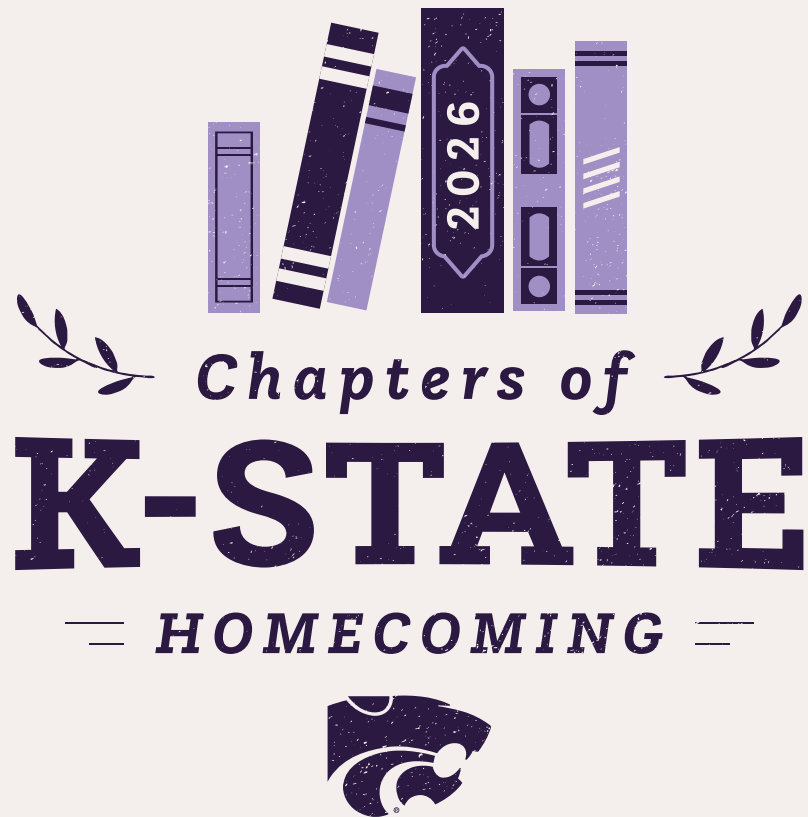




FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HANDBOOK

K-STATE HOMECOMING 2026

POINTS



The events listed below will be used to determine the overall Homecoming winner. All judges score strictly on the criteria in your handbook. **An average is taken of the judges' scores to determine the winner.** All individual event and overall winners will be announced for the first time at the Pep Rally on Friday, Oct. 16. In all competitions, the judges' decisions are final.

Points will be awarded as follows for participation and achievement in the following activities:

PHILANTHROPY 5K RUN/WALK	100 points for completed participation *Bonus points possible	
SPIRIT SIGN	20 points for participation	1st = 50 points 2nd = 40 points 3rd = 30 points 4th = 20 points 5th = 10 points
PANT THE CHANT	40 points for participation	1st = 75 points 2nd = 65 points 3rd = 55 points 4th = 45 points 5th = 35 points
PAINT THE 'VILLE	20 points for participation	1st = 50 points 2nd = 40 points 3rd = 30 points 4th = 20 points 5th = 10 points
WILDCAT REQUEST LIVE	20 points for participation	1st = 75 points 2nd = 65 points 3rd = 55 points 4th = 45 points 5th = 35 points
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL	20 points for participation *Bonus points possible	1st = 50 points 2nd = 40 points 3rd = 30 points 4th = 20 points 5th = 10 points
FLOAT	40 points for participation	1st = 75 points 2nd = 65 points 3rd = 55 points 4th = 45 points 5th = 35 points
PARADE	20 points for participation	1st = 50 points 2nd = 40 points 3rd = 30 points 4th = 20 points 5th = 10 points

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JUDGES SHEETS



SPIRIT SIGNS

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Originality & Creativity 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Overall Appearance 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Adherence to Theme 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
K-State Spirit 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme.

PAINT THE 'VILLE

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Originality & Creativity 40 pts. possible	_____/40 pts.
Adherence to Theme 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Overall Appearance 35 pts. possible	_____/35 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme.

PANT THE CHANT

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Rhythm 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Loudness 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Originality 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Adherence to Theme 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
K-State Spirit 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme.

WILDCAT REQUEST LIVE

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Overall Performance 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Adherence to Theme 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Creativity 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Choreography 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
K-State Spirit 20 pts. possible	_____/20 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme



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CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Design Appearance 30 pts. possible • Originality • Eye-catching/fun to look at • Detail of the booth	_____/30 pts.
Use of Theme 35 pts. possible	_____/35 pts.
Interaction with Children 35 pts. possible	_____/35 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme.

PARADE

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Creativity 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Overall Enthusiasm 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Member Participation 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
K-State Spirit (i.e. chants) 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme.

FLOAT

Judges Score Sheet

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Originality in Design 15 pts. possible	_____/15 pts.
Eye-Catching/Fun Visually 15 pts. possible	_____/15 pts.
Detail of Float 10 pts. possible	_____/10 pts.
Use of theme 35 pts. possible	_____/35 pts.
K-State Spirit 25 pts. possible	_____/25 pts.
Total Points	_____/100 pts.

*Take care to judge each pairing on how well they incorporated and represented K-State in the theme.



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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY CHECKLIST



Guidelines and forms can be found at k-state.com/guidelines.

All forms should be submitted to studentprograms@k-state.com except for 5K registration.

- ☐ **Monday, Aug. 31** **Mandatory Meeting:**
All participating chapters at 6 p.m. in Banquet Room C, K-State Alumni Center.
- ☐ **Wednesday, Sept. 16** Submit Homecoming Statement of Accountability at k-state.com/guidelines by 12 p.m. (noon).
Submit entry form by 12 p.m. (noon); one per pairing.
- ☐ **Monday, Sept. 21** **Mandatory meeting for chairs of events and 5K Run/Walk volunteers at the All-University Meeting will be in the Tadman Board Room, Alumni Center.**
 - ☐ *Pant the Chant at 6 p.m.*
 - ☐ *Spirit Sign at 6:15 p.m.*
 - ☐ *Paint the 'Ville at 6:30 p.m.*
 - ☐ *Wildcat Request Live at 6:45 p.m.*
 - ☐ *Float at 7:10 p.m.*
 - ☐ *5K Run/Walk volunteers at 7:30 p.m.*
- ☐ **Wednesday, Sept. 23** Submit 5K Run/Walk pairing volunteer form by 11:59 p.m.; one per pairing.
Submit completed 5K Run/Walk registration by 11:59 p.m. online.
- ☐ **Thursday, Sept. 24** Apply for Student Ambassador by midnight at k-state.com/studentambassadors.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 2** **All Wildcat Request Live items need to be turned in by 12 p.m. (noon).**
 - ☐ *Music to kkaradan via Teams*
 - ☐ *Send participant form to studentprograms@k-state.com*
 - ☐ *Send Expense Report form to studentprograms@k-state.com*
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 2** Submit your float driver name, email and phone number to studentprograms@k-state.com.
Wildcat Request Live participants will receive an email Oct. 2 by 5 p.m.
Participants must complete the waiver by Oct. 5 at 12 p.m. (noon).
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 9** Submit Pant The Chant expense report at k-state.com/guidelines to studentprograms@k-state.com by 12 p.m. (noon); one form per group.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 9** Submit Spirit Sign expense report at k-state.com/guidelines to studentprograms@k-state.com by 12 p.m. (noon); one form per group.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 9** 5K packet pick-up is from 2-5 p.m. at Alumni Center second floor, Hagans Library.
Each chapter picks up as a group. No individual pick up. No pick up allowed for other chapters without proof of consent.
- ☐ **Sunday, Oct. 11** Display Spirit Sign 2-4 p.m. Turn in copies or photos of last minute receipts to a Homecoming Committee member at time of display.
- ☐ **Thursday, Oct. 15** Vote for Student Ambassador, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. by going to k-state.com/studentambassadors.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 16** Expense report for float due by 10 a.m. at studentprograms@k-state.com. Floats must report to parking lot between 12:30 - 1:50 p.m. points will be deducted in late arrival.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 16** Complete required touch ups to Aggieville window by 2:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Sunday, Oct. 18** Remove Spirit Sign from campus by 2 p.m. Facilities reserves right to charge a fee to any group that does not remove their sign by this time.

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PHILANTHROPY

5K RUN/WALK



Benefiting Flint Hills Breadbasket

When: Sunday, Oct. 11 | 9 a.m.

Event Location: K-State Alumni Center

Cost: \$25 per student

POINTS

100 points: 20 individuals from your pairing **MUST** cross the finish line on race day

10 points: Every 5 additional individuals to participate from your group

*Max of 50 additional bonus points can be accumulated

**There will be a 10 point penalty subtracted from your group's total score for each volunteer who does not show up on time or stay the entire time needed for the 5K Run/Walk.

REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEERS:

Form deadline Wednesday, Sept. 23, by 11:59 p.m.

- ☐ Each pairing must supply the Homecoming Committee with six volunteers for race day
- ☐ Information can be found on the volunteer form located at k-state.com/guidelines

RUNNERS/WALKERS

- ☐ **Deadline – Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11:59 p.m.**
 - Entry is \$25 for each student
 - Each individual will register themselves for the 5K through runsignup.com. If a chapter wants to pay for each individual, that will be left between the participant and the chapter.
- ☐ **Late entry is allowed for individuals that missed your deadline, but they will be required to enter at k-state.com/5K with additional fees through the portal.** Late entries are allowed for pairing points. Entry is \$30 (+\$2.16 fee) for students if registered after 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 16 (T-shirt not guaranteed).

Sunday, Oct. 5, at 5 p.m.

- ☐ No substitutions between 5K Run/Walk participants will be allowed after this date.

PACKET PICK UP

Friday, Oct. 9, at 2-5 p.m. – Hagans Library, second floor, K-State Alumni Center

- ☐ **Each chapter is required to pick up as a group. No individual pick up. Pairings aren't allowed to pick up for other chapters unless they bring confirmation from the other chapters.** Please distribute packets to participants prior to race day. **Chapters are not allowed to distribute packets Sunday, at the 5K event.** You will be penalized.

RACE DAY

Sunday, Oct. 11, at 9 a.m. – Johnson Terrace, Alumni Center

- ☐ Race begins at 9 a.m.
- ☐ Race packets will include a race number that must be worn during the 5K Run/Walk.
- ☐ Participation points are figured from the timing chips that cross the finish line.
- ☐ A race map is available at k-state.com/5Kracemap. To obtain points, race must be completed in 70 minutes.

No pets or scooters allowed.

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SPIRIT SIGNS



When: Sunday, Oct. 11 | 2-4 p.m. *Judging begins at 4 p.m.
Event Location: Ahern Lawn (West side) next to Denison

POINTS

100 points: 25 points possible for the following categories:
• Originality & Creativity • K-State Spirit • Adherence to Theme • Overall Appearance

DEADLINES:

☐ Expense report found at k-state.com/guidelines needs to include scans or photos of receipts turned in by 12 p.m (noon) on Friday, Oct. 9, at studentprograms@k-state.com.

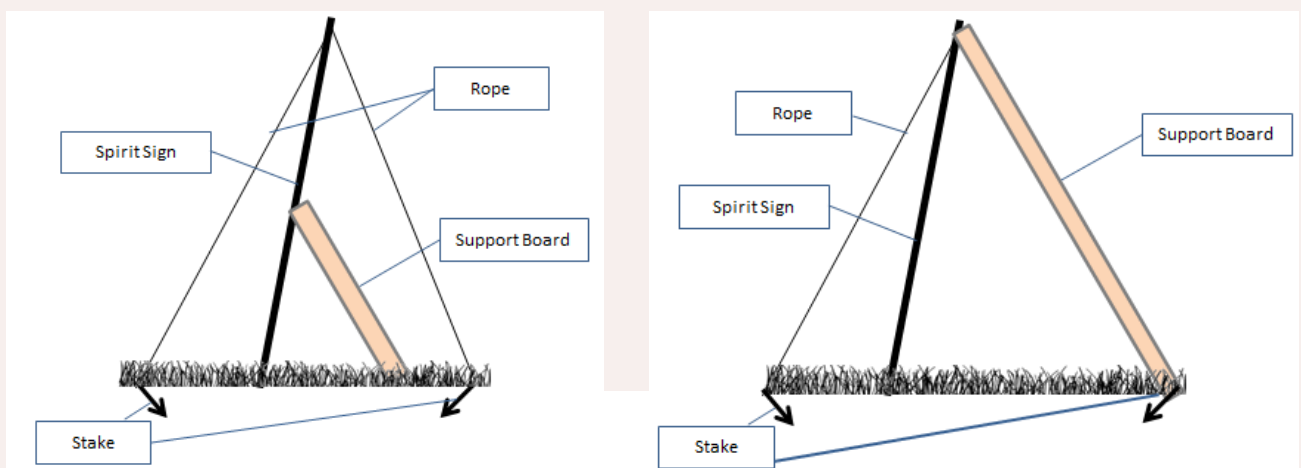
RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The K-State Homecoming theme must be central to your presentation at each event.
2. Pairing Greek letters need to be on the front of the sign.
3. **A contact name and phone number must be included on the back of the sign.** This number will be used if a problem would arise with the sign.
4. Maximum size is 8 feet by 8 feet. There will be a penalty for signs over maximum size.
5. Signs can only be **two-dimensional**. However, textured materials are allowed.
6. The sign can only be decorated on one side and must be waterproof.
7. **Each group is responsible for displaying their sign and must secure their sign using supplies, such as rope/ stakes and/or a support board (see examples below).**
 - Groups must provide their own supplies needed for setup. Supply list given at Spirit Sign meeting.
 - Tent stakes must be **wood or plastic** and be driven below the surface of the grass to prevent accidental injury. Rope or 2x4's are allowed to attach board to stakes. **A maximum length of 6 inches and diameter of 1 inch.**
8. The use of electricity/batteries is not allowed.
9. Drop off area, parking north of Holton Hall - do not leave vehicles unattended.
10. Please check your sign daily to make sure it's standing and in good condition.
11. The K-State Homecoming committee reserves the right to remove any sign deemed off-theme or unsuitable.
12. Each group is responsible for removing their sign by **2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18. Groups will be fined if the signs are not removed by the proper time.**

BUDGET - \$250

1. Please turn in any copies of receipts that were additional expenses incurred after report was turned in when you arrive with your sign.
2. Complete the form online at k-state.com/guidelines for reporting expenses. More information can be found on the expense form.

Side view set up examples:



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PANT THE CHANT



When: Sunday, Oct. 11 | 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Event Location: Bramlage Coliseum

*Order of appearance will be drawn at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Pant the Chant Heads meeting.

POINTS

100 points for participation, 20 points per categories:

• Rhythm • Originality • Loudness • Adherence to Theme • K-State Spirit

DEADLINES:

- ☐ Expense report found at k-state.com/guidelines needs to include scans or photos of receipts turned in by 12 p.m (noon) on Friday, Oct. 9, at studentprograms@k-state.com.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Order of performance will be drawn at the Pant the Chant Heads meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. The order will not be changed under any circumstances; this includes tests or other potential conflicts.
2. Seating charts with detailed seating arrangements and more specific information will be given at the All-University meeting on Sept. 21.
3. Performing members must be seated together by 6:40 p.m. All participants and nonperforming chapters must stay in assigned area until the entire competition is complete. Failure to do so will result in a penalty.
4. Performing groups must consist of a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 40 individuals. Groups must be approximately 50% female and 50% male.
5. No switching positions with another performer will be allowed during performance.
6. No amplification devices, radios, noisemakers, microphones or musical instruments will be allowed. Any group using these items will be disqualified. Noises made by the human body (i.e. cheering, clapping, stomping, etc.) are the only instruments that may be used.
7. Props such as signs, hand paint, glow sticks, matching gloves, etc. can be used for performing. If any objects are thrown, the group will be penalized 5 points. A second offense will result in disqualification. If there is any question concerning your props, please contact studentprograms@k-state.com.
8. There is a time limit of 1 minute 30 seconds. There will be a 5-point penalty if a group exceeds this limit.
9. Your performance should be centered on the Homecoming theme, and the Homecoming pairing's names must be included in the chant.
10. All chants must be in good taste. The K-State Homecoming committee reserves the right to stop any performance deemed off-theme or unsuitable.
11. No food or drinks will be allowed during performance. Trash left behind is grounds for point deduction.

BUDGET = \$250

- ☐ Spending limit is \$250 and information about expenses can be found on the Expense Report.
 - This would include signs, props, paint, glow sticks, gloves, hats, sunglasses, non-Homecoming attire, etc. Donated materials and items that are already on hand are to be estimated at retail value and included as expenses. **Please include ALL free items and expenses incurred.**

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PAINT THE 'VILLE



When: Monday, Oct. 12 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Judging begins at 5 p.m.

Event Location: Aggieville

*Window assignment will be drawn at the Paint the 'Ville Heads meeting on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

POINTS

100 points will be awarded based on the following categories:

- 40 points - Originality and Creativity
- 25 points - Adherence to Theme
- 35 points - Overall Appearance

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Order of performances will be drawn at the Paint the 'Ville Heads meeting on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
2. **One window per group.** Placement of your group with a business's window will be drawn at the Paint the 'Ville Heads meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. You will be disqualified for using space other than your designated area. Please keep in mind that window sizes vary.
3. Paint **MUST** be checked in prior to starting your window or you will receive a penalty.
4. Judging will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12. Painting must be completed at this time.
5. A sign will be provided in the bottom corner of the window, with your organization's name. Please do not cover this sign up with your design.
6. The K-State Homecoming theme must be central to your presentation at each event.
7. Groups must provide all supplies needed for the event (paint, step stool, drop cloth, painters tape, etc.).
8. Make sure to order supplies in advance.
9. Window markers are not allowed.
10. Window must be painted with only water-based paint. No tempura paint should be used (tends to bubble and flake). No LATEX paint!
11. NO access to the inside of the window is allowed. Penalties will be given if there is a violation.
12. Painters tape must be used to outline your work. Once completed, remove the tape.
13. The K-State Homecoming committee reserves the right to clean any window that is deemed off-theme or unsuitable.
14. Groups will be penalized 5 points for getting paint on sidewalks or buildings.
15. **No expense reports are required for the Paint the 'Ville competition.**
16. Any touch-ups should be completed no later than 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. The parade route will run through Aggieville, so windows should look nice for the parade crowd.
17. In case of inclement weather, a plan will be in place by 9 a.m. on the day of the event. Your Homecoming chair should check their email or call 785-532-2775 for more information.
18. Your group is not responsible for cleaning the windows after the week concludes. The Alumni Association uses a professional window cleaning company to clean each window.

Reference on how painters tape goes on the window.



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WILDCAT REQUEST LIVE



When: Tuesday, Oct. 13 | 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

Event Location: Bramlage Coliseum

*Order of appearance will be drawn at the Sept. 21 Wildcat Request Live Head meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Conflicts of schedule should be considered by your participants.

POINTS

100 points will be awarded based on the following categories:

- Originality and Creativity • Adherence to Theme • Overall Appearance

DEADLINES

All items need to be turned in on Friday, Oct. 2, by 12 p.m. (noon) at the Baldwin Programs Suite on the Second Floor at the K-State Alumni Center.

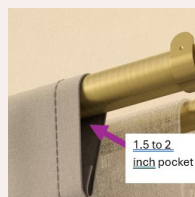
- ☐ Songs on flash drive. Downloads must be on teams to kkaradan - bring flash drive the night of Wildcat Request Live. The person bringing the flash drive will stay while the music is downloaded and then returned.
- ☐ Participant list at k-state.com/guidelines
- ☐ Expense report and participant list must be emailed to studentprograms@k-state.com.

WRL waivers need to be turned in on Monday, Oct. 5, by 12 p.m. (noon).

- o Participation waivers (Waivers will be sent by 5 p.m. Oct. 5)

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Order of performances will be drawn at the Wildcat Request Live meeting on Sept. 21 at 6:45 p.m.
2. Max number of participants will be 20 individuals. Of these, only 10 females may participate.
3. All participants must sign a waiver. Waiver links will be emailed. NO WAIVER, NO WRL.
4. Absolutely no changes can be made to the music after submitted (unless requested by the committee).
5. NO EXPLICIT LYRICS or INAPPROPRIATE SUBJECTS WITHIN SONG SELECTION. Music should be submitted on flash drive on time or be penalized 5 points.
6. There is a time limit of 4 MINUTES. A 5-point penalty will be imposed if a group exceeds this limit.
7. All performances must be in good taste. The community attends (i.e. children) and is livestreaming.
8. K-State Homecoming committee reserves the right to stop the performance if deemed off-theme or unsuitable.
9. Tumbling allowed in performance, NO stunting will be allowed (i.e. pyramid, scorpion, heel stretch, etc.).
10. Objects may not be thrown towards/at audience, including balls, shirts or other props.
11. No electricity will be provided on floor.
12. Shoes must have non-marking soles.
13. The K-State Homecoming theme must be central to your presentation at each event. Chapter Greek letters must be visible on props during the routine.
14. Groups are allowed three helpers to assemble backdrop, deliver to stage and remove from stage.
15. Group participants and spectators are required to stay for the entire event. Leaving early may result in penalties.



Examples of curtains in the links below:

- <https://a.co/d/2bQlkwR>
- <https://a.co/d/bUAkpFe>

You can use any color, one panel or two, **10 ft. wide by 8 ft. tall**. Use a flat curtain and not a ruffled curtain. Rod size compatibility must be 1.5 to 2 inch. WRL meeting will go into more detail and answer questions.

BUDGET - \$400

- ☐ ALL props, costumes, music, decorations, etc. specifically purchased, rented or made for WRL or another Homecoming event cannot exceed the \$400 spending limit. If props or costumes are not on expense report, including borrowed, a **5-point penalty will be imposed**.
- ☐ All previously owned and donated items need to be listed on the expense report. Shoes NOT included.



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CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL



When: Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Event Location: K-State Student Union

POINTS

100 points for booth in the following categories:

- 30 points – Design and Appearance
- 35 points – Adherence to Theme
- 35 points – Good Interaction with Children
- Bonus Points (max of 30 points) – Individuals with Theme Attire, 3 points per person

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Booth size will be an approximately 10' x 10' space. One 6' table and two chairs will be provided.
2. Set up will take place from 5-5:30 p.m. Do not leave vehicles unattended while unloading.
3. Your booth location will be assigned upon your arrival for setup.
4. Masking or painters tape only. No scotch or duct tape.
5. Each pairing's booth must carry out the theme and must be in good taste, as this is an event attended by the parents and young children of the Manhattan community.
6. Each pairing must have a minimum of five individuals at the booth, with a maximum number of 10 individuals (fewer or more volunteers will result in a penalty).
7. Points will be awarded based on the number of people at the booth when judges arrive.
8. Bonus points will be awarded for each individual of your pairing at the booth that is dressed in attire to promote the theme.
9. Judging will take place during the event.
10. No expense reports are required for the Children's Carnival.

DO AND DON'TS:

- Think safety first: no sharp objects, weapons, dry ice, smoke effects or violent themes.
- Plan an interesting and interactive display to engage as many ages of children as possible.
- Make candy or giveaways a reward for participants.
- Keep activity simple.
- If you want to hang something, a Union maintenance repair technician or other Union employee must do it. No scotch or duct tape or tacky putty allowed.
- Helium tanks need to be secured to pillars or permanent secure objects.
- No hay, straw or cornstalks.
- No microplastics allowed (i.e. confetti, glitter, beads).
- Power will not be available or allowed at the booth.
- No water games allowed.
- No rice.

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FLOAT COMPETITION



When: Friday, Oct. 16 | **Float Arrival Time:** 12:30-1:50 p.m. *Judging begins at 2:30 p.m.

Event Location: 4th and Humbolt, map and instructions will be sent to the float chair and driver.

*Your float arrival time and location in the parade will be drawn at the Float Head meeting at 7:10 p.m. on Sept. 21.

POINTS

100 points plus:

35 points – Use of Theme

25 points – K-State Spirit

Design and Appearance - 40 points total

15 points – Originality

15 points – Eye-catching and fun to look at

10 points – Detail of the float

If people are part of your float, they should be present during judging.

DEADLINES

- ☐ Driver name, email and phone number submitted to studentprograms@k-state.com by Oct. 2.
- ☐ Expense report found at k-state.com/guidelines needs to be completed with copies or photos of receipts by 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 to studentprograms@k-state.com.

CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are set to ensure mobility through Manhattan streets. Deviations from the guidelines will be grounds for disqualification from the Float Competition. Failure to comply with the guidelines will also result in the float being deemed unable to participate in the parade. The float size limits are as follows:

Height: 15 feet maximum, from ground to highest point of the float including any moving parts.

Width: 12 feet maximum measuring widest point of construction.

Length: 30 feet maximum, measured from front point of construction to back point of construction.

Example: If a pickup is used to pull a trailer, the pickup is not part of the construction or decoration.

1. A towing vehicle must pull all floats, no self-propelled floats are allowed. Drivers must have clear visibility.
2. Fire is not allowed.
3. If using a generator for lights or electrical purposes, you must have a fire extinguisher on your float.
(Fire extinguishers will be checked at the time of judging. Failure to provide a working extinguisher will cause disqualification from float and parade competition and will not be allowed to participate in parade.)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Floats must be complete and report to the parking lot at your required time written on your drawing sheet at the All-University meeting.

- ☐ Failure to arrive on time may result in loss of points.
- ☐ Judging will begin at 2:30 p.m. at which time float construction must be complete.
- ☐ The only people allowed on the float during judging are float characters.
- ☐ All float drivers must read instruction sheet provided and remain in the vehicle prior/during parade.
- ☐ It is the responsibility of your pairing to clean up trash from your float area before, during and after parade. Failure to clean up all visible trash will result in a penalty. You are required to have trash bags and they will be checked at time of judging.
- ☐ **No trucks heavier than 8,000 lbs. are allowed.**
- ☐ **No tractors or semi trucks.**

BUDGET - \$1,250

- ☐ There is a \$1,250 spending limit in the Float Competition. Please turn in expense report with copies of receipts at studentprograms@k-state.com by 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Expense report is found at k-state.com/guidelines. Expense reports brought to parade line up will be penalized.
- ☐ If any questions arise concerning which items to include as float expenses, please contact the K-State Alumni Association at 785-532-2775.



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PARADE AND SPIRIT

COMPETITION



When: Friday, Oct. 16 | 5 p.m. (must arrive at the latest 4:30 p.m.)

Event Location: During parade route.

- All participants must arrive by 4:30 p.m.
- Carpooling is encouraged and personal vehicles are not allowed in parade assembly area.
- In case of inclement weather, alternative plans will be announced by 12 p.m. (noon) on parade day.

POINTS

100 points, 25 points possible in the following categories:

- Creativity • Member Participation • Overall Enthusiasm • Generation of K-State Spirit

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Respect the rights of other entrants and follow the instructions of the Riley County Police Dept. and other parade traffic directors.
2. Report to the assigned assembly area at the appointed time.
3. A maximum of 10 participants may serve as float characters and/or float operators during the parade route. The driver is not included in this count.
4. No music is allowed until your group turns onto Poyntz. Music in staging area makes it difficult for staff to communicate during parade lineup.
5. Keep distance between parade entries (10-15 feet).
6. Entries cannot hold up the parade route due to performances or demonstrations and must continue to move along the parade route.
7. DO NOT perform any actions that could be dangerous to spectators or participants (i.e. dangerous driving).
8. Group participation is required through parade route to the destination (City Park), where participants can exit floats and disband from walking groups. Failure to continue all the way to the park will result in disqualification from the competition.
9. Prior to the start of the parade, participants will be responsible to walk the parking lots and street areas at 4:40 p.m. to clean up pomp/trash that has blown to fences, curbs, bushes, etc. Failure of your pairing to do so will result in a penalty. Points will be deducted as seen fit by the Homecoming committee if your area is not clean of trash and debris. You are required to bring trash bags to assist with this policy.
10. Contact the parade committee the day of the parade if there are any problems. The parade committee will be easily identifiable with colored flags on clipboards.

No pets allowed.



K-STATE HOMECOMING 2026

PEP RALLY



Join us for the annual Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, Oct. 16, at the Larry Norvell Band Shell in City Park immediately following the parade. All winners will be announced at this time, including overall winners.

Will add Homecoming concert with food, drinks, and games!

Football Game: K-State vs. Kansas Saturday, Oct. 17

