Parade Small/Large Float or Non-Float Competition

The parade and the non-float entry offer the most publicly visible aspects of the MTSU Homecoming Festivities. You are not only representing your individual student organizations, but also the MTSU community.

1. All entry forms for parade are due in the SGA Office by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 26, 2014.

2. Participants may choose to either enter a float, vehicle, or a non-float entry. An organization may either build a float in the Homecoming Parade, or step in the parade, etc. The 2014 Homecoming Committee must approve all non-float entries. Once the Homecoming Committee receives an entry form no changes may be made.

3. Entries must be in good taste supporting MTSU spirit. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.

4. All size specifications will be strictly enforced. If an entry does not conform to the specifications for the event it will be automatically deducted 5 points per width, length, and height. **Indicated measurements are from skirt to skirt of the trailer.**

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Non-float specifications will be determined on an individual basis.

5. No person participating in the parade is allowed to enter or litter on any private property (people’s yards, business, churches, etc.) If a group is found guilty of this a 15 point deduction will be made.

6. **Judging of the float will occur at each float site on Friday, October 17, 2014.** Parade entries will be informed of their judging time within one week prior to the parade. However, spirit judges will be placed at strategic locations throughout the parade route.

| School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme on Float | 25% |
| School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme During Parade | 25% |
| Workmanship and Color Scheme | 30% |
| Originality & Creativity | 20% |
Parade Float Competition

1. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee. All parade entries must be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street of no later than two hours prior to Parade start. Any entry not in its correct location and checked in with the Parade Director by this time will receive a penalty of five points for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location by one hour prior to Parade Kick-Off.

2. Members of groups are not allowed to ride on the floats during the parade.

3. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol has been consumed) driver for the float and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.

4. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to remove any individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) Murfreesboro Police will be contacted and student will be sent to judicial affairs.

5. Float “beds” may not be extended. No extensions in the floor size of the trailer are permitted.

6. Floats must have at least one working fire extinguisher on board at all times. Any entry not having a fire extinguisher will be disqualified. The homecoming committee will be inspecting floats at check-in to ensure all entries meet this requirement.

7. The location of the float construction site must be on parade entry form. The Homecoming Committee and Parade Director reserve the right to visit each site at any time throughout the building process.

8. Any float that has movement must have consistent movement throughout the parade route. Judges will determine this as they are placed along the entire parade route.

9. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2014 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged.
Parade Non-Float Entry

The non-float entry is one of the less costly and more creative ways for organizations to be involved with Homecoming and walk down the parade route. If your organization wants to be in the parade but does not have the money for a float, this is a good way to participate.

1. Non-float entries may be walked or driven down the parade route on a truck, car, or on foot.

2. Non-float entries may include banners, step shows, or simply an organization walking down the parade route with like shirts (must be school colors) or any other creative expression. The 2014 Homecoming Committee must approve every non-float entry.

3. All parade entries must be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street no later than two hours prior to parade start. Any entry not in its correct location and checked-in with the Parade Director by this time will receive a five point deduction for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location by one hour prior to parade.

4. Where applicable, each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol has been consumed) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.

5. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event.

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Parade Vehicle Entry

Don't have enough time, space, or the funds to decorate and build a float? Your organization can use their personal vehicle to ride in the parade. Arrive at the parade site the morning of the parade and show your Blue Raider spirit in the parade!

1. All registered primary drivers should arrive at the parade start at 9:00 am to get their spot in the parade. Participants should be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street one hour prior to parade start time to decorate their cart. Judging will be done one hour prior to parade kick-off. The person responsible for the vehicle must check in with the parade director to receive access to parade spot.

2. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.

3. Each vehicle may only have participants riding that have available seating. (ex: if there are four seatbelts, only four people can ride in the car). Organization members can walk behind the vehicle in the parade!

4. Decorating materials may not consist of anything damageable to the cart and must align with the 2013 homecoming theme (examples: Paint, wood, nails, screws, glue, etc.). Vehicles can be decorated before they arrive and you can put on finishing touches before judging begins.

5. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol has been consumed) driver for the float and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.

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