 between 11:00 am-2:00 pm. **Organization orders must be paid with one (1) check per organization. Checks should be made payable to University of South Carolina. Multiple checks or cash will not be accepted. If paying with University account please indicate account number and fund number.** Please complete all information and return to RH 227 TBD.

**ORGANIZATION:**

**ORDER INFORMATION**

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**T-SHIRT INFORMATION**

Please specify the number of each size t-shirt needed. Organizations are responsible for t-shirt distribution to members.

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS**

On behalf of our organization, we certify that all provided information is accurate.

**SIGNATURE**

X

PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE  
DATE