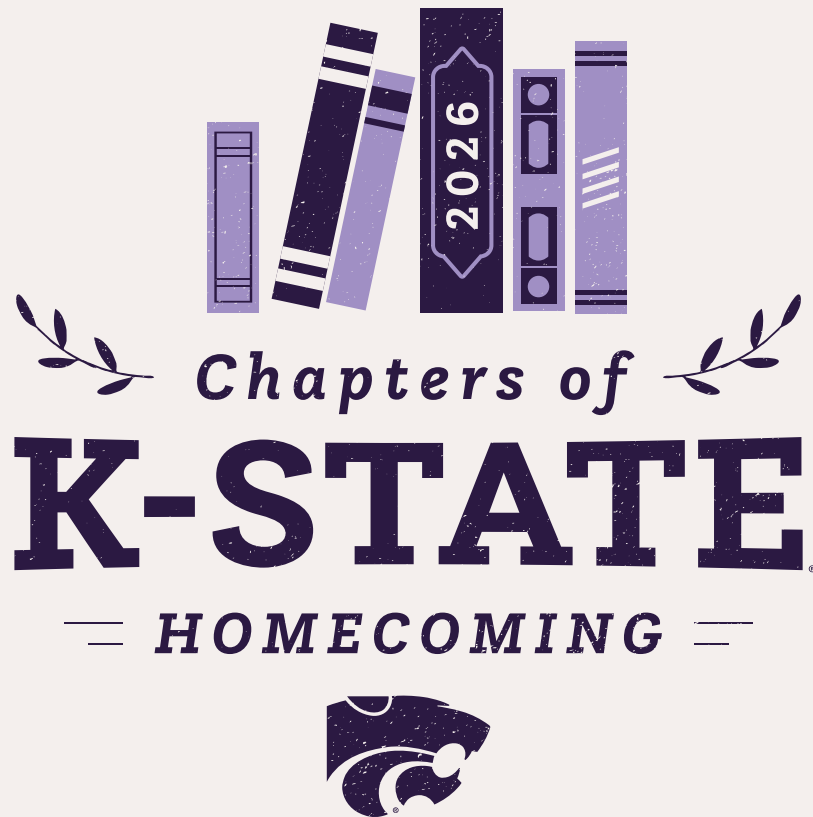




RESIDENCE HALLS HANDBOOK

K-STATE HOMECOMING 2026 POINTS



The events listed below will be used to determine the overall Homecoming winner for 2026. 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	50 points for 10 participants *Bonus points possible	
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL	20 points for participation *Bonus points possible	1st = 50 points 2nd = 40 points 3rd = 30 points
PARADE	50 points for participation	

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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 organizations at 6 p.m. in Purple Pride room, 3rd Floor, K-State Alumni Center
- ☐ **Wednesday, Sept. 23** Submit completed 5K Run/Walk registration by noon to 5K@k-state.com. 5K waivers will be sent individually to all registrants.
- ☐ **Thursday, Sept. 24** Apply for Student Ambassador by 12 p.m. (noon) at k-state.com/studentambassadors
- ☐ **Monday, Sept. 21** **Mandatory All University Meeting in Banquet Room C, Alumni Center at 7:45 p.m.**
- ☐ **Wednesday, Sept. 24** Submit Residence Hall Entry Form at k-state.com/guidelines by 12 p.m. (noon)
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 9** 5K packet pick-up, between 2-5 p.m. at the Alumni Center second floor, Hagans Library, or 8-8:30 a.m. prior to the Run/Walk. Students are only allowed to pick up individually or for friends, not the group.
- ☐ **Sunday, Oct. 11** 5K Run/Walk packet pickup from 8-8:30 a.m.
Packets will not be available for pick up after 8:30 a.m.
- ☐ **Sunday, Oct. 11** Spirit Signs
- ☐ **Wednesday, Oct. 14** Children's Carnival
- ☐ **Thursday, Oct. 15** Vote for Student Ambassador, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. by going to k-state.com/studentambassadors.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 16** Parade line up 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Friday, Oct. 16** Parade

K-STATE HOMECOMING 2026 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

5 points: For every participant that completes the race

REGISTRATION

RUNNERS/WALKERS

- ☐ **Entry form – Deadline – Wednesday, Sept. 23, by 11:59 p.m.**
 - Each member needs to complete the 5K Run/Walk Entry Form and waiver found online at k-state.com/5K
 - To receive competition points, be sure to have your runners include your residence hall's name in the box provided on the entry form.
- ☐ **Entry fees**
 - \$25 for students if registered before noon on Wednesday, Sept. 23.
- ☐ **Late entry is allowed for individuals that missed the deadline, but they will be required to pay additional fees.** Late entries are allowed for group 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

- ☐ Students must pick up their packets individually (you may also pick up for a friend). No group pick-ups.
- ☐ Students can also pick up packet from 8-8:30 a.m. but you will be responsible to carry your bag with you.

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 map of the race course is available at k-state.com/5K. To obtain points, race must be completed in 70 minutes.
- ☐ Nothing can be left inside Alumni Center during the race.

No pets allowed.



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SPIRIT SIGNS



When: Sunday, Oct. 11 | 2-4 p.m. *Judging begins at 4 p.m.
Event Location: Residence Halls

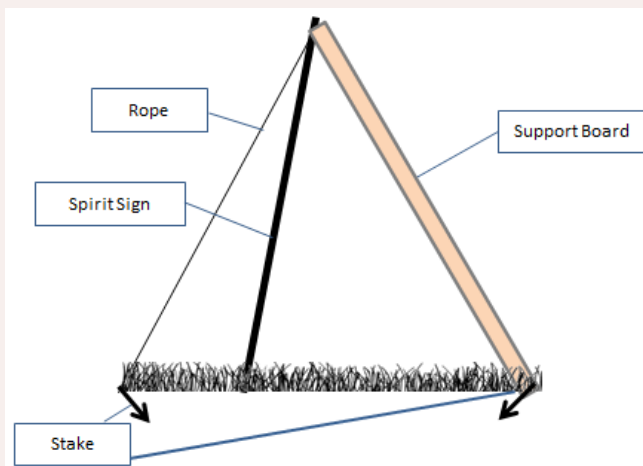
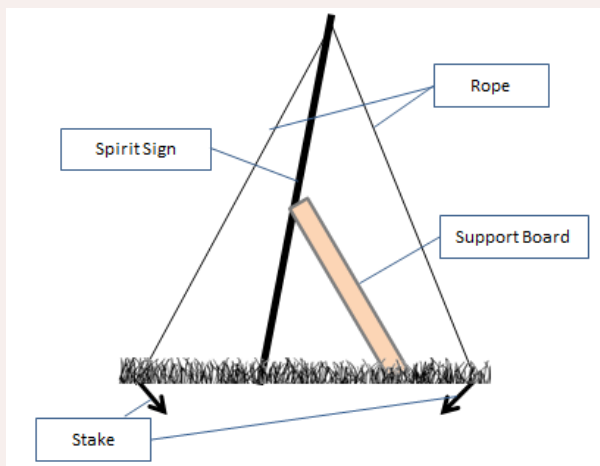
POINTS

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

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The K-State Homecoming theme must be central to your presentation at each event.
2. Pairing names 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.
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.**

Side view set up examples:



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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 group'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 group 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 group 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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PARADE AND SPIRIT COMPETITION



When: Friday, Oct. 16 | 5 p.m. (must arrive by 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

50 points for participation

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Respect the rights of other entrants and follow the instructions of the Riley County Police Department and other parade traffic directors.
2. Report to the assigned assembly area at the appointed time.
3. Keep distance between parade entries (10-15 feet).
4. Entries cannot hold up the parade route due to performances or demonstrations and must continue to move along the parade route.
5. DO NOT perform any actions that could be dangerous to spectators or participants (i.e. dangerous driving).
6. 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.
7. 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 trash that has blown to fences, curbs, bushes, etc. Failure of your group 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.
8. 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.
9. No pets allowed.

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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

