Spirit Cup Packet

VARSITY RED HOMECOMING 2015
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2015 Homecoming Theme

The theme for Homecoming 2015 is Varsity Red! The University of Houston has so much to offer from its great diversity to the multitude of innovation and creativity fostered at the institution. Cougars are proud of past accomplishments and looking forward to future endeavors with renewed spirit and Tier-One aspirations. It’s a great time to be a Cougar, whether you’re an alumnus, a student, faculty, staff, or a much loved friend of the University of Houston. Come one, come all! Come back to campus for Homecoming to reconnect with the good ol’ days, celebrate everything that’s new and get excited about the bright future we have to look forward to. There’s something fun for everyone, and it’s all right here in your “home-sweet-Cougarm-home”!

Spirit Cup Overview & Info

All Spirit Cup events are mandatory, so please be aware of the event dates and times. If your team misses an event, you will receive a deduction of points from your Spirit Cup point total. Social media is now a voting component for the Shasta Cut Outs, Banners, and Can-sculptures, along with scores from the judges (see page 7 for more details). So make sure to have your UH fans support you and help your team earn points!

The biggest change to this year’s Spirit Cup is that everything is FREE. There will be no extra fees for anything this year.

In this packet, you will find information regarding registration forms, deadlines, rules, and most importantly the point system. Please keep in mind that the Homecoming Board will not accept forms after the designated deadlines. Extreme circumstances will be evaluated on an individual basis, otherwise, there will be no exceptions.

If you have any questions regarding the Homecoming events and/or the Homecoming Spirit Cup Competition, feel free to contact the Homecoming Board Director of Spirit at 832-842-6235, or through email at hcspirit@central.uh.edu.
Homecoming Schedule of Events

**Monday, November 2nd**
Homecoming Kick-Off Pep Rally
Bring your Cougar spirit to Lynn Eusan Park for this awesome pep rally. Join the band, football team, cheerleaders, and your fellow COOGs for music, giveaways, food and fun. Also, don’t miss the announcement of the 2015 Homecoming Court!
*Location: Lynn Eusan Park*
*Time: 5–8 pm*

**Tuesday, November 3rd**
Spirit Day CAN-struction with MVP
Homecoming is giving back to the community with MVP. As a part of the Spirit Cup Competition (SCC), groups will gather can goods, and create a sculpture that will be judged for the SCC.
*Location: Student Center South Lawn*
*Time: 4pm-6pm*

**Block Party with RHA**
*Location: Student Center Plaza*
*Time: 5:00pm-7:30pm*

**Wednesday, November 4th**
Build- A-COOG
Build-A-COOG is an event for the general UH population where students can come and build a stuffed animal and dress them in UH Homecoming gear.
*Location: Student Center Houston Room*
*Time: 12pm-2pm*

**COOG-LYMPICS**
Gather your squad, come compete and show you are the best! UH groups from all around the university will participate in various challenges.
*Location: Campus Rec*
*Time: 4pm-7pm*

**Mum Making 101 with CEO**
Be part of a tradition that can trace its roots back to 1901. The homecoming mum is an exciting interactive past time for all students in Southern schools. Join the Homecoming Court and CEO to build your own mum and wear it on game day to show your Cougar spirit!
*Location: Student Center Legacy Lounge*
*Time: 7pm-10pm*
**Thursday, November 5th**

**Strut Your Stuff**
Come and support your fellow COOGs as they strut their stuff in our annual campus-wide talent and variety show. From skits to dancing and stepping, everyone is sure to find something they'll enjoy.
*Location: Student Center Houston Room*
*Time: 5pm-7pm*

**Silent Disco & Glo-Cade**
Grab some headphones and dance your shoes off for a night of dancing and listening to different genres of music. There will also be a glow arcade for you to hang out in! Don’t miss this unique experience!
*Location: Lynn Eusan Park*
*Time: 7pm-10pm*

**Friday, November 6th**

**Metropolitan Volunteer Program’s Rock the Campus**
Join MVP as they clean up campus, participate in gardening and landscaping projects, and other on campus service projects. Afterwards, join us at Lynn Eusan Park for music and lunch! All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt for participating in the event. There will also be providing onsite registration.
*Location: Butler Plaza*
*Time: 9am-3pm*

**Homecoming Fiesta with Frontier Fiesta**
This campus tradition event will feature carnival games, the closing ceremony for Homecoming, and will also serve as the Pre-Party for the Concert! Come and enjoy the friends, food and fun that will help bring a close to this great week. Did we mention there will be FIREWORKS?
*Location: TDECU Stadium Tailgating Area*
*Time: 5pm-7pm*

**SPB Homecoming Concert**
Lupe Fiasco and Wale will grace the stage for this year’s Homecoming Concert! Don’t miss it!
*Location: Hofheinz Pavilion*
*Time: Show at 8pm-11pm, Doors open at 7pm*

**Saturday, November 7th**

**Homecoming Game**
Come out for the homecoming game against Cincinnati! This will be one for the books! The crowning of this year’s Homecoming King & Queen will also take place during half-time. You don’t want to miss it!
*Location: TDECU Stadium*
*Time: TBA*
Team Format & Rules

There will be three categories for all competitions:
1) Student Organizations/Student Staff
2) UH Colleges, Departments, and Offices
3) 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 a registered student organization (i.e. a Fraternity or Sorority, a sports club, an academic club, etc.), or a University Department (i.e. Center for Student Involvement, Residential Life and Housing, Dean of Students Office, 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 with a minimum of five (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 Director of Spirit.

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.

One representative from EACH organization participating in the Spirit Cup must attend the first Spirit Cup Competitor Meeting. Visit the website at www.uh.edu/homecoming for the meeting date.

For any questions regarding applications or teams, please contact the Homecoming Board Director of Spirit at 832-842-6235, hcspirit@centraluh.edu.
### Spirit Cup Competition - Point System

All teams will be awarded points equally and will be considered as ONE.

#### Paint Shasta
- **Homecoming Theme**: 5 pts
- **Incorporation of UH school Spirit**: 5 pts
- **Creativity and Originality**: 5 pts
- **Artistry and Legibility**: 5 pts
- **Overall Presentation**: 5 pts

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#### Banner Competition
- **Homecoming Theme**: 5 pts
- **Incorporation of UH school Spirit**: 5 pts
- **Creativity and Originality**: 5 pts
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| Max Points Possible | 50 pts |

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- 20% of Team Volunteers: 25pts
- < 20% of Team Volunteers: 10pts
- 0% of Team Volunteers: -10pts
- Max Points Possible: 25pts

### COOG-lympics
- 1st Place: 50 pts
- 2nd Place: 40 pts
- 3rd Place: 30 pts
- Participation per group: 10 pts
- Max Points Possible: 60 pts

### Rock the Campus
- 50% of Team Volunteers: 50pts
- 25% of Team Volunteers: 25pts
- 10% of Team Volunteers: 10pts
- 0% of Team Volunteers: -25pts
- Max Points Possible: 50pts

If you have any further questions please contact the Director of Spirit at the Homecoming Board at 832-842-6235 or [hcspirit@central.uh.edu](mailto:hcspirit@central.uh.edu).

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Spirit Cup
Competition

Paint Shasta/Banner
Event Description: The Homecoming Paint Shasta/Banner contest is a chance for all organizations to show who they are and most importantly their school spirit! We ask that the designs stay appropriate and consistent with the Homecoming theme of “Varsity Red”.

Date: All of Homecoming Week

Rules & Regulations:
1. A sketch of both the Shasta cut out and the Banner must be turned in to the Homecoming Board office in room #116 in the Student Center North by October 12th at 5:00pm.
2. Organizations will receive sketch approval through their designated e-mail from the Homecoming Board. If the sketch does not receive approval, the organization or organization leader must make revisions based on feedback. On October 16th teams will pick up their Shastas and Banners by 5:00pm.
3. Banners
   a. Banners that do not resemble the approved sketch shall be disqualified. Any offensive or vulgar images will result in disqualification from the entire Homecoming Competition.
   b. Banners will remain in the Student Center for the duration of the Homecoming week.

Both items are due October 30th by 5:00pm and must be submitted to the Homecoming Office in room #116 in the Student Center North. There will be a 5 point deduction from each judging category for every hour that the item is late. One (1) Shasta cut out AND one (1) banner decorated by your team is to be displayed in the Student Center on Monday morning. Judging will be done through the point-system that is attached to the main packet.

COOGs Make Cents!
Event Description: Teams will make their best efforts to collect as many coins as possible. All the money for the week will be combined and go to the Cougar Cents Scholarship.

Rules & Regulations:
   a. Banks will be given out on Friday, October 23rd, 2015. Each team will have one bank. Banks can be picked up from the Homecoming Office.
   b. Banks are due Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 by noon to the Homecoming Office and the amount will be calculated by Friday.
   c. Upon completing the count of all of the banks, the top three teams that collected the most money will be announced during Homecoming Fiesta.

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d. The winning team will then be announced and the grand total revealed.

**Spirit Day CAN-struction**

*Event Description:* The Homecoming Canned Food Drive Sculpture contest is the Community Service initiative for Homecoming 2015. Organizations will be given the opportunity to create a sculpture made of food cans displaying an artistic design that showcases UH spirit. All food cans collected will be collected by the Metropolitan Volunteer Program and given to the Houston Food Bank.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015 4pm-6pm

**Rules & Regulations:**

**Sculpture**

a. Teams will be given a 4 by 4 foot flat area to build their sculpture on.

b. Sculptures have no maximum height, but a 3 foot minimum.

c. Anything offensive or vulgar will result in disqualification from the entire Homecoming Competition.

d. Sculptures will be assembled and displayed at Student Center South Lawn in front of the entire student body. So have your teams ready and bring your motivators!

e. Teams will be allowed to begin promptly at 4:00pm and will be asked to stop working at 5:30pm.

f. Additional materials: Teams can use FLAT, non-metal, unattached platforms.

g. Points will be given for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each category. Social Media points will be added on top of the points awarded by judges.

**Build-A-COOG**

*Event Description:* Build-A-COOG is an event for the general UH population where participants can come and build a stuffed animal and dress them in UH Homecoming gear. For a team to receive their points for this event, at least 20% of your Spirit Cup team must be present to volunteer at the event. For example, if your team has 5 members, 1 of your members must volunteer. If your team has 20 members, 4 of your members must volunteer. There will be a sign in sheet to keep track of each team’s volunteers. Each team will also build a stuffed animal that will be donated to Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 4th, 2015, 12pm-2pm

**Location:** Houston Room

**COOG-lympics**

*Event Description:* Groups from all around the university will participate in various challenges that showcase the groups’ physical and mental prowess! There will be nine events total that each group will have to complete. Instructions regarding the events will be provided at COOG-lympics.

- [uh.edu/homecoming](http://uh.edu/homecoming)
- [facebook.com/homecoming.uh](http://facebook.com/homecoming.uh)
- [@uhhomecoming](http://@uhhomecoming)
- [UHHomecoming](http://UHHomecoming)
**Date:** Wednesday November 4th, 2015, 4pm-7pm

**Location:** Campus Rec

**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 November 6th, 2015, 9am-3pm

**Location:** Butler Plaza

Volunteers will be assigned to teams of 3-5 and be given a site map upon check in at Butler Plaza. Tasks are assigned based on shifts:

1. Location site clean-up (teams dispersed)
2. Mulching & Weeding (9am-11am)
3. Landscaping (Varies)
4. Gardening (10am-12pm)
5. Children’s Learning Center (Varies)
6. Gro-Pods (11am-1pm)

All participants will be scattered throughout the campus. You will need to check in on-site at Butler Plaza.

Each team will need to have 50% of their team members to volunteer to get the full point value. Points will be deducted for not fulfilling the 50% requirement.

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[Links to various social media and official pages]
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