The Official 2015 Homecoming Information Guide

There’s No Place Like CAROLINA

University of South Carolina - Homecoming 2015
October 10 - October 17

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Happy Homecoming!

We are pleased to announce that the University of South Carolina’s 2015 Homecoming week is October 10 – 17, ending with the Homecoming game on Saturday against Vanderbilt University! We hope you will enjoy our *Wizard of Oz* theme this year, “There’s No Place Like Carolina,” and participate in many of the events we have planned throughout the week.

We included the Carolinian Creed on the following page to remind students about the importance of upholding the spirit and integrity of Carolina during Homecoming week. This year, we would like to continue old traditions and introduce new ones to showcase Gamecock spirit and celebrate Carolina! Use our schedule of events, located on page 4, as a personal guide to all of the Homecoming week festivities.

**All enrolled USC-Columbia students are welcome and encouraged to participate in all of the Homecoming week festivities!** This year’s Homecoming week will be the most exciting and best yet, so get involved and be a part of an incredible tradition at USC.

**Interested in participating in an event as an individual student or with a group of USC friends?** We would like to personally invite all students to get involved in Homecoming Week by participating in any of our events, depending on your interests. Check out our Schedule of Events on page 4 and each event’s specific information in the latter half of the information guide. As a reminder, all events, whether competitive or not, are open to ALL individual students!

**Interested in competing for the annual Homecoming Cup?** Any fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, and residence hall has the opportunity to compete in all of the events during the week as an individual group or pair with other organizations in teams of two or three. Guidelines for competition divisions can be found on page 6. We also encourage all organizations to attend events during the week, but know that not all of the events interest every organization, so you have the opportunity to participate in the events that interest you without competing in the point competition. Just fill out the Homecoming application for the events you do want to participate in, but select that you do not want to be a part of the point competition!

If you have questions about Homecoming week, we suggest attending our rules and regulations meetings in the fall on Tuesday, August 25 at 5:00 P.M. and Friday, August 28 at 4:00 P.M. in the Leadership and Service Center in 227 Russell House University Union. You can also reach us through email at sahc@mailbox.sc.edu.

**The Homecoming application can be found on our website at homecoming.sc.edu and is due electronically on Wednesday, September 9 at 4:00 P.M. Individuals wishing to compete for any event except Showcase (application due 9/9) must also submit a separate application on our website by Thursday, October 1.** Even if you are only interested in one or two events, go ahead and fill it out to join the Homecoming fun!

See you somewhere over the Horseshoe!

– Maria Sturmer  
2015 Homecoming Commissioner  
msturmer@email.sc.edu
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.
University of South Carolina Homecoming 2015
Schedule of Events

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 11, 2015
Paint the Town  All Day
Various locations in Columbia
Field Day  10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Greene St. Intramural Fields/Strom WFC Gym
Banner Judging  12:00 P.M.
RH Ballroom
Screen on the Green  7:30 P.M.
Davis Field

MONDAY: OCTOBER 12, 2015
Kick – Off  11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Greene Street
Dance Marathon Play Day  3:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Strom WFC Fields
Showcase  7:00 P.M.
Colonial Life Arena

TUESDAY: OCTOBER 13, 2015
Spurs and Struts  8:00 P.M.
Greene Street

WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 14, 2015
Lobby Decorating Judging  3:00 P.M.
Residence Halls

TRIVIA NIGHT
MyCarolina Alumni Building

FLOAT BUILD DAY 1
Greene Street Intramural Fields

THURSDAY: OCTOBER 15, 2015
Cocky's Creations  10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Greene Street
Spurs and Struts Rain Date  8:00 P.M.
Greene Street
College Night at the Fair  All Day
State Fairgrounds
Float Build Day 2  8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
Greene Street Intramural Fields

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 16, 2015
Float Build Day 3  12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Greene Street Intramural Fields
Parade  3:00 P.M.
USC Campus
Pep Rally  4:00 P.M.
Greene Street

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 17, 2015
Game Day vs. Vanderbilt  TBA
Williams-Brice Stadium

Schedule of Events will be Added and Updated Accordingly
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Fraternities/sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls have the opportunity to participate just for fun or compete for the Homecoming Cup in all Homecoming events. Individual students also have the opportunity to compete in any of the events just for fun, with an overall winner of the individual students division being chosen for each event. For those competing for the Homecoming Cup, points will be accumulated from participation throughout the entire week, and an overall winner will be announced in each category. Organizations in each division may form teams to compete against each other; however, organizations cannot be teamed up with any organization from previous Homecoming teams throughout the last three years. Students also may not compete for more than one team, regardless if the teams are in separate divisions. For example, a student may not compete in Spurs and Struts for her sorority and help create a banner for her student organization. Contact Alexis Brewe, Director of Rules and Regulations, at brewe@email.sc.edu with questions about the Homecoming Cup or divisions.

Fraternities/Sororities Division
Eligible organizations will apply for this category:

a. If registered as a NPC, IFC, NPHC, or MGC organization with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
b. If competing as an individual fraternity or sorority, as a pair, or as a team of three with other fraternities and sororities. Teams of three may not have two organizations from the same council. For example, one IFC and two NPC organizations could not compete as a team of three.

c. If interested in competing against other fraternities and sororities.
d. If wanting to showcase Gamecock spirit!

Registered Student Organizations Division
Eligible organizations will apply for this category:

a. If registered as a student organization with the Leadership and Service Center.
b. If competing as an individual student organization, as a pair, or in a team of three with other student organizations registered with the Leadership and Service Center.
c. If interested in competing against other registered student organizations.
d. If wanting to showcase Gamecock spirit!

*Student Organizations registered with the Leadership and Service Center can request funding through the Student Activity Fee to help with expenses during Homecoming week, such as materials for building a float, sheets for the Banner competition, and much more! Student Body Treasurer Ian Shannon or the organization’s Comptroller would be happy to sit down and talk with you about options that might be helpful to your organization. If you want to request funding, your requests must be submitted through the Student Organization System at www.sc.edu/sos by September 9.

Residence Halls Division
Teams will apply for this category:

a. If recognized as a residence hall on the USC-Columbia campus.
b. If competing as an individual residence hall or as a pair with another residence hall.
c. If interested in competing against other residence halls.
d. If wanting to showcase Gamecock spirit!
*Be sure to check with your Residence Hall Association advisor on funding opportunities! There are funds available for your residence hall to use to cover any costs of Homecoming week. We also encourage you to use the resources available to you in your residence hall (markers, poster paper, craft supplies, etc.)! If you have any questions about Residence Hall Association funding, please contact your advisor for additional information.

**Individual Students Division**

Students will apply for this category:

a. If enrolled as a student and currently taking classes at the USC-Columbia campus or students in the Gamecock Gateway program.
b. If competing as an individual or with a group of friends.
c. If interested in competing against other individuals.
d. If wanting to showcase Gamecock spirit!

*Individual students competing just for fun do not have to submit the Homecoming application due on September 9, UNLESS they are competing in Showcase or Spurs and Struts. A separate application for all other events will be due on October 1.*
### Points Breakdown for Homecoming Cup:

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<td>Building a Float</td>
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Impact Projects
October 12 – 16, 2015 – Various Columbia Locations

About:
Impact projects are community service events that are offered during the weekdays and have previously included locations such as Transitions, Washington Street Soup Kitchen, and Girls on the Run. Transportation to the sites is provided. Students must register in advance to be guaranteed a spot. Those competing in the Homecoming competition have the opportunity to receive points through participation in these service events during the week of Homecoming. Contact Sydney Garber, Director of Showcase and Service, at garberk@email.sc.edu with questions about service opportunities.

Important Dates:
Friday, October 9: Registration opens at 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 11: Registration closes at 11:59 P.M.
Monday, October 12 – Friday, October 16: Impact Projects (times TBA)

*Check the Leadership and Service Center website (www.sa.sc.edu/lsc) for more information on registration dates for Impact projects.

Rules:
1. Participants must register with the Leadership and Service Center. To register for the weekly Impact projects, go to the website: http://www.sa.sc.edu/leadershipandservice/community-service/.
   a. Click the registration link for which service site you would like to volunteer.
   b. If participating with an organization, make sure to include the organization's name on the Volunteer Registration form.
2. Participants who register for the event must use the provided transportation to and from AND stay at the event for the entire time and may not switch out with other members of the organization or residence hall. Times for Impact projects will be announced in the fall.
3. Organizations competing in the Homecoming point competition are allowed to submit up to 3 people per day to participate in Impact projects for points. There is a maximum amount of students allowed on the trips, so participation is on a first come, first serve basis.
4. Groups that would like to receive points for participation must sign in at the Leadership and Service Center on the day that they are participating and include the name of the fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall they are registered with.

**These rules are in accordance with the Leadership and Service Center Impact Projects policies.
Carolina’s #1 Fan
October 10 – October 15, 2015

About:
Every year we see thousands of students in the student section at Williams-Brice Stadium claiming to be Carolina’s #1 Fan. Now we want YOU to prove it! Submit a video to USC Homecoming explaining why you are Carolina’s #1 Fan, and students will vote for the best video on the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu) from Saturday, October 10 at 12:01 A.M. to Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 P.M.. The winner will be announced at the USC Homecoming football game on Saturday and will win a prize package. Contact Stephanie Vaughan, Director of Public Relations, at vaughas@email.sc.edu with questions about Carolina’s #1 Fan.

Important Dates:
- Monday, October 5 at 4:00 P.M.: Last day to submit a video entry to Homecoming email (sahc@mailbox.sc.edu)
- Saturday, October 10 at 12:01 A.M.: Voting for videos begins on the Homecoming website
- Friday, October 16 at 4:00 P.M.: Voting for videos closes
- Saturday, October 17: Winner of Carolina’s #1 Fan will be announced during halftime at the game

Rules:
1. Participant must be current undergraduate or graduate student at USC – Columbia.
2. Participant must submit their video to the USC Homecoming email (sahc@mailbox.sc.edu) by Monday, October 5 at 4:00 P.M..
3. The length of the videos must be between 90 seconds and three minutes.
4. Videos must be filmed somewhere on USC-Columbia’s campus.
5. Videos must be relevant and appropriate, and shall not include nudity, cursing, vile language, alcohol, drugs, or other obscenities.
6. Videos may not include content that insults an opposing team or violates an opposing team’s mascot. Videos may also not include content that insults other fraternities/sororities, student organizations, or residence halls.
7. Videos may feature other people, but they must focus on only one individual.
8. Along with the video, the student must fill out the following information and submit it with their video on the online submission form:
   a. Participant name and USC ID
   b. Year at USC
   c. If participating in one of the divisions, include participant’s affiliate fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall
   d. 150 – 300 words on why you believe you are Carolina’s #1 Fan
   e. Participant’s contact information (phone number AND email)

Videos will be disqualified if this information is not submitted on time.
Field Day
October 11, 2015 –
Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center Gyms
and Greene Street Intramural Fields

About:
Field Day is held at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center Gyms for a Dodgeball tournament and the Greene Street Intramural Fields for a Powderpuff tournament. Any USC – Columbia students have the option to form teams with their friends to compete in either tournament. Fraternities/sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls competing in the Homecoming point competition also have the opportunity to win points by entering one team into each tournament. Winners of each tournament will receive a prize from the Homecoming Commission. Applications for sign-up will be available on the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu), and any questions concerning Field Day should be sent to the Director of Field Day and Lobby Decorating, Angelyse Henry at henryan@email.sc.edu.

Important Dates:
Thursday, October 1 by 4:00 P.M.: Teams wishing to compete in either the Powderpuff or Dodgeball tournament must submit roster with names of teammates in a Microsoft Excel file to Angelyse Henry at henryan@email.sc.edu
Sunday, October 11:
10:00 A.M.: Powderpuff tournament begins at the Greene Street Intramural Fields
2:00 P.M.: Dodgeball tournament begins at the Strom Thurmond WFC Gyms 2 and 3

Rules:
1. In order to participate in either tournament, all teams must sign up, provide a roster of players and coaches, and choose a team name by October 1. Spirited team names are highly encouraged.
2. Fraternities/sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls who are competing in the Homecoming Points competition and wish to enter an official team into either tournament for points must also check the event on their Homecoming Application due on September 9.
3. Powderpuff Tournament:
   a. Teams will consist of 11-22 players.
   b. In addition to the 11-22 players, each team can have at least three cheerleaders and only three coaches.
   c. Team players must be women, while the cheerleaders must be men. Coaches can either be men, women, or a combination of both. Each participant’s self-identified gender will be recognized in building teams for the event.
   d. The tournament will be bracket-styled, with brackets determined at random by the Homecoming Commission. Once determined, brackets are final.
   e. The tournament will start at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 11.
   f. Teams must arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled game time, and check in with the Homecoming Commission.
   g. Each game will consist of two 8-minute halves with a 2-minute halftime. The team with the most points at the end of the second half will win the game and advance to the next round.
h. In the event of a tie, each team will have four downs on offense, starting at the 20 yard line. The team to get the furthest down the field or score points after the four downs wins the tiebreaker.

i. For the official Powderpuff rules, visit the link on the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu).

4. Dodgeball Tournament:
   a. Teams will consist of 6 players and up to 4 substitutes. The maximum number of members on a team is 10 players. Teams are also allowed two official ball retrievers.
   b. Teams may be coed or composed of all men or all women. If coed, the team must have at least two players of each gender. Each participant’s self-identified gender will be recognized in building teams for the event.
   c. The tournament will be bracket-styled, with brackets determined at random by the Homecoming Commission. Once determined, brackets are final.
   d. The tournament will start at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 11.
   e. Teams must arrive to Strom 30 minutes before their scheduled game time, and check in with the Homecoming Commission.
   f. Game play will be in matches of three games. Each game will be a timed game, meaning the game is played until the 7 minute time limit expires or all opponents are eliminated on one side. If the 7 minute time limit expires, all remaining players are counted, and the team with the most remaining players wins the game. The team with two out of the three wins in the match advances on to the next round.
   g. For the official Dodgeball rules, visit the link on the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu)
About:
The banner competition is an event where organizations and students decorate a banner reflecting the Homecoming theme, “There's No Place Like Carolina.” The banners are judged based on the creativity of the design and its adherence to the theme. Once judged, all of the banners are displayed on Greene Street and at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center during the week of Homecoming. Any questions concerning the banner competition should be sent to Bryce Donnon, Director of Spirit, at brycedonnon@gmail.com.

Important Dates:
Friday, October 9: Banners must be dropped off at the Leadership and Service Center in Russell House between 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 11: Submitted banners will be judged and hung.

Rules:
1. Banners must be made on twin-sized flat bed sheets.
2. Banners must be landscape oriented.
3. When banners are submitted, the organization or individual must indicate if they want to keep the banner instead of being displayed by the Homecoming Commission. Homecoming is not liable for any banner that is stolen or taken after being displayed.
4. All banners must include the name of the organizations or individuals that created the banner.
5. Banners must be completely dry before they are turned in for judging. The Homecoming Commission will not accept banners with wet paint.
6. The judging criteria will be as follows:

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Paint the Town
October 11, 2015 – Various Locations in Columbia

About:
Paint the Town is a window-painting event in which each organization is matched with a local business or recognizable location in the city of Columbia. Organizations paint the windows of these businesses in adherence to the Homecoming theme “There’s No Place Like Carolina,” and the windows remain decorated throughout the entire week of Homecoming. Any questions concerning Paint the Town should be sent to Troy Wingert, Director of Paint the Town and Kick-Off, at trkla@email.sc.edu.

Important Dates:
Wednesday, September 9: Three paint marker color choices due with Homecoming application
Friday, October 9: Paint pick-up and window assignment in the Russell House Leadership and Service Center from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 11: Window painting must be completed by 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 18: Windows must be cleaned up by 5:00 P.M. (fine and loss of title if not cleaned)

Rules:
1. Participating fraternities/sororities, registered student organizations, residence halls, and individual students must fill out a formal agreement with their paired businesses/locations. This form will be provided by the Homecoming Commission and given to organizations when they pick up their paints on Friday, October 9.
2. The Homecoming Commission will provide each organization with four paint markers, one of which will be black and three of which will be up to the organization's choosing. Teams are allowed to bring additional paint markers of various colors.
3. Each organization will have a designated area for painting. These areas will be randomly chosen on a first come, first serve basis. Nobody will be assigned a spot before 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 9.
4. Teams may begin window painting after they have picked up their paints on Friday, October 9. Teams must be done painting their assigned windows by 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 11.
5. **Paints must be cleaned up ENTIRELY by Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 P.M..** If the windows are not cleaned up by this date and time, the business reserves the right to charge the organization(s) a clean-up fee, and the team will have **100 points deducted** from their total Homecoming points, which could result in a loss of title.
Dance Marathon FTK Play Day

October 12, 2015 – Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center Fields

About:
Dance Marathon at the University of South Carolina is getting ready for its 18th year of making miracles for our community. 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. FTK Play Day is a new fundraiser for USC's Dance Marathon this year, where participants form teams and compete in different relay games. Spectators also help to raise money with an admission fee and earn points for the teams they are cheering for. Dance Marathon’s motto for the event is “Play games, heal kids,” so any form of participation is encouraged. Contact Arianna Miskin, Director of Spurs and Struts and Dance Marathon Relations, at amiskin@email.sc.edu with any questions about FTK Play Day.

Important Dates:
- Monday, September 21: Early Bird price of $2 for admission tickets begins
- Monday, September 28: Registration ends for teams wishing to compete in FTK Play Day at 5:00 P.M.
- Monday, October 12: FTK Play Day begins on Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center fields at 3:00 P.M.

Rules:
1. FTK Play Day is open to any student at the USC-Columbia campus.
2. In order to participate, students must either enter a team of 10 people and pay the entrance fee or purchase an admission ticket. Each team of 10 will choose amongst themselves which teammates they want to compete in each game, depending on the required amount of players needed for each game.
3. All proceeds from team entrance fees and admission tickets will go to the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital as a part of the Children's Miracle Network.
4. Games during the event include, but are not limited to: water balloon tosses, three-legged races, and jolly ball.
5. Competitor Information:
   a. If students are interested in forming a team to compete in the event, they must register with Dance Marathon online at web.sa.sc.edu/dm/ by Monday, September 28 at 5:00 P.M. and pay the entrance fee of $70.
   b. Competing teams must consist of ten members.
   c. Fraternities/sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls competing in the Homecoming Cup are encouraged to enter more than one team into the event, but only one team designated as the organization’s or residence hall’s official team will be awarded points that go towards their Homecoming Cup total.
   d. Check-in for competing teams is from 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. All ten members of the team must be present and checked in by 2:30 in order to participate in FTK Play Day.
   e. Participants are encouraged to stay and participate for the entire event.
6. Spectator Information:
   a. Tickets for admission to FTK Play Day will go on sale at an early bird price of $2 on Monday, September 21. Students may purchase tickets on Greene St. and in participating Greek houses.
   b. On the day of the event, the admission price will increase to $3.
   c. People interested in watching the event must purchase admission tickets and check-in for Homecoming points starting at 2:30 P.M. until an hour prior to the end of the event at 5:00 P.M..
   d. Spectators are encouraged to stay the entire time to cheer on their teammates and opponents.
7. Homecoming Cup Information:
   a. Fraternities/sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls have the opportunity to receive points through participating in the competition, as well as purchasing admission tickets to the event.
   b. Points will be awarded for entering an official team into the event and for winning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place overall for the entire FTK Play Day.
   c. Five points will be awarded for every person who buys an admission ticket and attends FTK Play Day. The maximum amount of attendance points a fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall can accumulate is 100 points. A sign-in sheet will be present at the admissions table to sign in with your fraternity/sorority, registered organization, or residence hall.
About:
Showcase is an event that celebrates the accomplishments and talents of students at the University of South Carolina – Columbia campus and determines the annual Homecoming King and Queen. After careful review of applications, judges will determine the top 10 Queen candidates and top 10 King candidates. A second panel of judges will interview these 20 individuals and the five most qualified from each category will move on to the final competition on October 12. These 10 candidates will compete in a pageant showcasing their presentation, talent, and interview skills to be crowned Homecoming King, Queen, Prince, or Princess. Contact Sydney Garber, Director of Showcase and Service, at garberk@email.sc.edu with questions about Showcase.

Important Dates for Applicants

- **Wednesday, September 9:** Applications are due to the Homecoming Commission in the Russell House Leadership and Service Center between 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday, September 16:** Semi-finalists are posted on Homecoming website
- **Friday, September 18:** Sign up for interviews by 4:00 P.M.
- **Sunday, September 20:** Interviews are held in MyCarolina Alumni Association building at 1:30 P.M.
- **Wednesday, September 23:** Finalists are posted on Homecoming website
- **Sunday, October 4:** Mandatory meeting for finalists in MyCarolina Alumni Association building at 6 P.M.
- **Friday, October 9:** Rehearsal and meeting in the ODK room, Russell House 315 at 7:00 P.M.
- **Monday, October 12:** Showcase at 7:00 P.M. at Colonial Life Arena

Rules:

1. **Academic Qualifications for Nominees**
   - a. Candidates must be full-time students at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.
   - b. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and 60 credit hours completed, 30 of which must have been completed on Columbia campus.

2. **Nomination Process**
   - a. Candidates must be nominated by a fraternity, sorority, registered student organization, residence hall, or faculty or staff at the USC-Columbia campus.
   - b. Students may nominate themselves, but a faculty or staff member must write them a letter of recommendation.
   - c. If students are members of a fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall, but nominate themselves with a recommendation letter, then the fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall that they are a member of will receive none of the points for that person. Only the fraternity/sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall’s nominee will earn points.
   - d. Candidates will compete for either Homecoming King or Queen with their self-identified gender.
   - e. Each organization may nominate a maximum of two candidates, one for Queen and one for King.
   - f. Organizations cannot nominate someone who previously made it to the finalist stage.

3. **Application Process**
   - a. All nominated candidates must print out and complete the Showcase application and turn it in at the Leadership and Service Center in Russell House from 2 – 4 P.M. on Wednesday, September 9.
4. Rehearsals
   a. Participants must attend all rehearsals and meetings set up by the Homecoming Commission.
   b. Only one (1) absence, preapproved by Director of Showcase and Service Sydney Garber, will be permitted.
   c. Any participant who does not attend all meetings will be disqualified.

5. Selection Process
   a. First Round – Application Review
      i. Only complete and timely applications will be considered.
      ii. An objective panel of faculty and staff will score the applications.
      iii. Judges are not privy to any applicant’s name or demographic data.
      iv. The judges will select the 10 best-qualified semi-finalists for Homecoming King and the 10 best-qualified semi-finalists for Homecoming Queen, based solely on the information provided to them in the applications.
      v. These first round scores will determine which candidates move to the second round and will only be used again in the event of a tie in the second round.
   b. Second Round – Interview
      i. A second objective panel of faculty and staff will interview each semi-finalist.
      ii. Interviews will last 10 to 15 minutes per semi-finalist.
      iii. All semi-finalists must show up at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, September 20 and check in with the Homecoming Commission, or they will be disqualified. If there is an emergency, contact Sydney Garber at garberk@email.sc.edu.
      iv. The ratings of these judges will make up each semi-finalist’s interview score, which will be used to select the five best-qualified finalists for Homecoming King and the five best-qualified finalists for Homecoming Queen.
      v. In the event of a tie in interview scores, the scores from the first round will be used to determine the winner.
      vi. The second round scores will determine which candidates move to the final round and will only be used again in the event of a tie in the final round.
   c. Campaigning
      i. Contestants will be allowed to campaign beginning Wednesday, September 23, starting at 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Monday, October 12.
      ii. There will be absolutely no campaigning after 2:00 P.M. on the day of Showcase, Monday, October 12.
      iii. A table will be provided at Kick-Off on Monday, October 12 for all finalists to campaign.
      iv. Contestants and their organizations will not be allowed to exceed $100 in campaigning materials. If called into question, you will have to present receipts.
      v. Campaigning can include but is not limited to social media posts, flyers, buttons, etc.
      vi. All campaign material must only promote the contestant and their organization and may not include anything negative about any other contestant. All campaign material must be relevant and appropriate, and must not include nudity, cursing, vile language, alcohol, drugs, or other obscenities.
   d. Third Round – The Showcase Event
      i. A third objective panel of faculty, staff, and/or community members will judge Showcase on Monday, October 12, 2015.
      ii. Finalists will perform publicly, displaying their speaking skills, poise, formalwear, and public presentation of talent.
      iii. The talent portion of the competition will be no longer than five minutes and cannot rely heavily on other people.

b. The application will be available on the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu).
iv. The talent must consist of a live presentation to the audience and cannot rely heavily on recorded video. All media being used for the talent portion must be submitted to the Director of Showcase by Thursday, October 1. Any videos must be turned in in DVD or flash drive form and music must be supplied in CD form.

v. Appropriate talents include, but are not limited to: live music performance, dramatic interpretation, rhetoric, spoken word performance, stand-up comedy, dance, etc.

vi. Equipment available to finalists for talent performances will include microphones, direct boxes, and a projection screen. Any musical instruments needed for the talent portion must be provided by the contestant.

vii. The judges will select a Homecoming King and Queen, a Homecoming Prince and Princess, and a contestant to win the talent award based on talent scores.

viii. All finalists will vote on a Miss and Mr. Congeniality for the competition, to be announced with the other awards.

ix. In the event of a tie, scores from the second round will be used to determine winner.

x. The judging criteria will be as follows:

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6. **Obligations After Being Crowned**

a. The King, Queen, Prince, and Princess are expected to ride in the parade and attend the pep rally on Friday, October 16 from 2:00 until 4:30 P.M..

b. The King, Queen, Prince, and Princess will be presented during halftime at the football game against Vanderbilt on Saturday, October 17.

c. The King, Queen, Prince and Princess will also be required to show up to one other event during the Homecoming week. They are encouraged to show up to as many events as they would like, wearing their appropriate crown and/or sash. Events include: Spurs and Struts, Trivia Night, Cocky’s Creations, or the Carolina Productions Comedy Night.
Spurs and Struts
October 13, 2015 – Greene Street

About:
Spurs and Struts is the annual Homecoming dance competition. Participants are judged based on spirit, synchronization, pep, and how well their dance incorporates the 2015 Homecoming theme “There’s No Place Like Carolina.” A variety of dance styles and music are encouraged, though discretion is advised. Contact Arianna Miskin, Director of Spurs and Struts, at amiskin@email.sc.edu with questions about Spurs and Struts.

Important Dates:
Wednesday, September 9: Groups wishing to participate in Spurs and Struts must select their four required songs in the Leadership and Service Center, Russell House 227 between 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Friday, September 18: Tryout schedule posted online at homecoming.sc.edu
Sunday, October 4: Tryouts held in the Russell House Theater (12:00 – 6:00 P.M.)
Monday, October 5: Finalists posted online at homecoming.sc.edu
Friday, October 9: A CD-R with the final music for an organization’s routine must be submitted in the Leadership and Service Center, Russell House 227 by 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 13: Spurs and Struts on Greene Street at 8:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 15: Rain date for Spurs and Struts, held on Greene Street at 8:00 P.M.

Rules:
1. Participation:
   a. Spurs and Struts is a GROUP dance competition. Couples dances may be included as part of the group routine, but they are not required.
   b. Teams must have at least ten and no more than 25 performers.
   c. Dancers may not perform for more than one team, regardless if the teams are in separate divisions. For example, if you are a member of a Greek and registered student organization, you may only participate as a member of one group.
   d. In order to participate, dancers must be registered members of the fraternity, sorority, registered student organization, or residence hall he/she is representing in the competition or participating in the individual student division.

2. Routine:
   a. Dance routines may not exceed four minutes in length. A 10 point deduction will be made for every 15 seconds the routine exceeds the four minute time limit.
   b. Each team will draw four songs that they must incorporate into their routine for a minimum of 30 seconds for each song. Three out of the four songs will come from the Billboard Top 100 released in the last ten years. Each team will also randomly select one themed song for their fourth song. A 10 point deduction will be made for not including 30 seconds of each required song in routine.
   c. The remaining two minutes of the routine may be filled with music of the team’s choice.
   d. The use of professional choreography (i.e. from a movie or music video) or a professional choreographer is prohibited. At the Commission’s discretion, any group found to be using such material will be disqualified.
   e. No routine may involve “stunting.” This includes any form of cheer stunts, lifts, and/or tumbling, such as cartwheels or handstands. Stunting in a routine will result in disqualification.
3. Tryouts:
   a. The tryout schedule will be posted online at the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu) by Friday, September 18.
   b. All tryouts will be held on Sunday, October 4 in the RH Theater from 12:00 – 6:00 P.M.
   c. The RH Theater stage dimensions are 22' wide and 10.5' deep.
   d. All dancers must be present at least 30 minutes prior to their organization's tryout time in order to participate in tryouts. Teams must sign in prior to the 30 minute mark or they will lose their audition spots.
   e. Any late dancer or organization will be unable to participate in tryouts.
   f. Organizations must supply and bring any props necessary for their performance.
   g. Auditions are closed. Organizations may have no more than two non-dancing members watching the audition.
   h. No organization or member thereof may watch another organization’s audition.
   i. Organizations must bring a CD-R with only their routine's track on the disk.
   j. The fifteen top-scoring teams will move on to the final Spurs and Struts competition.

4. Spurs and Struts Competition
   a. The stage dimensions are 32' wide X 20' deep X 9’ tall.
   b. The fifteen finalists will be posted on the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu) on Monday, October 5.
   c. Finalist organizations must provide a well-labeled CD-R copy of their routine’s music in the Leadership and Service Center, RH 227 by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, October 9.
   d. The rain date for the final competition will be Thursday, October 15 at 8:00 P.M.
   e. All dancers must report to the designated meeting area by 7:15 P.M.
   f. Organizations may have no more than two non-dancing members backstage during the competition at any time.
   g. Only dancers are allowed on the stage.
   h. 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 final competition.
   i. Organizations are encouraged to wear spirited AND theme-appropriate costumes.
   j. The use of handheld signs is allowed.
   k. Absolutely no confetti or glitter is allowed on the stage during the performance. The use of confetti or glitter will result in a 20 point deduction.
   l. Teams will NOT be allowed to re-perform their routine unless there is a technical fault. In this case, teams will be allowed to restart their performance once.
   m. After an organization’s final performance, all dancers and organization members are required to clear the designated backstage area. Organizations who fail to do so will be disqualified.
   n. After the final performance, the audience will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite team via a text vote. **“Fan Favorite” is a separate award and will not influence the judges’ scores.**
   o. One member from each team must return to the backstage area after the final performance for the competition results.
   p. Judging criteria for the final competition will be as follows:

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Lobby Decorating
October 14, 2015 – Residence Hall Lobbies

About:
The lobby decorating competition showcases Gamecock spirit in our on-campus housing. Residence halls all over campus have the opportunity to compete against each other in decorating their lobbies (or other designated area). During the beginning of Homecoming week, students will decorate the lobby and are judged on creativity and how well they incorporate the theme “There’s No Place Like Carolina” into the design. Contact Angelyse Henry, Director of Field Day and Lobby Decorating, at henryan@email.sc.edu with questions about the lobby decorating contest.

Important Dates:
Saturday, October 10: Students can begin decorating the lobbies.
Wednesday, October 14: Students must complete lobby decorations by 2:00 P.M.
    Lobbies are judged promptly at 3:00 P.M.

Rules:
1. All residence halls wishing to participate in the lobby decorating contest must submit a Homecoming application online at the Homecoming website (homecoming.sc.edu) by Wednesday, September 9 at 4:00 P.M.
2. Unless given special permission, residence halls must decorate their lobbies for the competition. Residence halls that do not have a designated lobby, but still wish to participate will be accommodated. Please contact Angelyse Henry at henryan@email.sc.edu proposing alternate decorating locations.
3. Students may not begin decorating lobbies until Saturday, October 10, and must finish decorating by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 14.
4. Decorations may include, but are not limited to, posters, wall decorations, words, and streamers.
5. Lobbies will be judged based on creativity, design, and adherence to the theme.
6. In accordance with USC’s Fire Safety Manual, students must follow all fire safety guidelines while decorating their lobbies. Anyone in violation of any of the following safety guidelines will be deducted 20 points from their total.
   a. Decorations may not obstruct any doorways, stairwells, or emergency exits.
   b. Decorations should not cover electrical outlets, fire alarms, or fire extinguishers.
   c. Any decorations hung from the ceiling must be at least 6 feet from the ground.
   d. All candles and electrical lights are prohibited.
   e. All building specific fire safety policies must be followed.
   f. If you are unsure about a certain decoration, contact Angelyse Henry at henryan@email.sc.edu.
7. The judging criteria will be as follows:

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Trivia Night
October 14, 2015 – MyCarolina Alumni Association Center

About:
Trivia Night is open to any USC-Columbia student. The event will be hosted by a trivia company, creating a “game show” atmosphere for students. The trivia will quiz students on USC, pop culture, and public awareness topics. The winning team will be awarded a $200 cash prize. Fraternities, sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls participating in the Homecoming point competition also have the opportunity to earn participation points for people competing in Trivia Night. Contact Beth Jones, Director of Cocky's Creations and Trivia Night, at dejones@email.sc.edu with questions about Trivia Night.

Important Dates:
Wednesday, October 14:
6:00 P.M.: Courtesy shuttles will begin taking students to the MyCarolina Alumni Association Center
8:00 P.M.: Trivia Night will begin
11:50 P.M.: Last courtesy shuttle will leave the MyCarolina Alumni Center for Russell House

Rules:
1. Participants may create teams of 3-5 people or be randomly paired up at Trivia Night.
2. Fraternities, sororities, registered student organizations, and residence halls competing in the Homecoming point competition can earn 10 points per member that attends Trivia Night to their overall Homecoming total. Organizations may only earn a maximum of 100 points and attendance will be taken after the event.
3. Participants will be supplied with a wireless keypad to submit their answers to trivia questions.
4. Competition Guidelines:
   a. The trivia competition will be two rounds of play, followed by a championship round.
   b. After each game round, the four teams with the highest points will compete in a speed round. The first team reaching 500 points is named the round champion.
   c. The two round champion teams will then compete head-to-head in the championship round.
   d. A wild card team is a team that is selected randomly from the remaining teams to compete against the two round champion teams in the championship. If the wild card team answers a question wrongly, another wild card team will be selected and awarded the points that the last wild card team accumulated.
   e. The team that accumulates the most points during the championship round will be named the winner and awarded a $200 cash prize.
Cocky’s Creations
October 15, 2015 – Greene Street

About:
Cocky’s Creations is a competition where fraternities, sororities, registered student organizations, residence halls, and individual students create objects/designs using cans that they collect from a canned food drive. The canned creation must represent an aspect of the Homecoming theme “There’s No Place Like Carolina.” At the end of the service event, all cans are collected and donated to Gamecock Pantry and to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Contact Beth Jones, Director of Cocky’s Creations and Trivia Night, at dejones@email.sc.edu with questions about Cocky’s Creations.

Important Dates:
Thursday, October 15:
9:00 A.M.: Teams arrive on Greene Street with cans to be counted
10:00 A.M.: Construction of creations begins
1:45 P.M.: Judging of creations
2:30 P.M.: Creations must be disassembled and transported by teams into the Golden Harvest/Gamecock Pantry trucks

Rules:
1. Each fraternity/sorority or registered student organization must provide at least two cans per member. Total number of members will be taken from the submitted official rosters. For example, if you have 100 people in your organization, your minimum entry is 200 cans.
2. Residence Halls and individual students competing in the Just for Fun category must provide at least 100 cans for their creations. We encourage small groups to create their own canned food drive to collect cans for the event.
3. Each team competing in Cocky’s Creations must provide an equal representation of four types or more of canned foods and one other non-canned non-perishable food item.
4. Day-Of Building Information:
   a. Participating teams must arrive on Greene Street at 9:00 A.M. with the minimum required number of cans. Participants will have an hour to set up cans into 10x10 blocks within their designated areas in order to have the cans counted by Homecoming representatives.
   b. Each group will be allotted an 8 x 8 foot space on Greene Street to build their creation.
   c. For safety reasons, the creation cannot be stacked higher than 10 feet.
   d. Actual construction of the creations will not begin until 10:00 A.M.
   e. Groups may develop their design before the event through sketches or practice, but they must start completely from scratch on the day of the event.
   f. Cans cannot be pre-wrapped. If this is done beforehand, teams may not begin building until 11:00 A.M.
   g. 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 be attached/touching a can.
   h. Only one piece of USC paraphernalia may be used as a theme-related accent; however, this is not required for the creation.

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5. Judging:
   a. Judges will arrive at 1:45 P.M. and begin judging displays.
   b. The judging criteria will be as follows:

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   c. Each division is judged separately, and a winner will be declared from each division.

6. Cleaning Up:
   a. All creations must be properly disassembled by 2:30 P.M.
   b. Teams are responsible for loading and unloading cans and also cleaning up their space, **including loading cans into the Harvest Hope Food Bank truck**.
   c. All cans collected will be donated to either Gamecock Pantry or Harvest Hope Food Bank.

**Harvest Hope and Gamecock Pantry Wish Lists Include**: Canned vegetables and fruit, canned meats and fish, peanut butter, rice, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, canned soups and stews, ready-to-eat Pop-Top items, evaporate or powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, sugar, coffee, Jell-O, diapers, and personal hygiene items. **All of these items can be included in your minimum amount.**
Parade

October 16, 2015 – Greene Street Intramural Fields and USC Campus

About:
The Parade is one of the only Homecoming events that unites and features the entire Columbia community of students, alumni, and local residents. Anyone has the opportunity to be recognized by walking in the parade or building their own float. For those interested in participating in the parade or with any questions, please contact Alexis Brewe, Director of Rules and Regulations and Parade, at brewe@email.sc.edu.

Important Dates:
- Wednesday, September 9: Float design submissions are due to the Leadership and Service Center in Russell House 227 between 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- Monday, September 14: Seven organizations chosen at random to receive trailers from USC
- Friday, October 2: Last day for organizations to notify Alexis Brewe that they would like to participate in the parade and submit a short two-sentence blurb about your organization by 4:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, October 14: Float building on Greene Street Intramural fields (8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.)
- Thursday, October 15: Float building on Greene Street Intramural fields (8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.)
- Friday, October 16:
  - 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.: Float building on the Greene Street Intramural fields
  - 2:00 P.M.: Parade line-up begins
  - 3:00 P.M.: Parade starts

Greene Street Intramural Fields Address: 743 Greene Street (Fields adjacent to Colonial Life Arena)

Rules:
1. All teams wishing to compete must submit their proposed float design to the Homecoming Commission in the Leadership and Service Center in Russell House on Wednesday, September 9 from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
2. Designs for floats should reflect University of South Carolina spirit and the 2015 Homecoming theme “There’s No Place Like Carolina.”
3. The Homecoming Commission will choose at random seven teams to receive trailers from the University of South Carolina to build their floats. If a team does not receive a USC trailer, they must provide their own to build their float.
4. Float Building
   a. If a team does not receive a USC trailer, they may still bring their own trailer to build their float and compete in the float competition.
   b. Float building will take place during designated times on October 14-16 at the Greene Street Intramural fields. Homecoming officials will oversee these periods of float building.
   c. Any organizations submitting floats in the float competition must build their floats during the designated float building times, regardless of if they received a USC trailer.
   d. Float construction can only occur during these designated float building times; this includes, but is not limited to, pre-pomping, pre-built materials, or painting.
   e. Each team is allowed one piece of USC paraphernalia to include in the float design as a theme-related accent; however, this is not required for the float.
f. Any significant changes to the submitted float designs must be approved by the Homecoming Commission before being built into the float.
g. Floats may not exceed 14 feet in height from the ground and 22 feet in length.
h. All floats must meet safety regulations and a fire extinguisher must be on or near the float during the parade (in the vehicle pulling the float is acceptable).
i. **If a float is deemed inappropriate or unsafe, the Homecoming Commission reserves the right to remove the participating organization and float, even if it is on the day of the parade.**
j. All organizations will be allowed a maximum of 40 persons at the float building location per night. Individuals will sign-in with their organization upon arrival to the fields to ensure that no more than 40 individuals per team are present.
k. All members participating in the float building must arrive 20 minutes before the start of float build for check-in. Members that arrive after the start of float building will not be admitted.
l. Organization members will be allowed to leave the float building at any time; however, once a member exits the Greene Street fields, they will NOT be able to re-enter.
m. Organizations are responsible for cleaning up their float space after every float building time and before the start of the parade. The organization’s Homecoming representative must inform the Homecoming Commission when their site is clean, and either the Director of Parade or the Commissioner will inspect the site and sign each organization out. **Organizations who fail to clean their space and sign out will be disqualified from the parade and penalized 100 points in the overall competition.**

5. **Parade Day and Competition:**
   a. Parade line-up begins at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 16 at the Greene Street Intramural fields.
   b. All members participating in the parade must report to their floats by 2:00 P.M. for line-up. Any organization that does not arrive on time will be disqualified.
   c. A panel of faculty and staff will judge the floats during the parade route.
   d. **The speed limit of the parade is 5 miles per hour** and 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 or law enforcement.
   e. Floats must complete the entire parade route. Any floats that exit the parade before completing the entire route will be disqualified from the competition.
   f. Floats may only be pulled by motor vehicles. No one is allowed to stand on the float while in motion.
   g. Animals or candy throwing are NOT permitted during the parade.

6. **Judging:**
   a. Floats will be judged by an objective panel of faculty, staff, and/or community members at the end of the parade route.
   b. All divisions are judged together for this event.
   c. Judging criteria is as follows:

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d. Organizations must clean up their floats immediately after the parade and drop the trailers off at the appropriate place, as specified by Alexis Brewe. 100 points will be deducted from any organization that fails to do so.