Generations Evolve, Traditions Remain
HOMECOMING 2015

Handbook
Homecoming 2015 Schedule

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The Bronco Cup

The Bronco Cup competition is for all students, staff and faculty at Western Michigan University. It is a competition to see who has true Bronco Spirit! The competition is intended to bring together all members of Western Michigan University, whether that is registered student organizations, residence halls, departments, a mix of both, or any other Bronco out there. Together we will participate in our Homecoming with a common goal to show our Bronco pride as we compete and participate in many events throughout the week.

The Bronco Cup is a distinguished trophy awarded to the team that has earned the most points at the end of the Homecoming week. Points will be awarded based on the 2015 Bronco Cup points system. Events will be carefully monitored and points will be calculated by the Homecoming Coordinators.

The winner of the Bronco Cup will be announced during halftime of the football game on Saturday, October 24th.

Teams will be made up of 4-15 participants. One participant from each team will register their team name and list each member on their roster.

The registration form will be live on Monday, September 28 at 9 a.m., and can be found on the Homecoming website at wmich.edu/homecoming. Teams must register by 9 p.m. on October 18 in order to compete for the Bronco Cup. If your RSO would like to nominate someone for Homecoming court teams must register their candidate by October 4.

Bronco Cup Point System

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Maximum Possible Points: 800 points (volunteer points not included)
**Bronco Cup Point Breakdown**

*Participation*
- 4 members of the team must be in attendance for an event to receive participation points.
- Participation points are awarded to those who have checked in before the beginning of the event.
- Teams may also volunteer at events and receive additional participation points.

*Spirit*
Every team is able to earn and lose spirit points at each event, which will affect your overall score. Spirit will be based on the following:
- Having the attitude, spirit and effort to inspire others to be their best.
- Showing exceptional bronco pride.
- Good sportsmanship.
- Being creative and original.
- Ability to follow policies and procedures for each event.
- Incorporation of the “Generations Evolve, Traditions Remain” homecoming theme.

**Bronco Cup Rules**
- Teams must be made up of 4-15 participants.
- Individuals can only participate on one team.
- Team rosters are final after 9 p.m. on October 20.
- Registered teams may change their rosters before this deadline. Registration can be found on the Homecoming website at wmich.edu/homecoming.

— Questions? Contact salp-event3@wmich.edu

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**The W’s**

In an effort to incorporate various departments of WMU in a new tradition, we are constructing wooden W structures for departments to decorate and display for their students to sign throughout Homecoming week. The W’s will be on display at the Friday pep rally and have been personalized by colleges.

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**Office Decorating Contest**

Celebrate 92 years of Western Michigan University Homecoming festivities by participating in the campus wide Homecoming Office Decorating Contest! This Homecoming tradition brings excitement and school spirit to participating offices across campus! All offices are encouraged to decorate their space and compete for the “WMU’s Most Spirited” trophy and our fabulous grand prizes.

Contact Juliet Sanford at salp-event3@wmich.edu by **Friday, October 16** to sign up to take part in the contest. The email must include name and location of the office you are registering. You may begin decorating as soon as you register, so the earlier your office signs up the better! Judging will take place on **Thursday, October 22** from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The winning office will be announced during the Pep Rally, Friday, October 23.
Banner Decorating Contest

In an effort to decorate our campus during homecoming week, this year we will be having our first annual banner decorating contest to promote bronco pride all across campus! Any group on campus can register starting September 28 to participate! Blank banners will be ready for pick up in the SOC during that time. Banners are to be turned in by Friday, October 16 in the Student Organization Center. Each banner will be judged, and then displayed across campus! There will be Bronco Cup points awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place banners.

Guidelines
• All participants must utilize the cloth banner provided to them by the Homecoming Coordinating Team
• Banner Must include RSO Name, Homecoming theme and Western Michigan University
• The banner must be completely dry when turned into the Student Organization Center for judging
• There is no limit to resources for the banner except the use of glitter. All banners with glitter will be disqualified and not displayed.
• Be creative with your banner, but please stick to the homecoming theme!

Questions? Contact salp-event4@wmich.edu

Breakfast of Champions

Come join the Homecoming 2015 team as we kick off Homecoming the right way with Breakfast of Champions! You will be able to grab some food, Homecoming giveaways, vote for King and Queen, learn about other Homecoming 2015 events and share your Bronco Pride!

Monday, October 19
9 – 11 a.m.
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences & College of Aviation

Tuesday, October 20
9 – 11 a.m.
College of Health and Human Services

Questions? Contact salp-events@wmich.edu or salp-event6@wmich.edu

Multicultural Review

The Multicultural Review is the Division of Multicultural Affairs’ (DMA) annual Homecoming event. It is a recognition and celebration of the diversity of cultures at WMU. The event is designed to showcase the many talents of the student body. The showcase usually consists of singing, dancing, poetry/spoken word, skits, art displays, synchronized stepping and various presentations of talent. The event has been well attended since its inception in 2001, and is highly anticipated.

Questions? Contact sherrie.fuller@wmich.edu
Western Wednesday

Western Wednesday is a tradition that is held almost every week on campus where Bronco Spirit is spread through activities on campus with the goal of bringing students together. This year we will be partnering up with the WSA so be sure to attend Western Wednesday during Homecoming week for even more Bronco spirit! Western Wednesday, October 21st from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the flagpoles! If any RSO would like a table at the flagpole please contact Autumn Kearney at salp-events@wmich.edu.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament returns to Western’s Homecoming! We will be hosting our third annual 3-on-3 tournament on Wednesday, October 21 at 9 p.m. to midnight on the 3rd floor gym courts at the Student Recreation Center! Teams are able to register at wmich.edu/homecoming throughout Homecoming week and may have 4-7 WMU students per team. Teams participating in the Bronco Cup competition will already be registered. Additionally, students, staff and faculty may purchase raffle tickets throughout the week of Homecoming for the chance to win prizes during the 3-on-3 basketball Tournament. All teams should arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Rules (tentative)

• All teams must be fully registered before the 3-on-3 tournament by 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21.
• At least 4 players must be signed up or present from the team.
• No more than 7 players may participate in the 3-on-3 tournament.
• Each member must be registered and enrolled with WMU for the Fall 2015 semester.
• Bronco IDs will be swiped before the event starts for both players and the general public.
• Only 3 players can play at a time.
• Each player can only participate with one team.
• There will be only one continuous running clock to make sure all the times are the same.
• There will be 4, 12 minute games each hour with 3 minute breaks between each game.
• Each team will have a single 1 minute time out per game, but the clock will still run during this time and the timeout cannot be called within the last 2 minutes.
• Each game will start with a “make it, take it” shot. Both teams will choose one person to shoot. One person from one team will shoot, then the next team will shoot. If the first person makes it, the second person has a chance to make it and then it starts over. If the first person misses, the second person has the chance to make it and take it. If the second person misses, then the next person to make it will start with the ball.
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

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- Men’s scoring: 1 point = layups & midrange; 2 points = 30’ shots.
- Women’s Scoring: 2 point = layups & midrange; 3 points = 30’ shots.
- All lines bounding each court are considered “out-of-bounds”.
- After every dead ball, teams have the option to substitute players.
- In the event of a tie, both teams will choose a person to perform “Rock-Paper-Scissors” that the referees will judge. Play the best 2 out of 3.

— Questions? Contact salp-event4@wmich.edu

Tug of Oar & Can Drive

Tug of Oar is a new WMU tradition in which RSO’s will compete against one another! We will be hosting this event Thursday, October 22 in the Gabel Natatorium at 9 p.m. Two members from each team will work to row against the opposing team and try and cross the finish line first! In addition to rowing the boat, homecoming teams can earn points towards the bronco cup in the canned food drive while also supporting the Invisible Needs Project.

— Questions? Contact salp-event5@wmich.edu

Yell Like Hell

Yell like Hell is a chant competition where teams will compete for the best cheer using creativity and spirit to wow the judges! This year, teams will compete in the Student Recreation Center on Friday, October 23 at 6 p.m. Register your team by Friday, October 16 at 5 p.m.

Three finalists will be chosen to perform their Yell Like Hell cheer at the start of pep Rally! The winners will be announced during the Pep Rally!

Rules (tentative)
- Each team may have no more than 15 members on stage for this competition.
- Every member must represent WMU by wearing your team’s shirt, WMU apparel or a solid brown or gold shirt.
- The entire cheer must not exceed 3 minutes.
- The cheer must not include vulgarity or inappropriate material (subject to judges’ discretion) and will result in a point deduction if used.
- The cheer must include: Western Michigan University; the Homecoming theme Generations Evolve, Traditions Remain; the name of your team; the name of at least 3 organizations or academic departments at WMU.
- Teams will be judged on: Loudness; creativity; adherence to the rules (time, number of members, & required cheer elements); theme incorporation; synchronization.

— Questions? Contact salp-events@wmich.edu
Pep Rally

Mark your calendars, Broncos! You will not want to miss one of the most beloved and longest held traditions of WMU Homecoming week! Bring your Homecoming team and come out to the Student Recreation Center on Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. to show your Bronco Pride!

A returning favorite will be the annual “Yell Like Hell” competition. All points go towards the Bronco Cup competition that will be given out at the football game, so make sure you begin practicing now!

— Questions? Contact salp-event2@wmich.edu

King and Queen

Registered Student Organizations and university departments may select one King and one Queen candidate to apply for a chance to represent their group on the 2015 Homecoming Court.

Applications will be due October 4

King and Queen Qualifications

• Must be nominated by a registered student organization or university department
• Must be enrolled in the 2015-2016 academic year as a WMU full-time student.

King and Queen cont.

• Must be a WMU student of junior status or above (56+ completed credit hours).
• Must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA or higher and not be under any academic or disciplinary probation (no exceptions regardless of circumstances).
• Must fill out an application and provide everything that is required.
• To be nominated by an RSO, the RSO must be registered and participate in the Bronco Cup competition Homecoming event. If the nominating RSOs candidate is chosen for the 2015 Homecoming Court and the RSO fails to participate, it may result in the removal of that court member at the discretion of the 2015 Homecoming Committee.

The 2015 King and Queen application can be found online at wmich.edu/homecoming as well as the biographies after the eight court members have been decided. Voting is open from Monday, October 19 at 9 a.m. to Friday, October 23 at noon. The eight court members will attend all of the Homecoming 2015 events leading up to the coronation ceremony on Saturday, October 24 during the Homecoming Game Half-Time Show.

Benefits for the Homecoming 2015 Court

• Receive Educational Community Credit Union $500 Scholarship (King and Queen only). (Tenative)
• Attend university events during Homecoming and participate in the Homecoming half-time festivities.
• VIP seating at all Homecoming events
King and Queen cont.

Duties of the 2015 King and Queen:
Participate in 50 hours of community service for non-profit organization within the Kalamazoo community of his/her choice by the end of the 2015-16 academic year. Completion of community service form is necessary to determine the legitimacy of the hours completed.

— Questions? Contact salp-event2@wmich.edu

Game Day

Come out and support our Bronco Football team at the Homecoming game! The WMU Broncos will be facing the Miami of Ohio Redhawks on Saturday October 24th at 2 p.m. at Waldo Stadium! Come out and show your Bronco Spirit to finish off this amazing week!

— Questions? Contact salp-event2@wmich.edu

NPHC Marchdown

The History of the Marchdown:
Originally brought to campus by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Marchdown has become a signature part of the Western Michigan University Homecoming experience. The event attracts not only WMU staff, faculty, and students, but also various members of the Kalamazoo community and visitors from other universities.

The tradition continues as the National Pan-Hellenic Council presents Marchdown once again during Homecoming 2015. Participants will include members of WMU’s National Pan-Hellenic Council as well as friends from throughout the Kalamazoo community and beyond. Come out for an unforgettable night of Greek Life pride and outstanding showmanship!

— Questions? Contact salp-greekga2@wmich.edu

Volunteer

Would you or your RSO be interested in volunteering for one of the events during Homecoming? If so, contact Rebecca Davis at salp-event6@wmich.edu. Bronco Cup participants that volunteer will also receive participation points as shown in the Bronco Cup Point Breakdown!
Stay updated with Homecoming 2015!

Leading up to Homecoming we will be updating the Homecoming website and social media pages. Listed below is where you can find the website and social media pages!

wmich.edu/homecoming
facebook/homecomingwmu
facebook/WMUSALP
@WMUHomecoming

#WMUHomecoming15
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