





WELCOME TO HOMECOMING 2022!

This year's homecoming committee is extremely excited to get Missouri State University's 2022 homecoming underway! This year we are excited to have a theme that will excite the whole bear community. We wanted to select something that will embrace the fall season and truly challenge participants' creativity. Our 2022 homecoming theme is "Haunted Homecoming". This theme embodies the spooky season, and the committee is excited to see what "frightening" things participants choose to embrace the celebration with. The goal of every celebration of Homecoming is to be inclusive of all students. With this theme we hope you test your creativity, pride for Missouri State University, and ability to display your knowledge of cultural competency.

We are excited to welcome returning and new organizations to this celebration! Things are always changing so be sure to read the full packet to get all the details about the week's events and please pay extra attention to any areas where disqualifications can happen. Make sure to follow our Twitter and Instagram accounts (@MOStateHoco) for updates.

As always, contact the committee if you have any questions and welcome to our "Haunted Homecoming"!

Best,
Homecoming 2022 Committee 



THIS YEAR'S OPPONENT:



LEATHERNECKS

Western Illinois University



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BAND OF BEARS HOMECOMING PARADE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

JOHN Q HAMMONS PARKWAY

9 AM

The Missouri State University Homecoming Parade is the highlight of Homecoming for many students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. John Q. Hammons Parkway will be lined with people Saturday morning while many entries participate in the parade. All entries are subject to approval from the Homecoming Parade Coordinators, Homecoming Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and Homecoming Committee Advisors. They reserve the right to refuse any parade entries that are in direct conflict with the mission, values, and goals of the university. For a complete listing of the mission, values, and goals of the university please see the main Missouri State University website (www.missouristate.edu). We look forward to seeing you at the parade! Go Bears!

Important Dates:

<u>Friday, September 23 at 5 PM</u>	• STUDENT ORGANIZATION parade entry forms are to be completed online. • IF your organization is using something OTHER than a vehicle to pull your float, it must be approved by this date.
<u>Friday, October 21 at 5 PM</u>	• ALL COMMUNITY parade entry forms must be completed online.
<u>Saturday, October 29 at 9 AM (Parade Day)</u>	• ALL entries –floats, walking, animal entries and decorated cars – must arrive between 7:00 and 8:00 am to be entered in the parade.



Definitions of Entry Categories:

Float (Competition Entry): A float entry is anything being pulled by a vehicle or self-propelled wagon. Note: The vehicle pulling the float can be decorated, will be considered part of the float, and will be judged as part of the float.

Decorated Car (Competition Entry): A car entry is defined as a vehicle requiring a standard automobile license to operate which is decorated in accordance with the Homecoming theme.

Walking (Competition Entry): A walking entry is defined as any group of individuals moving through the parade without a car or a float. These individuals may utilize a similar dress style, synchronized movement, and/or organized choreography to be judged upon.

Animal (Non-Competition Entry): An animal entry is defined as any parade entry that includes animals. Each animal is required to have a clean-up crew. All animals must be controlled by means of a harness, halter, or leash if not otherwise contained. Animals may by no means be cruelly exploited, endangered, or abused in the process of this entry. For example, it is okay to ride a horse, but not okay to have an animal in a cage on display.

Political Entries (Non-Competition Entry): This entry is defined as any entry into the parade that represents a political party and is participating in the parade for political support, including election to an office or support for a policy/interest group. This entry is not eligible for cash or community prizes.



Rules and Regulations:

1. To compete in the Parade, the organization **must** complete an entry form **and** briefly describe their entry design. Organizations may compete as a team or individually for this event. If an organization is competing as a team, they must complete a separate entry form and indicate that they will be competing as a team. If an organization is competing individually, they must complete an entry form and indicate that they will be competing individually.
2. An organization must complete a separate entry form for each category they choose to participate in. Entry categories are the methods in which an organization or group can participate in the parade. An organization may have only one (1) entry in any category. Each entry will be judged separately.
3. Competition divisions are the groupings of organizations that will be competing for points. Organizations will only be competing for points within their own divisions, which are as follows: Student Organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Residence Life, and Community.
4. Entries must complete the **ENTIRE** parade route or be disqualified.
5. The parade staging (line-up) area will be on east Trafficway St. between National Ave. And John Q. Hammons Pkwy. Parade entries **must enter from National Ave.** (for floats, walking, animal, or car entries). All entries must check in with one of the Homecoming Parade Coordinators or a designated Homecoming representative. During staging, an organization's entries will be separated by other parade entries when blending of entries occurs.
6. In questionable situations, the Homecoming Committee will determine the category of an entry. Please refer to Definition of Entries for clarifications of the Entry Categories.
7. We must have accurate contact and phone information for each entry that is submitted. Each organization must select a Parade Contact for each of their entries; each entry from an organization must have a different Parade Contact. **The Parade Contact must be present to check the entry in and must stay with the entry throughout the entirety of the parade.** The Parade Contact will be the primary contact for the day of the parade to the Homecoming Committee. The contact information listed on the application should be information that the Homecoming Committee can reach weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



8. Each entry **MUST** have a banner in front of the entry that clearly identifies the organization's complete name. If the entry is for a team, each organization's name must be clearly stated on the banner. Any entry that does not have this banner, or the banner is not able to be read from the judging booth, will not be judged, and will also not receive participation points for the Parade.
9. All entries must be constructed of fire-resistant materials as required by fire codes. Any type of open flame, fuse lite, or firework is prohibited for all participants.
10. All entries are restricted to distributing information in a handbill **no larger than 4.25" x 5.5" (1/4 letter size)** to community members present during the parade. The handbill may be two-sided.
11. Any entry may be removed from the parade and competition if, in the opinion of the parade officials or the Homecoming Committee, the entry is operated in a hazardous manner or because of the misbehavior of individuals or animals associated with the entry.
12. If you intend to distribute candy, balloons, or other items, you must provide an appropriate number of people to walk beside the vehicle to prevent small children from running in front or around the vehicle. All candy must be store bought, sealed, and individually wrapped. There will be **NO** homemade candies, desserts, or anything edible distributed amongst the crowd. Candy should be handed individually to members of the crowd and not thrown toward the crowd to prevent injury. Additionally, if you are intending on distributing items among the crowd, have at least a few options for those who might have allergies within the crowd. We want everyone to feel welcomed at the parade.
13. All entries must be continuously moving. Entries are not permitted to stop to perform choreographed routines. Any entry causing undue delay will be disqualified.
14. For the safety of all those competing, there will be no interfering with the parade float or car or marching band that is either in front or behind your competing entry. If anyone disturbs another entry during the parade, your entry will be immediately disqualified, and no points will be awarded to the team.



Float Entry Rules and Regulations

1. The Homecoming Committee, Homecoming Advisers, and Homecoming Parade Judges will be ones to determine if something falls from the float.
2. All float entries must have two (2) representatives, different from the Parade Contact, from each organization to be their Float Safety Monitors. These people will help monitor and control the participants in the float line-up area. These individuals' names must be submitted with the float entry form.
3. Each entry must also submit how many participants will be riding on the float the day of the parade. This number must be submitted when turning in the float entry form on BearLINK.
4. Please remember that because of traffic signals and other obstructions, floats must be **less than 13 feet in height and less than 20 feet wide**. No one can be standing or dancing on top of the highest point of the float.
5. **Entries must clearly identify the organization's name(s) on both sides of the float for the purpose of judging. An organization must identify the complete name, and not a nickname or acronym they go by.**
6. Float operators must have an adequate escape route meaning they cannot be sealed/enclosed into the float without means of getting out quickly in the event of an emergency.
7. Political groups and individuals will be allowed to participate and should be entered in the community division but will not receive prizes nor will be considered in the competition.
8. Candy, etc., to be distributed on the parade route **MUST NOT BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES** – it must be handed out by walkers. Please provide someone to walk beside the vehicle to prevent small children from running in front of the float.
9. Floats should be constructed with fire-retardant materials and have **a fire extinguisher accompanying each entry.**
10. Entries must complete the **ENTIRE** parade route or be disqualified.
11. Late community entries will be charged a \$25.00 entry fee.



Rules & Regulations about Alcohol and Illegal Substances

The Missouri State alcohol policy does apply to **ALL** individuals in the parade and is stated as follows:

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol is prohibited on University property, in conjunction with university activities, and in conjunction with student organization events. Prohibited unlawful use includes violation of the Missouri law prohibiting possession or use of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age and all other state and federal laws regulating use, possession, or distribution of alcohol and drugs. "University activities" include those activities that are planned, promoted, or sponsored by a University department or other University subdivision. This policy is explicitly stated in the Annual Notice to Students and Employees.

Therefore, **Entries will be removed and disqualified immediately if the presence of alcohol is detected.**

1. All entries are prohibited from displaying or distributing any information with regards to alcohol or illegal substances (including "Happy Hour" or "Specials" information) as well as any display of alcoholic beverage company logos. The Office of Student Engagement does not support alcohol among students or community members.
2. Absolutely no companies promoting alcohol/illegal substances will be allowed to be used as sponsors. (i.e. Budweiser, Brown Derby, etc.)
3. The driver and walking participants of any entry must not be alcohol or drug impaired in any way.
4. The consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of any illegal substances by participants prior to and during the parade is strictly prohibited. The parade is a Missouri State sponsored function/activity.
5. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to do spot checks of all entries regarding alcohol being present on the entry. The Springfield Police Department will also be present in the line-up area to confiscate any alcohol present. They will cite and/or arrest persons they feel violate alcohol laws (public intoxication, minor in possession, driving under the influence, etc.) This will also result in further disciplinary sanctions through the Missouri State University Judicial System. Alcohol related situations will most likely result in the immediate disqualification of your entry, even if the entry is shared with multiple organizations and other groups participating are uninvolved in the situation.



Prize Money and Judging:

1. Prize money will be awarded to overall Missouri State student organization entries for the following three categories:

	Floats	Decorated Car	Walking Entry
1 st Prize	\$500	\$300	\$200
2 nd Prize	\$400	\$200	\$150
3 rd Prize	\$300	\$100	\$100

- Winners will be emailed with additional information when checks are available for pick up.
- The following criteria will be used by the judges in distributing points for each of the float, car, and walking entries. Each criterion will be ranked on a 1–5-point scale for a perfect score of 25 points (per float, car, and walking entry).**

FLOAT	
Creativity	Visually stimulating and inventive; they have been unique and imaginative
Relation to Theme	Design relates to MSU's Homecoming Theme – Haunted Homecoming
Presentation/Eye Appeal	Overall appeal of the entry to spectators
Quality of Workmanship	They put forth the effort to create a high-quality decoration; their hard work is apparent
MSU Pride Shown	Showcased elements of the university; amount of pride felt

CAR	
Creativity	Visually stimulating and inventive; they have been unique and imaginative
Relation to Theme	Design relates to MSU's Homecoming Theme – Haunted Homecoming
Presentation/Eye Appeal	Overall appeal of the entry to spectators
Organizations' Names are on Design & Fully Spelled out	Organizations' names are prominently displayed in an original way and fully spelled out
MSU Pride Shown	Showcased elements of the university; amount of pride felt



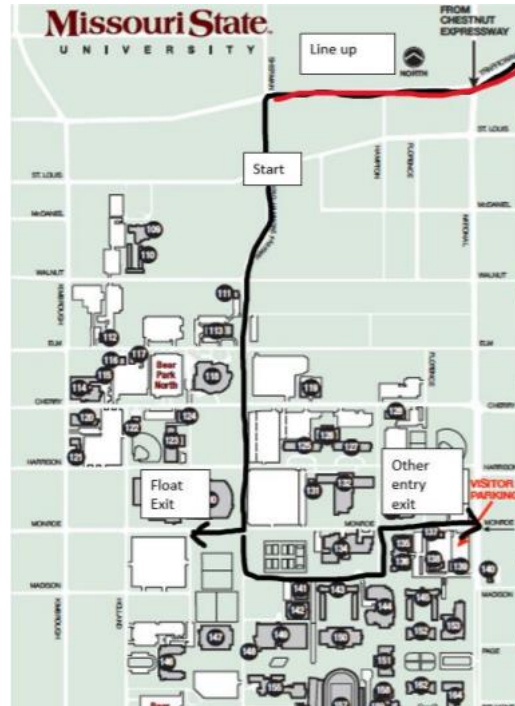
WALKING	
Creativity	Visually stimulating and inventive; they have been unique and imaginative
Relation to Theme	Design relates to MSU's Homecoming Theme – Haunted Homecoming
Presentation/Eye Appeal	Overall appeal of the entry to spectators
Movement or Choreography	Movement or choreography of group is coordinated
Dress Style/Costumes	Appearance of the group is unified and relates to the theme

Note: Each parade entry will be judged **before and during** in case of a tie between categories. If a tie were to occur, the rankings of the parade entries before the event will be taken into consideration.



Parade Route Information

The parade route will start at the corner of St. Louis and John Q. Hammons Parkway and will continue John Q. Hammons Parkway until Madison (except for floats, exit on Grand).



6:45 AM closure for line up and check in

8:45 AM closure for the parade route