Homecoming 2015 Week of Events

*Columbia, SC – September 29, 2015* – The Homecoming Commission is proud to announce the USC Homecoming 2015 Week of Events! Homecoming week will occur October 11-17, 2015, concluding with the USC Homecoming football game against the Vanderbilt Commodores. This year’s theme is “There’s No Place like Carolina,” a Carolinian twist on the Wizard of Oz.

The Homecoming Commission’s mission is to embrace diversity, inclusivity, and the upholding of USC’s most recognized tradition. This year, to emphasize that mission, the commission has provided an entirely new division for students who want to take part in different events by competing individually. They’ve also introduced a new set of unique events including a movie and a collaborative pep rally, in order to help promote a welcoming atmosphere to all students at USC. This year’s Homecoming line-up includes a total of 15 events that the USC-Columbia community can get involved in. We encourage you to come out, show your support, and help remind us all that “There’s No Place like Carolina!”

**Sunday, October 11, 2015**

**FIELD DAY:** Come out and watch USC students compete in friendly tournament play; powderpuff and dodgeball games will be going on throughout the day, and the winners will receive gift cards donated by McDonald’s and a prized trophy. Anyone is welcome to make a team – team sign-up ends with our ‘Just for Fun’ category on October 1st at 4:00 PM, so make sure and sign-up today!

- **Time:** 10:00am-6:00pm
- **Location:** Greene Street Intramural Fields/Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center Gyms

**PAINT THE TOWN:** an event where USC student organizations paint the windows of local businesses in an effort to help promote engagement and support for our Homecoming festivities. Make sure and check out the businesses across town embracing the Gamecock Spirit throughout the week!

- **Time:** All Day
- **Location:** Columbia community

**SCREEN ON THE GREEN:** a great opportunity for students to embrace the *Wizard of Oz* spirit. Students are encouraged to step into their ruby slippers and come out for a screening of the classic *Wizard of Oz*. A Carolina Card is required for entry. Food is FREE and participants are encouraged to bring their own blanket!

- **Time:** 7:30pm-9:30pm
- **Location:** Davis Field (next to Russell House)

**Monday, October 12, 2015**

**PEP RALLY/KICK-OFF:** Follow the garnet brick road to come and support our inaugural Pep Rally/Homecoming Kick-Off collaboration event! With lots of free food, fun games, music, and an exciting pep rally beginning at 12:00 PM, you can’t go wrong!

- **Time:** 11:00am-2:00pm
- **Location:** Greene Street (in front of the Russell House)
DANCE MARATHON – FTK PLAY DAY: a great, charitable event to help raise money for Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital. By participating in FTK Play Day, either as a team member or a spectator, students will be helping the University of South Carolina Dance Marathon organization make an impact on our local community.

**Time:** 3:00pm-6:00pm  
**Location:** Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center Fields

SHOWCASE: Come out and cheer for your favorite finalist for King and Queen at this year’s Homecoming Showcase! This will be a Hollywood-style event showcasing the great poise and talent of our USC students who are competing for the prized designation of Homecoming King and Queen. Make sure and bring your Carolina Card to gain entry!

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:30pm  
**Location:** Colonial Life Arena

**Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

SPURS & STRUTS: Make sure and attend Spurs & Struts, a fierce dance competition where teams battle it out with mash up songs and awesome dance routines. Make sure and bring your Carolina Card to gain entry, and come ready to be blown away by these performances!

**Time:** 8:00pm-10:00 pm  
**Location:** Greene Street (in front of the Russell House)

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

LOBBY DECORATING: a great opportunity for residence halls to show their Homecoming spirit, and to emphasize how there's no place like home when it comes to USC. Check out their cool decorations throughout the week!

**Time:** 3:00pm (Judging begins)  
**Location:** Participating Residence Halls

TRIVIA NIGHT: a collaborative event with the MyCarolina Alumni Association that will give students the chance to team up and prove their knowledge about USC, pop culture, sports, etc. Simply show up with groups of 2-5 and be ready to put your brain to the test! The ThinkFast trivia company will be providing an interactive game show atmosphere for the evening, and tours of the NEW Alumni building will be provided prior to the event! Make sure and bring your Carolina Card to gain entry.

**Time:** 8:00pm-10:00pm (Shuttles will run from 6:00pm-10:30pm, picking up students on the corner of Sumter and Greene streets)  
**Location:** MyCarolina Alumni Association Building

**Thursday, October 15, 2015**

COCKY’S CREATIONS: a charitable event where student organizations compete by designing and building a structure made entirely out of non-perishables. All items used in the competition will then be donated to Harvest Hope and Gamecock Pantry!

**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm  
**Location:** Greene Street (in front of the Russell House)

COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE FAIR: one of the best nights of the fall semester, and students get into the fair for FREE! Grab some friends and head out for a night of rides, food, and fun!

**Time:** All Day  
**Location:** SC State Fairgrounds

**Friday, October 16, 2015**
USC HOMECOMING PARADE: an annual event that invites students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community to come and watch as we showcase all of what USC encompasses. This year’s parade will feature Congressman Tom Rice as Grand Marshal, the Carolina Band and the Columbia High School marching band, the Carolina cheerleaders, the Carolina Girls dance team, and many other student organizations and sports teams. Organizations will also compete in a float competition by showcasing their “There’s No Place like Carolina” themed floats that they’ll build throughout the week. There are plenty of areas along to parade route to come and witness this awesome event!

Time: 3:00pm  
Location: USC Campus

STROLL OFF: Through the execution of a Stroll-Off, sororities and fraternities in NPHC will have the opportunity to showcase their talent, promote unity amongst organizations in the council and remind their alumni why “There’s No Place like Carolina.”

Regrettably, due to venue conflicts, the annual step show is not being presented as part of Homecoming 2015. However, students and alumni may enjoy attending this new feature event hosted by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life!

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Location: Blatt Fields

Other Exciting Events

CAROLINA’S #1 FAN: this video competition is a fantastic way to showcase USC’s most dedicated and enthusiastic fan. The winning student will win a prize package and recognition at this year’s Homecoming football game! Simply submit a 2-3 minute video showcasing why YOU are Carolina’s #1 Fan to sahc@mailbox.sc.edu to be entered into the competition – all submissions must be in by October 5th at 4:00 PM!

RANDOM ACT OF CREED: this event is a new addition to the 2015 Homecoming calendar. This contest is a simulation of the random act of kindness ideal; by filling out a Random Act of Creed card (or cards!) throughout Homecoming week, students will be able to tell us about what they’ve been doing to showcase their true Carolinian spirit. Each card will be entered to win gift cards and awesome Gamecock swag!

HOMECOMING SPIRIT BANNERS: banners decorated by student organizations will be displayed on Greene Street in front of the Russell House showcasing Gamecock pride. Make sure to stop by and view their awesome designs!

The Homecoming Commission invites all students and the surrounding community to participate in these events to showcase pride for Carolina. For more information regarding these events, we encourage you to email us, and/or refer to our website at: www.homecoming.sc.edu.

Thanks, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

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