Homecoming Event Packet
Since 1964 homecoming has been an autumn hallmark of ASU Life. Homecoming is a collaboration of the Alumni Association, ASU Athletics, Multicultural & Student Activities Programs, and the students.

Homecoming events are open to all student groups on campus. With that being said, you do not have to be a registered student organization to compete in the annual events.

Please carefully read the 2017 Homecoming Event Packet for detailed rules and requirements before registering for events.

**Theme Selection**
Student groups should submit the top three (3) countries they would like to represent during homecoming.
Please note that step performance will not be correlated with the country you choose. (See more details under Step Show). The country you select should be current as of 2017, excluding the United States of America.

**King & Queen Nominations/Elections**

**King & Queen Preliminary Voting**: Monday, October 16th & Tuesday, October 17th
Check your ASU e-mail account to access link

**King & Queen Final Voting**: Tuesday October 24th & Wednesday October 25th
Check your ASU e-mail account to access link

**RULES for nominations:**
1. Nominations for queen should identify as a female.
2. Nominations for king should identify as a male.
3. Nominee must have a 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher.
4. Nominee must be in good judicial standing with Angelo State University.
5. Student groups/organizations are eligible to nominate one (1) king and one (1) queen candidate.
6. Candidates must be nominated by an organization/student group that is registered for the homecoming events.
7. The Multicultural & Student Activities Center will contact nominees to schedule an appointment for photos.
8. It is the responsibility of each group/organization to make sure that their candidate is eligible under the guidelines established by the ASU Homecoming Committee. To ensure candidate eligibility before deadline, submit applications as soon as possible.
9. Nominees must agree to participate in all Homecoming Activities assigned (including Nominee Presentation Rehearsal, Nominee Presentation and Homecoming Parade.)
10. The Homecoming Committee will handle all publicity. No individual campaign posters or signs are permitted.
11. Nominees must follow all campaign rules and guidelines.
12. Nominees must be present for the mandatory rehearsal on Friday, October 20th at 4 p.m. in the UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center and the Nominee Presentation on Monday, October 23rd at 7p.m.
13. If nominee makes it to court, nominee must be available for the Halftime practice on Friday, October 27th at 8a.m. and on Saturday, October 28th for the Homecoming Parade (10:30a.m.) and football game (7p.m.)
**Brisket Cook-Off**

Check-in: Sunday, October 22nd, 8-9 a.m., LeGrand Alumni Center  
Judging: Sunday, October 22nd, 5p.m., LeGrand Alumni Center

A $50 entry fee must be turned in to the Multicultural & Student Activities Center. This will cover the cost of your brisket. All proceeds will go towards Dance Marathon. The entry fee must be paid by Wednesday, October 18th at 5pm or your group will not be able to participate in the cook-off.

**BRISKET COOK-OFF RULES:**

1. Teams will be required to provide their own cooker or BBQ pit. Brisket will be provided by the ASU Meat Market.
2. Each team participating must check-in with a Homecoming committee member at the registration table. At check-in you will pick out your brisket.
3. All brisket entries will be cooked on location. NO GAS OR ELECTRIC GRILLS. (If the grill needs to be plugged in, it is considered electric and cannot be used.)
4. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Students, organizations and/or teams caught with alcoholic beverages will be asked to leave and will forfeit all points for the brisket cook-off contest. This includes alcoholic beverages in recipes.
5. Only current ASU students may participate in the contest.
6. Music will be provided during this event, beginning at 12pm.
   - A DJ will be available to take request. After 12pm student groups are ask to refrain from playing music and make request through DJ.
7. All entries will be judged anonymously on a number of factors by a panel of judges to be announced the day of the competition.
8. Temperature of the briskets will be checked between the fourth and fifth hour to ensure it will be ready for judging.

Groups are encouraged to decorate a booth representing their homecoming theme. The booth can feature, facts, about the country, music, food, games and tradition. Please do not misappropriate a culture. Five (5) bonus points will be awarded to each group that decorates a booth.

**Washer Tournament**

Sunday, October 22nd, 11a.m., LeGrand Alumni Center

Teams of two (2) should check in with a Homecoming Committee member by 10:30a.m. This will be a double elimination tournament. Only one team per organization will be allowed to participate!

**RULES OF THE GAME:**

**Throwing the Washer**
- Players must make their tosses from behind a line that is one pace in front of the washer cup. A player throws both of his washers on his turn, one at a time.

**Scoring**
- Any washer that lands completely inside the cup scores five points for the player that threw it. If both players land a washer in the cup, the two washers cancel each other and no points are scored. If no washers land in the cup, the washer closest to the cup scores one point.

**Winning**
- Play continues until a player reaches a score of 21 points. It is not necessary to score 21 points. If a player exceeds 21 points, he is the winner, as only one player can score in each round.

**Homecoming King & Queen Nominee Presentation:**
**K&Q Reception will be on Monday, October 23rd 6-7pm. Dress is business casual.**

**Step Show**
Monday, October 23rd 7p.m., UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center

**MANDATORY ROUND ONE**
Monday, October 23rd, 7p.m., C.J. Davidson Conference Center
Seven (7) teams will be selected to advance to round two of Step Show.

**ROUND TWO – Mandatory for teams that advance from round one of Step Show.**
Wednesday, October 25th, 7p.m., C.J. Davidson Conference Center
Five (5) teams will be selected to advance to Final Round of Step Show.

**FINAL ROUND**
Friday, October 28th, 8:30 p.m., Junell Center

**STEP CONTEST RULES**

1. All team members must be currently full-time Angelo State University students. The Multicultural & Student Activities Center will verify enrollment.
2. Each group will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for their performance, which will include the introduction and exit. Three (3) points will be deducted for each minute the organization exceeds the time limit.
   - If presentation is starting on stage (does not include a choreographed entrance), time will start at the first movement.
3. Stage dimensions 28ft deep by 16ft wide and sits 16in off the ground (stepping out of boundary during performance will result in a point deduction (1pt per person). This does not include entrance and exit.
4. Number of step team members must have a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of ten (10) members. Teams consisting of ten (10) members may list one (1) alternate and teams with fewer than ten (10) members may fill additional spaces with alternates.
5. Team members will not be allowed to use profanity, obscene gestures or demeaning lyrics during their performance. Teams should not shed clothing, shoes or any other items during performance. Any team that violates this rule will automatically be disqualified.
6. Teams will not be allowed to use props such as powder, glitter or any sort of material that could make the stage slick to others.
7. Entrance and exit onto and off of the stage should be done in a safe manner, this includes during the performance. Example, no running, jumping or tumbling onto or off of the stage.
8. Cultural attire or music should not be used in step performance.
9. Please refrain from appropriating a culture. Cultural appropriation is defined as *the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture*. Please refrain from using cultural stereotypes that may be offensive to others. No derogatory gestures will be accepted. If you are not sure if it is offensive, ask the Homecoming Committee for advice.
10. **If your team is using a CD with music, this must be given to Homecoming Staff in the Multicultural & Student Activities Center by October 19**th **at the close of business hours. Please inform the Homecoming Staff if music is NOT being used. E-mails of YouTube videos or music links are unacceptable.** Other devices with auxiliary ports may be used for your music step.
11. A team representative must be assigned to instruct the sound person during the performance.
12. Each judge will use the categories shown below to judge team performance. Judging will be on a five (5) point scale with five (5) being the highest and one (1) the lowest in the specified areas:
• **Crowd enthusiasm** - crowd reaction to the performance
• **Incorporation of ASU history/tradition** - the incorporation ASU, blue/gold spirit
• **Appearance** - General appearance of team; no cultural attire
• **Creativity** - Performing new and innovative steps and utilizing a creative introduction and exit
• **Clarity** - Words, sayings, and chants are clear and easily understood
• **Execution** - Carries out precise synchronization of steps and choreography (the amount of step incorporated in performance will be used in this rating)
• **Showmship** - Overall manner of presenting routine to the audience

Teams must report at 6:15 p.m. for preliminary round(s) and 8:15 p.m. for final round. Teams that are not present at check-in time will be disqualified and will forfeit all points for the step contest.

**Ram Remembrance**
Tuesday, October 24th at 7 p.m., UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center

Please join us for a candlelight ceremony remembering Ram Family members - students, alumni, faculty and staff - who have passed away Sept. 1, 2016, through Aug. 31, 2017.

Ram Remembrance is part of Homecoming during which we publicly remember each member of the Ram Family lost during the previous academic year. If you know of current or former students, staff members, or faculty members who passed away during this time, please submit their information. We will be sure to include them as we read the names and light candles for each during the ceremony.

**Dance Marathon & Round Two Step Show**
Wednesday, October 25th, 4-7 p.m., C.J. Davidson Conference Center

*Round two of Step Show will begin at 7pm following Dance Marathon.*

Dance Marathon is a nationwide movement involving college and high school students at more than 300 schools. The event helps raise awareness and funds for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. All funds raised will go to our local Children’s Miracle Network.

Registration for the Second Annual Angelo State Dance Marathon will open on Tuesday, August 15th. At that time groups will receive a detailed email with instructions on how to create a team, register teammates and ideas to raise funds for our local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital.

Members of your team are encouraged to attend the Dance Marathon to dance and play games with local Miracle Children. The event is all about being active and dancing for those that can’t.

**RULES:**
1. All money raised goes to Dance Marathon, benefiting San Angelo’s local CMN Hospital
2. The members on the team must be ASU staff/faculty/students.
3. To be considered a ‘team’ the group must have at least five members.
4. For every ten (10) members that join your fundraising team (up to 50 members), you will receive one point.
5. Each team member must pay a $5 registration fee to join the team.
6. Points for fundraising.
   • 5 points for creating a team
1 point for every 10 members on team
5 points for every $100 your team raises, up to $500
  ○ Up to 25 points can be earned for money raised.

**Departmental Door Decorating Contest**
Judging will occur on Thursday, October 26th.
*This entry is for on campus departments only.*

**Judging Criteria:**
- Best use of theme
- Creativity
- Exemplifies ASU pride

**Field Day**
Thursday, October 26th at 5:30pm

Field day will be the athletic event for 2017 Homecoming. There will be a variety of games such as 3 legged race, human wheelbarrow, speed basketball, etc. Each group is allowed an unlimited number of teammates.

Details on specific games will be available at a later date. Rules for each game will be read to each participating team at the Field Day Event.

**Run-Through Sign Contest**
Friday, October 27th, 7p.m.,

**GENERAL RULES:**
- Sign must not exceed 12 ft. by 18 ft. and must be at least 10 ft. by 12 ft. (not including the poles). Signs not meeting these dimensions will be disqualified.
- Teams should report with their run-through sign by 6:30p.m. at the Junell Center.
- Should your team win the sign contest, you are responsible for the poles used to hold the sign at the football game.
- Upon submission of this form, a staff member from the Multicultural & Student Activities Center will contact you within five (5) business days to schedule a time to use the CSI Banner Room. The Banner Room can be utilized for an increment of two hours during each use. Please have a couple usage times in mind when this form is turned in.

**REMEMBER:** All student groups must follow CSI Banner Room guidelines. Banners are NOT to be left to dry in the CSI or the Banner Room itself. If you choose to paint elsewhere on campus, please remember to take enough paper to place under your painted sign. You will be responsible for any damage to University property. NO glitter is to be used inside the Banner Room orCSI.

The 1st place sign will be used at the start of the Homecoming football game. 2nd place sign will be used during half-time. Groups will be responsible for their own poles to hold the sign at the football game.

All teams should remove their run through sign from the Junell Center by the end of pep rally. Any signs remaining in the Junell Center will receive a 10 point deduction from their overall homecoming points.
SUGGESTIONS:

- Consider cutting holes or slits in your sign because it tends to be windy.
- Butcher paper, paint, banner paper, glue, scissors, tape and other supplies are available to all registered student organizations in the Center for Student Involvement.

**Bonfire**

Bonfire building will begin Tuesday, October 10th. Build times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm-6pm.

**RULES & GUIDELINES**

1. The bonfire is a yearly homecoming event in which all students, organizations, and teams from the university can participate and are invited to build and guard.
2. Please note that this year there will be additional building days, but participation is limited to 20 members present at a time working on the bonfire build. The Multicultural & Student Activities Center will contact each organization within 48 hours of them registering to coordinate a day/time to participate in bonfire build. These time slots will be given on a first come, first serve basis.
3. There will be a total of **20 points per week** available to all student groups who help build.
4. **Building:** All student groups are eligible to receive points in this area. A group will earn one (1) point for every hour each person works to build the bonfire with a **maximum of five (5)** people per group working at a time.
5. **Guarding:** Each student group must have worked at least **10 hours** in order to guard. Guarding will begin Saturday, October 21st or sooner depending when the Bonfire is 75% complete. A one-time bonus of 100 points will be given to those groups that guard.
6. Students, organizations and/or team members will be required to sign-in and out with the designated Homecoming Committee representative. **Students who do not sign-in and out will not receive points.** If a student forgets to sign-in and has already worked an hour, they will not receive points for that hour. Point accumulation begins when they sign-in.
7. Credit will be awarded to the nearest 15-minute increment.
8. Students who are caught not working (i.e., sitting around, talking, etc.) or who “disappear” will be sent home and will not receive points.
9. The Multicultural & Student Activities Center will provide gloves to ensure safety. The dress code is old jeans and tennis shoes/boots. **Volunteers will be asked to leave if they are wearing sandals or shorts.** The dress code will be strictly enforced. Sunblock is recommended for everyone, especially for those sensitive to heat and sunlight.
10. Only wood pallets may be used to burn. No petroleum products, tar from roofing supplies, plastics, or fiberglass will be permitted. Students caught adding anything other than wood to the bonfire will be sent home and not receive points.
11. Construction will take place beginning Monday, October 9th. **DO NOT** attempt to work on the bonfire in any way without a cadet or Homecoming staff present. If you are unsure if we will be working on a particular day, contact the cadet in charge or the Multicultural & Student Activities Center. **Times and days are subject to change.**
12. The top four organizations with the most hours worked will be allowed to carry one of the torches after the pep rally. Those organizations will be announced at the pep rally.
13. When guarding begins, each team will be responsible for the bonfire site. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed.** Students, organizations, and/or teams caught with alcoholic beverages will be asked to leave by the University Police and will lose points for guarding. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted at the site.
14. Each organization/team will be responsible for cleaning the site at the end of their guarding time. **If the site is not properly cleaned, the hours and points that have been awarded for guarding will not count.**

15. **FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** If there is evidence of a fire, your organizations points will be taken away.

16. Periodic safety checks will be held throughout the building of the bonfire by the city fire marshal.

17. Safety is paramount and no horseplay will be tolerated. In the event that an injury occurs, an individual will either be taken to the University Clinic or sent to the local emergency room.

18. On the day of the bonfire, the individuals carrying the torches must wear clothes that are made of 100% cotton. The only fuel used to ignite the fire will be diesel. No gasoline will be used. ROTC will direct the dousing of the bonfire. No synthetic fabrics will be allowed next to the fire. Individuals are not to park or stand close to the bonfire once it begins to burn, boundaries will be set, and cadets will be monitoring the area.

**Only 25 students will be allowed at bonfire build per date/time slot. Organizations will sign up for their preferred build day. Each organization can have 5 members at the bonfire build per build day/time.** (There will be 4 organizations working per day.) After September 15th if there are build day/times left, we will open the form back up for organizations to sign up for more than one spot.

**Parade**

**Check-in:** Saturday, October 28th, 8:30-9:30 a.m. (Shannon Clinic parking lot on the corner of Oakes St. & Beaurgard St.)

**Route:** The ASU Parade will begin at 11a.m. and travel down Oakes St. to Harris Ave., turn left onto Harris Ave and continue to Chadbourne St. Floats will turn left onto Chadbourne St. to Concho Ave. then left on Concho Ave. back to Oakes St.

**Judges:** Judges will be located on the balcony of Fat Boss Pub, located on Chadbourne St.

**Judging Criteria:**

- Most Spirited: 5 pts (Exemplifies Pride and Enthusiasm for ASU)
- Best use of Theme: 5 pts (Best fits the Homecoming 2017 theme)
- Most Creative: 5 pts (Creativity, imagination, and movement in an entry)

**Please note:** Student groups should not collect donations from parade spectators. The Homecoming Committee works hard to raise money for Children’s Miracle Network.
Points

- 5 points will be awarded for each activity a group participates in
  - Brisket Cook-Off
  - Washer Tournament
  - Field Day
  - Run Through Sign Contest
  - Step Show Finals
  - Parade

- There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the following events:
  - Brisket Cook-Off
  - Washer Tournament
  - Field Day
  - Run Through Sign Contest
  - Step Show Finals
  - Parade
    - 3rd place for each event: 10 points
    - 2nd place for each event: 20 points
    - 1st place for each event: 30 points

- King and Queen Nominee Points
  - 10 bonus points will be awarded to the group who nominated the winning king and queen

- Dance Marathon Points
  - 5 points for creating a team
  - 1 point for every 10 members on team (up to 5 points can be earned)
  - 5 points for every $100 your team raises, up to $500 (up to 25 points can be earned)

- Bonfire Build Points
  - An organization will earn 1 point for every hour each person works to build the bonfire with a maximum of five (5) people per organization.
    - A total of 20 points can be earned form bonfire build.
  - A one-time bonus of 100 points will be given to those organizations that guard.
  - 5 bonus points will be available for day time guard. Day time guard will be in increments of two (2) hours. A detailed email regarding day time guard will be sent on a later date.

- Run Through Sign (possible point deduction)
  - All teams should remove their run through sign from the Junell Center by the end of pep rally. Any signs remaining in the Junell Center will receive a 10 point deduction from their overall homecoming points.

- ASU Flags
  - There is an opportunity for each student group to earn 10 bonus points during homecoming week. Each morning we need a group to put the ASU flags out at 7:30am and another group to pick them back up at 4pm. These are the flags you see placed along Ave N. A detailed email regarding displaying ASU flags will be sent on a later date. Slots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

- Dunk Tanks
  - There is an opportunity to have one person from each group registered for HC events to volunteer for the dunk tank. That person will earn 5 bonus points for their group.
  - Each group can earn 1 point per $1 donated to the dunk tank, up to $50/50 points.