There's no place like Houston

University of Houston • Homecoming 2017
October 23–28
Past Spirit Cup Winners

2016-Alpha Sigma Phi & Chi Omega

2015-Delta Gamma & Kappa Alpha

2014-Kappa Sigma & Zeta Tau Alpha

2013-Kappa Sigma & Delta Zeta

2012-Kappa Sigma & Chi Omega
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Welcome Letter

Dear Cougars,

Welcome to the first step in participating in the University of Houston's 2017 Homecoming Spirit Cup Competition! We are very excited that you plan to participate in this year’s Homecoming festivities. We hope that you have a fun time engaging in the Homecoming Spirit!

The Spirit Cup is the annual competition to award students that show the most Cougar spirit in a series of fun, exciting, yet challenging tasks throughout Homecoming Week. The theme for Homecoming 2017 is “There’s No Place like Houston”. This theme focuses on the great city we live in, Houston. Since UH is considered “Houston's University” we want to deliver a Homecoming that highlights our great city. For this week of events we encourage all participants to focus on the pride of Houston and the University’s achievements, culture and tradition. Tradition is what connects us all together as a school. It gives us confidence in knowing that no matter where life takes us, there’s no place like Houston because it is our home.

Enclosed in this packet is ALL the information needed for a week of success. You will find information regarding dates, deadlines, a list of activities, rules and the point system. Please keep in mind that the Homecoming Board will NOT accept any forms after the designated deadlines. Extreme circumstances will be evaluated on an individual basis. Otherwise, there will be no exceptions.

Should you have any questions regarding the Homecoming events and/or the Homecoming Spirit Cup Competition, please do not hesitate to contact the Homecoming Director of Spirit, Ebony Aiken, via GroupMe or email at hcspirit@central.uh.edu

Sincerely,

Ebony Aiken
Director of Spirit
Homecoming Board 2017
Homecoming Schedule of Events

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<td>Houston Room</td>
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<td>Trip to Houston</td>
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<td>UH v. ECU Homecoming Game</td>
<td>TDECU Stadium</td>
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Homecoming Game Opponent

East Carolina University
Location: Greenville, North Carolina
Mascot: Pirates
Colors: Old Gold and Royal Purple
Spirit Cup Team Formats and Rules

There will be three categories for all competitions:
1) Registered Student Organizations
2) Individual UH students who form a team of at least 5 individuals

Teams can be comprised of an individual University of Houston group OR a combination of groups from the same category. A University of Houston group is considered as a registered student organization (i.e. a Fraternity or Sorority, a sports club, an academic club, etc. The minimum number of participants a group must contain is five (5) with a maximum of thirty (30). Furthermore, individual students may also participate in the Spirit Cup Competition by creating a team minimum of (5) currently enrolled University of Houston students. All rules and deadlines still apply. If you are unsure whether you are an eligible group or have any questions about the rules, please contact the Homecoming Board.

Teams are required to participate in all events. If the team is a registered student organization, all team members must be a registered member of the organization. Registration for the Spirit Cup and all other forms shall be found online through www.uh.edu/homecoming.

Two representatives from EACH team participating in the Spirit Cup must attend at least one information session. Teams will NOT be able to participate in the Spirit Cup if they do not attend the meeting. Please look at the following for the list of events; and page __ for deadlines and dates.

For any questions regarding applications or teams, please contact the Homecoming Board Director of Spirit by email hcspirit@central.uh.edu
# Registration and Deadlines

**ALL APPLICATIONS DUE: September 18th**

All Spirit Cup forms must be completed online at [www.uh.edu/homecoming](http://www.uh.edu/homecoming) by 5:00 PM on September 18th. All teams MUST have two representatives from the team attend at least one information session to be able to turn in an application on for the Spirit Cup.

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<td><strong>Spirit Cup Registration Closes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3D Cougar Design Sketch Due</strong></td>
<td>October 4, 2017</td>
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<td><strong>3D Cougar Design Material Pick Up</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Strut Your Stuff Script or Music Due</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Strut Your Stuff Rehearsal scheduled with D.O.S.</strong></td>
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## Point System

The Homecoming Board reserves the right to deduct any points if an organization fails to follow the guidelines of Spirit Cup events.

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Spirit Cup Event Descriptions

Spirit Day CAN-struction

**Event Description:** The Homecoming “CAN-struction” contest is one of the Community Service initiatives for Homecoming 2017. Spirit Cup teams will be given the opportunity to create a sculpture made of food cans displaying an artistic design that showcases UH spirit and this year’s Homecoming theme “There’s No Place like Houston.” All food cans collected will be collected by the Metropolitan Volunteer Program and given to the Manna House Third Ward Food Pantry.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11 AM

**Location:** Student Center Plaza

**Rules and Regulations:**

1. Teams will be allowed to bring their supplies but will be asked to step away promptly at 11:30 AM.
2. Teams must provide their own cans.
3. Teams **SHOULD NOT** remove labels.
4. Teams will be given a 4 by 4 foot flat area to build their sculpture on.
5. Sculptures have no maximum height, but a 3 foot minimum.
6. Anything offensive or vulgar will result in disqualification from the entire Homecoming Spirit Cup Competition.
7. Sculptures will be assembled and displayed at the Student Center Plaza in front of the entire student body. So have your teams ready and bring your motivators!
8. Teams will be allowed to begin promptly at the sound of the buzzer and will be asked to stop working at 1:30 PM.
9. Teams can use FLAT, non-metal, unattached platforms.
10. Points will be given for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
11. Teams are responsible for loading their cans in the boxes to be sent to the Manna House. Any team that fails to do so will have points deducted.
12. Teams are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of any items other than cans that they used for CAN-struction. Any team that fails to do so will have 20 points deducted and may be disqualified from the Spirit Cup.
13. Student voting will begin at 1:15 PM but students will be permitted to work through the last 15 minutes.
Event Description: Strut Your Stuff is an annual campus-wide talent and variety show. Skits, dancing, stepping, are common acts during this showcase.

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Location: Student Center South Houston Room

Rules and Regulations:

1. Acts must sign up for a rehearsal time with the Homecoming Director of Spirit. The preview is very IMPORTANT; this will help your group gauge how ready you are to perform. The required feedback given by the Director of Spirit must be integrated into the performance.

2. All acts must bring all of the following to their preview: a revised copy of the act’s script (for large/small variety skits), a copy of the act’s music and/or videos (ALL categories in either CD or DVD format), and all members in the actual performance in costume.

3. Acts must be clean, tasteful and appropriate. Any act with questionable or distasteful costumes, music, and/or language will be asked to change their act or not participate.

4. Your performance in the final preview is what must be done on stage for Strut Your Stuff.

5. Any changes that the Director or Assistant Director of Spirit suggests, must be incorporated into your performance.

6. A cast total of less than 10 are allowed to have up to 2 stage hands from your team. A cast total of 10 to 15 max will be allotted up to 3 stage hands. ONLY stage hands will be allowed backstage during performances. NO EXCEPTIONS. For every person supporting their organization that is NOT on the roster/ cast total found backstage they will each receive a 2 point deduction towards their organizations’ total overall score.

7. Each organization must have a member NOT participating in the show in the sound booth during the performance, helping run the music correctly. All CDs should be cut appropriately before the performance to ensure a successful performance. This person will be on the roster but not counted in the cast total. Individual members must be registered with the organization they are representing.

8. On the day of the show, all organizations must check in with the Director of Spirit by 6:00pm or you will be withdrawn from the competition.

9. The Director Spirit and/or Assistant Director reserves the right to visit practices and ensure successful performances.
Bed Races

Event Description: Bed Races is a new event added to the Spirit Cup Competition. The purpose of this event is to highlight school spirit and teamwork, as all teams must work together from start to finish.

Date: Wednesday October 25, 2017

Location: Architectural/Engineering Street

Rules and Regulations:

1. Points will be given to teams that place in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.
2. Each team will be provided a bed and allowed to freely decorate as long as it is tasteful and appropriate for all ages due to the family-oriented nature of Homecoming. Beds with obscene or degrading designs will not be permitted to race.
3. Bed designs should not have any objects protruding from the side.
4. All teams should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the race begins.
5. Teams will be given approximately 4 hours from the start of the race to decorate bed. Additional points will be awarded for bed designs that reflect the 2017 Homecoming Theme.
6. Racing Teams must consist of a maximum of 4 members: 4 pushers and 1 rider.
7. All racers must be at least 18 years of age.
8. All riders must weigh at least 100 pounds.
9. Substitutions will be allowed in the event of injury/sickness at the discretion of the Director of Spirit.
10. All racers must remain in contact with the bed at all times during a heat.
11. All racers must sign an Informed Consent Waiver before participating in the race.
12. All racers must wear closed toe shoes and helmets. Helmets are provided by the race coordinators.
13. All pushers and riders must remain in contact with the bed at all times and be in control of the bed until it comes to a complete stop.
14. Pushers must remain behind or on the side of the bed. No one can be pulling or in front of the bed.
15. The rider must be sitting or lying the entire time that the bed is in motion. No standing/kneeling.
16. Teams will respect opposing teams and not interfere or impede their progress.

*More detailed information coming*
Rock the Campus

Event Description: In collaboration with the Metropolitan Volunteer Program (MVP), teams will participate in Rock the Campus, their annual campus clean up. Teams will volunteer for Rock the Campus as it will count as points to your Spirit Cup total.

Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 9AM

Location: Lynn Eusan

Check-in will be located at Lynn Eusan. All participants will then be scattered throughout the campus and assigned different tasks to complete.

Teams must have 20% of their team members to volunteer to get the full point value.

Teams will not be required to participate in all events, they will have the option to pick and choose which events they would like to participate in. However, that should be specified on the Spirit Cup Application. There will be a daily champion and an overall winner for the 2017 Spirit Cup.
Contact Information

Should you have any questions throughout this entire process do not hesitate to reach out to me via text, call and/or e-mail. Thank you for your interest in the Spirit Cup completion, I look forward to working with you.

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