

RESIDENTIAL COMMONS PACKET 2016
Student Foundation Presents

Homecoming 2016: Road Trip Home to SMU

Dear SMU Students:

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2016 Homecoming festivities. This SMU tradition is celebrating its 96th year this fall. Several decades of former students, faculty and staff will return to the SMU campus to remember their years as a part of this great school. As of this year, Southern Methodist University has experienced 105 years of growth and accomplishments. It is our hope that Homecoming week will remember and recognize everyone who has contributed to the legacy of SMU at a defining moment in this University's history.

Since January, the Student Foundation Homecoming Committee has reviewed past events, brainstormed new ideas, discussed their merit, and held numerous meetings with different organizations on campus to prepare for Homecoming 2016. The planning for this event has been a joint effort, and our thanks go out to everyone who has helped to make this year's schedule of events possible.

This packet contains information that will enable you to get involved in all that Homecoming has to offer. We have many events planned and hope that you will take part in everything you can. If you have any question or comments, please let us know.

Each year it becomes more evident that this historic school is still growing and changing. We hope that you will take this week to remember the contributions everyone around you have made as we prepare for this important time in SMU history.

Best,

Jack Higgins
2016 Homecoming Chair
Student Foundation

Alex Silhanek
2016 President
Student Foundation

Homecoming Contact Information

If you need assistance during Homecoming Week or need information on a specific event, contact Student Foundation with attention to the following people. For general information, please contact the SF office at sf@smu.edu. Our office is located in Student Activities on the third floor of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Room 320.

Homecoming Chair:	Jack Higgins
Campus Involvement: Candidates and Captains, Residential Commons	Caroline Davis
Parade Coordinator:	Taylor Vinson
Activities Coordinator: Field Day and CANstruction	Priya Patel
Activities Coordinator: Rock the Vote and Perunas and Banners	Christina Gilcrest
Marketing Coordinator:	Mary Carol Murphy
Vice President of Programming:	Caroline Gurley
President:	Alex Silhanek
Student Foundation Advisor:	Ashley Fitzpatrick

Important Registration Deadlines and Meetings

Interest Meeting:

Thursday, September 8th at 6 pm in the Forum of Hughes-Trigg Student Center
Or

Friday, September 9th at 5 pm in the Forum of Hughes-Trigg Student Center
**Your organization must send at least one representative.*

Captain Meeting:

Thursday, September 29th at 6pm in the Forum of Hughes-Trigg Student Center
Or

Friday, September 30th at 5pm in the Forum of Hughes-Trigg Student Center

Float Theme Proposals:

Your list of State preferences for theme choices will be submitted through the registration form.

Event Registration:

Forms are due on Monday, September 19th by 10 p.m. on Student Foundation's page on Orgs@SMU.

** Your team/organization must have all forms turned in by the deadline in order to participate in Homecoming events.*

Captain’s Checklist

- ✓ Attend the Captain/Candidate Meeting with your Candidate
- ✓ Submit your state preference list for theme choices by Monday, September 19th at 10pm through the registration form on Student Foundation’s page on Orgs@SMU.
- ✓ Submit registration form online by Monday, September 19th at 10pm through the registration form on Student Foundation’s page on Orgs@SMU.

Spirit Point and Schedule Information

Point System:

Event	1st Place Points	2nd Place Points	3rd Place Points	Participation Points
<i>Peruna Painting</i>	200	150	100	50
<i>Banner</i>	200	150	100	50
<i>Field Day</i>	250	200	150	100
<i>Rock the Vote</i>	250	200	150	100
<i>Social Media Challenge</i>	200	150	100	50

Please Note the Following:

- Participation is defined as entering, abiding by all rules, and completing an event.
- If a team places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for a specific event, they will receive the number of points signified above for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. If a team does not place but still participates, they will receive participation points signified above.
- Any organization caught breaking the rules will receive no points.

Homecoming Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, October 26 th , 2016	Peruna & Banner Pick Up
Sunday, October 30 th , 2016	Field Day
Monday, October 31 st , 2016	Rock the Vote, Voting Begins, Perunas and Banners due, Social Media Challenge photo due
Saturday, November 5 th , 2016	Parade, Homecoming Game & Half-Time Presentation

*Since pull-in is Sunday, make sure your trailer company is open, or make sure to pick it up Friday!

Event descriptions:

Peruna Painting

Description: Teams will paint and decorate wooden cut-outs of the SMU mascot, Peruna. They will be displayed on campus throughout the week of Homecoming.

Forms: Event Registration Form due by Monday, September 19th at 10pm online.

Date/Location: Must be completed on your own at your own site. You may pick up your Peruna at 1-3pm on Wednesday, October 26th at the SF Office in HTSC Student Activities Suite. Perunas are due on Monday, October 31st no later than 1 pm and should be delivered to Dallas Hall Lawn. All teams are required to pick up their decorated Peruna by 1pm on Sunday, November 6th. Student Foundation reserves the right to discard any Perunas left after this time.

Rules:

- * You may create the Peruna at a location of your choice, but there will be no location provided for you by Student Foundation.
- * Perunas will be provided by Student Foundation to ensure consistency.
- * Perunas may not promote an organization's individual candidate.
- * Perunas must be made exclusively by members of the organization.
- * Decorations on the Peruna may not extend beyond two feet in any direction from the wooden cut out
- * No food or perishables may be attached to the Peruna

Your organization's Peruna will be disqualified if these rules are not followed.

Spirit Points:

- 1st Place – 200 Points
- 2nd Place – 150 Points
- 3rd Place – 100 Points
- Participation – 50 Points

Judging: Each Peruna is scored on a scale from 0 – 30, based on the following criteria:

Artistic Merit:	0 – 10 Points
Creativity:	0 – 10 Points
Theme:	0 – 10 Points

Tips:

- * Give your team time to apply multiple coats of paint
- * Prime the Peruna so the wood will soak up less paint
- * Use hot or crazy glue to attach anything to your Peruna (no food)

Banner Competition

Description: Teams create a banner promoting SMU Homecoming and their organization's theme. Banners are displayed in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Commons throughout Homecoming Week.

Forms: Part of Event Registration Form due by Monday, October 19th at 10pm online.

Date/Location: Completed banners must be brought to the SF Office on Monday, October 31st before 1 pm. Banners must be removed by 1 pm on Sunday, September 27th or it will be thrown away.

Rules:

- * You may create the banner at a location of your choice, but no location will be provided for you by Student Foundation.
- * Banners will be provided by Student Foundation to ensure consistency.

- *You may pick up your banner when you pick up your Peruna at 1 pm on Wednesday, October 26th at the SF Office in HTSC Student Activities Suite.
- * Banners are hung vertically – keep this in mind when designing. There will be grommets in the top corners so that the banner can be hung without damaging your design.
- * Banners can be 3-D, but nothing can hang outside of the rectangular area.
- * Banners may not promote an organization’s individual candidate.
- * Banners must be made exclusively by members of the organization.

Your organization’s banner will be disqualified if these rules are not followed.

Spirit Points: 1st Place – 200 Points
2nd Place – 150 Points
3rd Place – 100 Points
Participation – 50 Points

Judging: Each Banner is scored on a scale from 0-30, based on the following criteria:
Artistic Merit: 0 – 10 Points
Creativity: 0 – 10 Points
Theme: 0 – 10 Points

Field Day

Description: Field Day is a day of classic outdoor competitions modeled after the “Amazing Race”. Organizations will compete against each other with staggered start times in a race against the clock. The team with the best completion time will win first place for the event.

Forms: Part of the Event Registration Form due by Monday, September 19th at 10pm online.

Date/Location: Sunday, October 30th from Noon – 3 pm on Dallas Hall Lawn.

Rules:

- * Each pair/team must submit a team roster to sf@smu.edu by Friday, Sept. 28th at 10 pm
- * Teams must consist of 10 players; 5 from each organization if paired; 3-4 if partnered; if your team does not have the correct number of participants, you will not receive participation points and cannot place.)
- * All team members must arrive by 11:30 am Saturday and sign in with Student Foundation.
- * Teams must participate in all Field Day activities and adhere to all instructions and rules for each activity.
- * Attendance is taken at each event to ensure that all team members remain present.

Spirit Points: 1st Place – 250 Points
2nd Place – 200 Points
3rd Place – 150 Points

Participation – 100 Points

- Suggestions:**
- * Wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes.
 - * Bring water for your team.
 - * Prepare your team to demonstrate good sportsmanship
Poor sportsmanship will result in disqualification from the event.

Rock the Vote

Description: Rock the Vote is a spirit event to introduce the Homecoming King and Queen Candidates and kick-off voting. Winners of other events will be announced here.

Date/Location: Monday, October 31st at TBD, in Moody Coliseum.

- Rules:**
- * If your candidate does not attend, your organization will not receive any points for this event.
 - * You will be assigned a pre-marked location in the stands. **DO NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO RESERVE SEATING.**
 - * **NO BALLOONS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE EVENT.** If your organization brings any balloons, they will be disqualified from the event. No exceptions.
 - * **NO GLITTER IS ALLOWED IN MOODY COLISEUM.**
 - * **If your organization is seen with glitter you will be disqualified. (This includes on posters and face paint)**

Spirit Points:

- 1st Place – 250 Points
- 2nd Place – 200 Points
- 3rd Place – 150 Points
- Participation – 100 Points

Spirit points are awarded by anonymous judges present at the event.

Social Media Challenge

Description: Each organization will be required to send one photo and a caption to sf@smu.edu by 9pm on Monday, October 31st. Student Foundation will then post the photo to the Student Foundation Facebook page and your organization will have until 6:00 pm on Friday, November 4th to get as many likes as possible.

Date/Location: Photo due Monday, October 31st at 10pm.

- Rules:**
- * The photo must incorporate your organization's theme and SMU.
 - * Each organization will be required to submit their picture and caption on time. No late photos will be accepted.
 - * Each caption must use the hashtags #SMUHC2016 #AllRoadsLeadToSMU
 - * The caption (excluding hashtags) and the photo, must incorporate Student Foundation.

- * Each photo must be deemed appropriate.
- * If any entries do not meet these guidelines, the organization will be disqualified from the event.
- * If your organization is paired, only one photo and caption is required.
- * There are no restrictions on props, location, number of members, etc. Get creative!

Judging: Each photo is scored on a scale from 0 – 40, based on the following criteria:

- Caption: 0 – 10 Points
- Picture Creativity: 0 – 10 Points
- Number of likes: 0 – 10 Points (first 5 get 10, second get 9)
- Incorporation of Theme 0 – 10 Points

Spirit Points: 1st Place – 200 Points

2nd Place – 150 Points

3rd Place – 100 Points

Participation – 50 Points

Spirit points are awarded by anonymous judges at the end of the week.