

Homecoming Rulebook 2026

Middle Tennessee State University Student Government Association Homecoming

2026 Event & Competition Guidelines

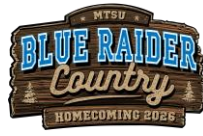
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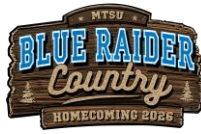
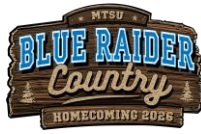


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A Word From the Director

Happy Homecoming, Blue Raiders!

Welcome to another exciting year of celebrating the traditions, spirit, and community that make Middle Tennessee State University so special. Homecoming is one of the most meaningful times of the year because it brings together students, faculty, staff, alumni, families, and friends to celebrate what it truly means to be True Blue.

Serving as Homecoming Director is such an incredible honor, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help create a week filled with memories, traditions, and unforgettable experiences for our campus community. From spirited competitions and exciting events to the energy surrounding game day, Homecoming is a time for everyone to come together and show their True Blue pride.

This year's theme, *Meet Me at Camp Blue: Blue Raider Country*, will take us on an adventure full of excitement, creativity, and school spirit as we prepare to cheer on the Blue Raiders against WKU at Floyd Stadium. I cannot wait to see the dedication and hard work our student organizations and community members put into making this year's celebration one to remember.

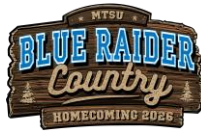
Thank you to everyone who continues to support Homecoming and contribute to the traditions that make this week so special. Your enthusiasm, excitement, and involvement are what make Homecoming successful year after year.

Get ready for an unforgettable week of spirit, celebration, and True Blue memories. I look forward to celebrating with all of you!

Loyally,

Kae Sigler

2026 Homecoming Director



Connect With Us

MyMT Website:

www.mtsu.edu/myMT

SGA Homecoming Website:

<https://sga.mtsu.edu/homecoming/>

Homecoming Instagram:

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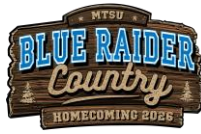
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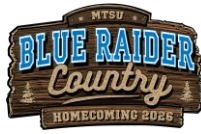
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Important Dates

August 20: Fight Song Interest Meeting

- Zoom, 6pm

August 21: Fight Song forms open on MyMT

- 8:00 AM

August 24: Competition forms open on MyMT

- 8:00 AM

August 27: Crash the Commons

- Student Union Commons, 6:00-9:00 PM

October 1: Entry Forms for competitions and booths open

- 8 AM on MyMT

October 18: Fight Song Rehearsal

- Student Union Ballroom, TBD

October 19: Fight Song Competition

- Student Union Ballroom, 7:00 PM- 10:00 PM

October 30: All competition and booth sign-ups close. (Paint the halls, banner, mac & cheese, etc.)

- 12:00 PM on MyMT

October 30: Banners due to the SGA office for Judging

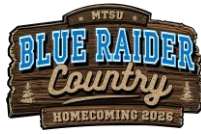
- 4:30 PM

November 2: Fall Festival

- Walnut Grove, 5-8pm

November 2: Paint the Halls Blue judging

- Time TBD



November 3: Chili & Mac & Cheese Cookoff event and judging

- Student Union Commons, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

November 4: Parade Entry Sign-up closes

- 12:00 PM

November 4: Kickback on the Sun Deck

- Campus Rec Sun Deck, 6-10pm

November 5: Live in the Boro Concert Series with Bailey Zimmerman and Waka Flocka

- Murphy Center, Doors at 6, Show starts at 7pm
- Buy tickets at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/bailey-zimmerman-murfreesboro-tennessee-11-05-2026/event/1B00651CC429B369>

November 6: Parade Judging

- Location: TBD, 12pm

November 6: NPHC Step Show

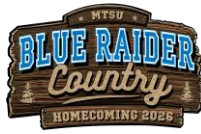
- Student Union Ballroom, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

November 7: Parade

- 10:00 AM, more information on route to come

November 7: MTSU v. Marshall

- Floyd Stadium, 6:30 PM



General Competition Rules

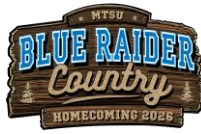
The theme for the 2026 Middle Tennessee State University Homecoming is **“Blue Raider Country”**. **This theme draws into the season of the year we are in with bonfires, camping, fishing, flannel, and more.** This theme is meant to encourage pride in our university and community as we rally this season leading up to our Homecoming game. This theme allows for fun in competition and bringing in **Camp Blue** spirit. This year’s Homecoming has something to bring together current students, alumni, and the greater Murfreesboro community.

The following rules, events, and activities were developed by the 2026 Homecoming Committee. Please read all the rules and regulations carefully prior to registering and competing in the homecoming events/activities to avoid any misunderstanding, incorrect interpretation, and possible disqualification. Any questions should be directed towards the 2026 Homecoming Director, Kae Sigler.

- Office: Student Union 306J 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
- Email: sga.home@mtsu.edu
- Office Phone: (615)898-2537 ext. 2537

General Rules:

1. All official homecoming registration forms must be completed and submitted through MyMT no later than 12:00 PM CST on their designated dates. All due dates are disclosed in the “Important Dates” page and each individual competition page. Official homecoming registration forms must be submitted to complete the approval process determined by the Student Government Association Homecoming Committee.
2. Groups and organizations working together must note their collaboration on the official registration form. Each organization must complete a registration form individually and must both acknowledge the collaboration. If an organization is partnered with another organization, **they do not necessarily have to enter every competition as partners.**
3. **All times and deadlines are strictly enforced.** Refer to the individual event rules and regulations for deadline information.
4. All decisions of judges will be kept confidential until the 2026 Homecoming Committee makes its official announcement. All decisions the judges make are final, and official rules are left to the discretion of the judges.



5. Official appeals must be made within 48 hours of the specific event in question. All appeals must be filed in writing with the SGA Homecoming Director, sga.home@mtsu.edu, and the Director of Campus Activities and Strategic Marketing, Jackie Victory jackie.victory@mtsu.edu.
6. Since MTSU is a dry campus, the “No Alcohol” policy is strictly enforced at all events and competitions. If a member(s) of an organization is caught drinking or carrying alcoholic beverages during any homecoming event will be disqualified. This policy extends to any illegal substances that are being used at events. Further action may be taken depending on the severity of the offense and the discretion of the 2026 Homecoming Committee.
7. Individuals who fail to abide by the official rules and regulations must meet with the Homecoming Committee and Homecoming Advisor (Jackie Victory).
8. Winners from each event and category, with the exception of Fight Song, will be announced on Saturday, November 7th at Walnut Grove. Time TBD. Please have at least one representative attend to receive awards.
9. NOTE: All on-campus locations listed for events are subject to change. All announcements regarding location change will be posted on the official MTSU Homecoming Instagram.

Working Together:

The purpose of homecoming is to come together as a student body to celebrate school spirit and welcome our alumni and community to our campus. As a result, the Homecoming Committee encourages student organizations to work together for events and activities. Organizations that join together will be referred to as “teams”.

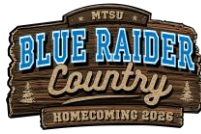
Student organizations may be paired and work together. It should be noted that if organizations do pair up, it is not required they pair up for all events. Remember that participating separately has the potential to yield more points for your team!

Point System:

We will have overall winners in the following categories:

- Housing and Residential Life
- Student groups and organizations
- Fraternity and Sorority Life.

All the competitions hosted are designated by a specific number of points that may be accumulated. All points will be calculated and kept in a spreadsheet to determine the overall winner. The winning complex, organization, and team will receive an award at the



end of the homecoming week and will be announced on all MTSU Homecoming social media platforms.

Below is the breakdown of how the points for the 2026 Homecoming season will work:

1. Housing and Residential Life
 - Paint the Halls Blue: 100 pts.
 - Homecoming Games: 75 pts.
 - Banner Competition: 75 pts.
 - Parade Entry: 100 pts.
 - Fight Song 100 pts.
 - Mac & Cheese Cookoff: 100 pts.
 - Chili Cookoff: 100 pts
2. Student Organizations
 - Paint the Halls Blue: 100 pts.
 - Homecoming Games: 75 pts.
 - Banner Competition: 75 pts.
 - Parade Entry: 100 pts.
 - Fight Song 100 pts.
 - Mac & Cheese Cookoff: 100 pts.
 - Chili Cookoff: 100 pts.
3. Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - Homecoming Games: 75 pts.
 - Banner Competition: 75 pts.
 - Parade Entry: 100 pts.
 - Fight Song 100 pts.
 - NPHC Step Show 100 pts.
 - Mac & Cheese Cookoff: 100 pts.
 - Chili Cookoff: 100 pts.

All events will be awarded a first, second, and third place winner.

Competitions that are worth 100 points will be awarded as follows:

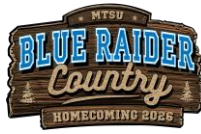
1st place: 100 points

2nd place: 75 points

3rd place: 50 points

Competitions that are worth 75 points will be awarded as follows:

1st place: 75 points



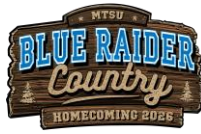
2nd place: 50 points

3rd place: 25 points

Fight Song Rules

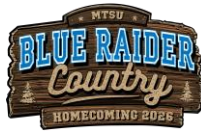
The MTSU Fight Song Competition will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 19th in the Student Union Ballroom. Doors for the event will open an hour before show time. The Fight Song is designed to display school spirit. It should reflect the originality, creativity, and pride in our university. The theme for this year's fight song is **"Blue Raider Country: Meet Me at Camp Blue"**. Entries may incorporate anything their team feels complies with the theme. Please refer to page 4 of the rule book for a list of important dates. If you have any questions on whether something is acceptable, please refer to:

1. **The mandatory Fight Song meeting will be held Thursday, August 20th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. A member from each participating organization must be present.**
2. There is no fee required to participate in Fight Song. It is the organization's responsibility to remove all props, costumes, makeup, etc. If materials are left on stage or if changing facilities are not properly cleaned following the show, or any damage occurs, the organization will be charged for the damage that occurred.
3. Organizations may begin practicing immediately after the informational meeting. No groups may congregate prior to this date.
4. Groups must submit an official entry form, a list of songs, and lyrics. **Groups may begin submitting these at 8:00 AM on August 21st, 2026. Song availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups must send song list and lyrics to sga.home@mtsu.edu by 4:30pm on October 1st, 2026.** Please also include the names of all organizations participating in your email. To avoid duplication of songs, chosen songs will be time stamped, and the organization who requested the song first gets priority and all others (if duplication occurs) must choose another song. There is no need to bring these to the SGA office. Songs and lyrics will only be accepted through email.
5. **Participating organizations should plan to attend a rehearsal time on October 18th; time is TBD.** They must arrive at the rehearsal location at least 30 minutes prior to their designated rehearsal time. Each organization will be notified of the check-in location and their designated rehearsal time.
6. **All props are due at the Student Union Ballroom by 3:00 PM on October 19th.** Any team with props not in place by 3:00 PM will receive a 5-point deduction from their final



score. Any props submitted after 5:00 PM on October 19th will not be accepted for use in the show.

7. Each team has seven minutes for their performance. Time will begin as soon as the first sound is sung, spoken, or played. Timing will end when the music stops. One point will be deducted for every 20 seconds over the time limit. (Note: If performance is 7 minutes and 15 seconds, you will still be deducted one point.)
8. Each team will have four minutes to set up and four minutes to take down any props. Any group exceeding the four minute set-up and/or tear down will be penalized 1 point per minute.
9. All props must be carried on and off the stage using the stairs or ramp on the side of the stage. If damage occurs due to an organization's method of setup / tear down, the organization will be held responsible for any damage caused to the facility, stage, or curtain set up behind it.
10. Props may be used as long as participants carry them on and off stage. Any items left on stage will result in a 10-point penalty. Props may not exceed 12 feet high. Each group must have designated individuals responsible for securing each props position. Props must be sturdy enough to stand without falling.
11. There will be an LED wall behind the stage. Organizations are encouraged to design a slide or multiple slides that will be displayed during their performance. **All slides must be submitted by October 12, 2026, by 4:30 PM as a PowerPoint (16:9) slide.**
12. Absolutely no glitter / confetti. If any glitter is used, the team will be disqualified.
13. The MTSU Fight Song must be sung in its traditional form first. After the first time through, the MTSU Fight Song may be sung in any non-traditional form. Only the words in the fight song may be used; however, they may be sung in any order. Speaking parts do not have to follow this rule.
14. Absolutely no build-ups or stunts. Stunts may be defined as 3-person pyramids, etc. No one is permitted to jump off the stage. Stunts will also be defined as a person getting onto another person's shoulders. Pursuant to general competition rules, SGA accepts no responsibility for accidents or injuries before, during, or after the performance.
15. Two instruments may be used during the performance. (Instruments are anything extra brought on stage to make sound. Examples: microphone, trumpet, etc.) **Any necessary equipment must be requested before October 5th, 2026, by 4:30 PM.** Pre-recorded music may be used; however, it may not have lead vocals, or it will count as one of the instruments used. It is up to the judges' discretion to determine if the pre-recorded vocals overpower the performance. ***
16. The team must provide a person to help the sound technicians with the music. Groups must have music in two different forms. For example: A flash drive can be brought, and

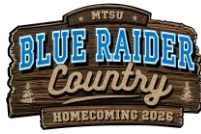


music can be put on a phone. If a phone is used, it must be able to go into airplane mode.

17. **Music, Lighting Cues, and a Script of your group's performance must be submitted for screening to sga.home@mtsu.edu. The deadline Monday, October 5th, 2026, by 4:30pm*****
18. Only active members of organizations are allowed to participate or assist in the Fight Song competition in any way, with the exception of music editing. NO OUTSIDE CHOREOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED AND NO HELP FROM ALUMNI. Violation of these rules will result in an immediate meeting with the homecoming committee and advisor. Violations may result in disqualification.
19. The maximum number of participants per performance may not exceed 35. It is not required to use all 35 participants, and the number of participants will not be a determining factor for judging the fight song. ***
20. Music, vocals, and speaking may not include profanity or offensive jesters.
21. Fight Song will be included in the overall Homecoming Competition and will go towards Lightning's Cup.
22. All decisions made by the judges are final. Judging will be based on the following:
Performance, Spirit, Theme, and Pre Performance.
 - a. Performance: 35% of clarity of words, creativity, choreography, set display
 - b. Spirit: 30% of enthusiasm, school spirit, crowd appeal
 - c. Theme: 30% of choice of music, costumes, props, story
 - d. Pre-Performance: 5% of entry form, directors meeting attendance, music & instrument, sign in submitted on time, etc.

Final scores have been very close in the past, so please follow the rules to give your organization the best chance of winning.

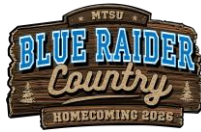
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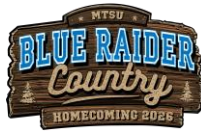
Parade and Non-Competitive Entries

The Middle Tennessee State University Homecoming Parade is one of our longest standing traditions. It is the best way to unite and feature the community of students, alumni, and local residents. Everyone has the opportunity to be recognized by walking in the parade or building a float. For those interested in participating in the parade, please check the MTSU Homecoming website for all parade information.

1. All entry forms to the parade must be submitted no later than Wednesday, November 4th at 12:00 PM CT.
2. Entries must be tasteful and support MTSU Blue Raider pride. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.
3. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual students, alumni, or any other participant in the parade. If an individual cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, then they will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle. If the individual refuses to leave, their respective group will be immediately disqualified.
4. Where applicable, each group must designate a qualified, sober (meaning No alcohol or substances have been consumed) driver as a part of their official entry. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if they do not meet the above criteria. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.
5. Participants may choose either a float, vehicle, or non-float entry. The 2026 Homecoming Committee must approve all entries. Once the committee receives an entry form, no changes can be made.
6. It is strongly encouraged that entries reflect the homecoming theme. For “Blue Raider Country” groups are encouraged to base their float on an outdoor adventure (For example: hiking, camping, backpacking, canoeing, etc.)
7. All participants must be dressed in either MTSU colors (Blue, black, white) or in line with the 2025 homecoming theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other MTSU spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged during the parade. All costumes and outfits should be family friendly.



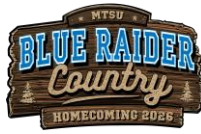
8. All floats and vehicle entries must be approved for street operation in the state of Tennessee. This means all vehicles must be street legal with up-to-date tags, registration, and insurance, and the driver must always have proper identification on them.
9. All float entries must be at the intersection of Bell Street and Highland (Old hospital parking lot) no later than 8:00 AM. All other vehicle and non-float entries must arrive no later than 9:00 AM. The parade is set to begin at 10:00 AM. All participants should arrange to be dropped off at the parade check in location since no through vehicles will be permitted. **NOTE:** The times listed are subject to change based on Conference USA's ability to change the start time of the MTSU homecoming game. All time changes will be communicated well before the parade date, and all announcements will be made on all MTSU homecoming social media platforms.
10. **IMPORTANT:** The check-in location is the parking lot at the corner of Bell Street and Highland. NO cars will be allowed to park in the parking lot beside Oakland Mansion. Individuals walking in the parade may park in the Bell Street parking garage. Carpooling is encouraged since parking is minimal.



Competitive Float Entries

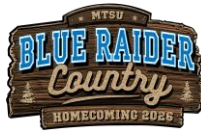
Float decorations are a great way for your organization to display your MTSU pride and the homecoming theme. Organizations are welcome to collaborate to create a float to be shown during the parade. A float is best described as a decorated platform, either built on a vehicle, truck, or towed behind on a trailer. The rules stated in the General Parade Rules section will be considered along with the following:

1. All entry forms are due November 4th at 12:00 PM on MyMT.
2. Entries must be tasteful and support MTSU Blue Raider pride. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.
3. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual students, alumni, or any other participant in the parade. If an individual cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, then they will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle. If the individual refuses to leave, their respective group will be immediately disqualified.
4. Where applicable, each group must designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol or substances have been consumed) driver as a part of their official entry. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if they do not meet the above criteria. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.
5. All floats and vehicle entries must be approved for street operation in the state of Tennessee. This means all vehicles must be street legal with up-to-date tags, registration, and insurance, and the driver must always have proper identification on them.
6. No person is allowed to be inside the truck bed while it is in motion during the parade.
7. No person participating in the parade is allowed to enter or litter on any private property. This includes but is not limited to yards, businesses, churches, etc. If a group is found guilty of this, a 15-point penalty will be applied, and the group will be asked to leave the area.
8. Floats must have one working fire extinguisher on board at all times. Any entry that does not have a fire extinguisher will be disqualified. The 2026 Homecoming



Committee will be inspecting floats prior to the start of the parade to ensure all entries meet the requirements.

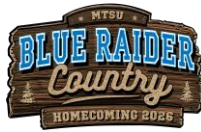
9. The location of the float construction site must be on the parade entry form. The 2026 Homecoming Committee and Homecoming Director reserve the right to visit each site at any time throughout the building process.
10. Any float that has movement must have consistent movement throughout the parade route.
11. All costumes and attire worn during the parade should be family friendly.
12. All size specifications will be strictly enforced. If an entry does not conform to the specifications, an automatic deduction of 5 points will be applied for every inch over the specified width, length, and height. The dimensions may not exceed:
 - Maximum Width: 9 ft.
 - Maximum Length: 16 ft.
 - Maximum Height (from wheel to top): 10 ft.
13. Float judging will be Friday November 6th, starting at 12:00 PM. Parade entries will be informed of their judging time prior to the parade. For the spirit aspect, spirit judges will be placed at strategic locations throughout the parade route. Floats will be judged on this rubric:
 - School spirit and incorporation of theme (float): 25%
 - School spirit and incorporation of theme (parade): 25%
 - Workmanship and color scheme: 30%
 - Originality and creativity: 20%



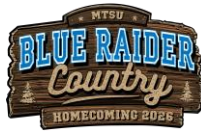
Non-Float Competitive Entries

The non-float entry is one of the less costly and more creative ways for organizations to be involved during the parade. If your organization wants to participate but does not have the resources to build a float, this is the perfect way to participate. Organizations and individuals can choose to walk with a banner, vehicle, or golf cart in order to be recognized in the parade.

1. All entry forms are due November 4 at 12:00 PM on MyMT.
2. Non-float entries may be described as an organization driving a car or golf cart, or walking the parade route. An organization can have a decorated banner to represent their organization.
3. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at the parade check in location at the corner of Bell Street and Highland.
4. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual students, alumni, or other participants in the parade. If an individual participating cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, then they will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle. If they refuse to leave, their respective group will be immediately disqualified. Murfreesboro Police will then be contacted, and the student will be sent to Judicial Affairs.
5. All participants must be dressed in MTSU colors (Blue, white, black) or in line with the 2026 homecoming theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other MTSU spirit items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged.
6. All registered primary drivers should arrive to the parade starting at 8:00 AM to get their spot. Participants should be at the intersection of Bell Street and Highland one hour prior to the start of the parade (9:00 AM) to decorate their cart. The person responsible for the vehicle must check in with the parade director to receive access to their parade spot.
7. Each vehicle may only have one participant for every available seat in the vehicle. For example, if the vehicle has 5 seats with 5 seatbelts, then 5 individuals can ride in the vehicle. Other members of the organization can walk behind the vehicle in the parade.



8. Vehicle entries can choose to be decorated before they arrive or once they arrive to the parade location. If you wish to be judged, you must indicate it on the registration form. Judging will take place on the parade route.
9. Where applicable, each group must designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol or substances have been consumed) driver as a part of their official entry. The 2026 Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if they do not meet the above criteria. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.



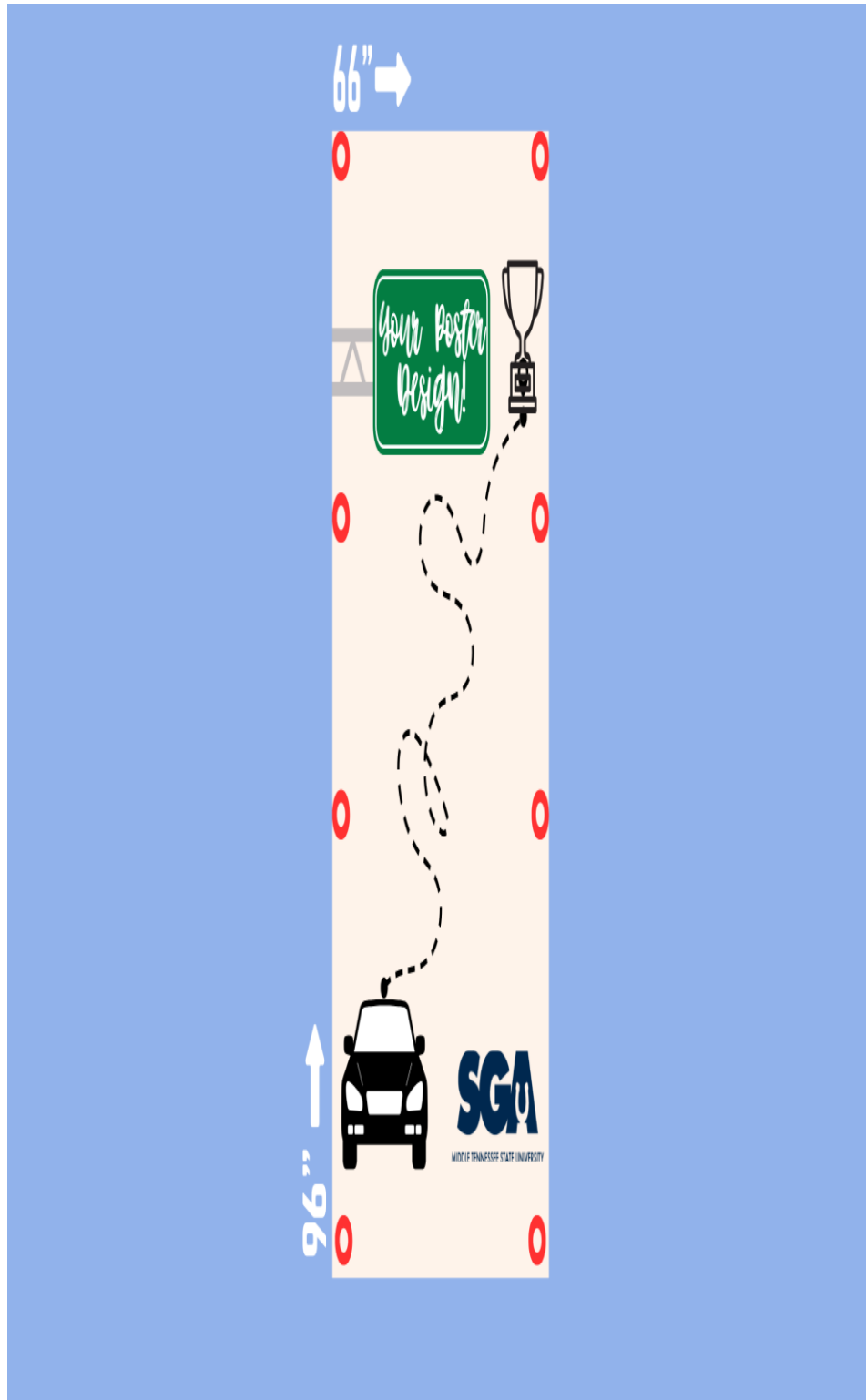
Banner Competition

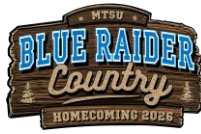
This year, we are continuing the fun with our Banner Competition! Each organization will be able to decorate a banner to hang on the side of Floyd Stadium to be appreciated throughout the entire week of Homecoming. Fans will be able to see the banners on gameday as well. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved if your organization has crafty members and a lot of Blue Raider spirit. The rules for this event are as follows:

1. The entry form must be completed before 12:00 PM on October 30th
2. Banners will be due to Student Union 306 (Student Government Association Office) no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, October 30th for judging. Banners will be hung starting Saturday, October 31st for viewing.
3. Organizations are encouraged to sign up for this event individually, but collaborations are always welcome!
4. Due to the area where the banners can be hung, we can only have 40 banners. This means that entry form submissions will be first come first served. If there are more than 40 submissions, the organizations who submitted last will be contacted.
5. The banner cannot exceed the dimensions of a twin size flat sheet 66" by 96". If you have any questions regarding size, please contact sga.home@mtsu.edu.
6. The Homecoming Committee will provide the grommets and zip ties needed to hang the banner.

Design Specifications:

1. The banner must include your organization(s) name, so we know who to assign points to.
2. When designing, please note that 6-8 grommets will need to be added to hang the banner.
3. Please refer to the sample picture provided to get a visual.

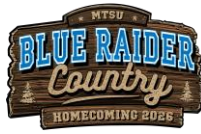




Paint the Halls Blue

Middle Tennessee State University's Paint the Halls Blue homecoming event will promote Blue Raider pride and showcase the creativity and dedication of our faculty. All departments, facilities, and campus housing are strongly encouraged to participate in this competition. Each participating location should be decorated using MTSU's colors (blue, white, black) and take inspiration from the 2026 homecoming theme "Blue Raider Country". Locations are encouraged to decorate as much of their area as possible. This includes but is not limited to inside, outside, office areas, and common spaces. Participants are encouraged to use their creativity to decorate in whatever manner they see best to show their MTSU spirit. An example of decorations could be streamers, window chalk, banners, colorful lights, costumes, etc. Decorations are expected to be displayed for the entirety of homecoming week but must comply with all building and fire safety codes. This includes not blocking fire extinguishers/alarms, emergency air vents, sprinkler systems, lighting fixtures, etc. Faculty and students may collaborate for this competition. The rules for the competition are as follows

1. Entry forms are due October 30th by 12:00 PM on MyMT.
2. Each participating location should be decorated using MTSU colors and take inspiration from the 2026 homecoming theme.
3. Judging will occur Tuesday November 3rd and continue throughout the week. All entries should be ready to be judged by this date.
4. The competition will be judged by the following scale:
 - School spirit and incorporation of theme: 40%
 - Quality of art, color, and workmanship: 30%
 - Originality and creativity: 30%

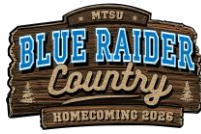


Intramurals

Homecoming games will be held on two potential dates: Tuesday November 3rd and if needed Wednesday November 4th. This year's game will be done in a single elimination tournament style. All games will be used for both campus rec intramural points and homecoming points. **NOTE:** You must sign up for the intramural games through the Campus Rec website. When signing up, make sure that you are registering your teams as the organization you are representing. This will help when assigning points.

The 2026 Homecoming Intramurals hosted by Campus Rec will be

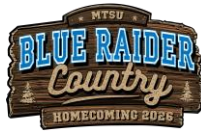
- Tug Of War



Mac & Cheese/Chili Cookoff

We are so excited to continue a Blue Raider fan favorite: the Mac & Cheese Cookoff! We are also bringing back a fan favorite: The Chili Cookoff! Teams will be able to enter one entry for each, one Mac N' Cheese and one Chili. This event will be held in the Student Union Commons from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM. There will be three categories for entries: community, student organizations, and alumni. We encourage everyone to participate and have fun at this event! The rules for the event are as follows:

1. The entry form for this event must be completed not later than 12:00 PM on October 30th on MyMT.
2. All catering supplies will be provided for participants. Participants will only need to bring their mac & cheese/chili entry and table decorations. Groups will be provided with chafing dishes, sterno flames, serving dishes and utensils, a cafeteria style table, and two chairs.
3. Groups will be given a designated area of 10'x10'. Groups are encouraged to bring decorations to fill the space and represent their organization. The judges will be scoring based on appearance, incorporation of the 2026 homecoming theme, and school spirit. This could include but is not limited to school colors, Greek letters, banners for the front of the table, props, streamers, balloons, etc. We encourage groups to get as creative as possible!
4. Groups are encouraged, but not required, to set up a tent over their area. This will help account for any light weather we may run into.
5. No more than 3 representatives will be allowed at each table. All members of organizations are encouraged to come, but no more than 3 "working" at the table. These individuals should be identified on the entry form.
6. Each entry must contain enough samples for 250 people. Those attending will only be given a taste of each entry.
7. Mac & Cheese and Chili entries should arrive at serving temperature. The chafing dishes provided will only keep the mac & cheese at a safe, servable temperature. At the competition, there will be no way of cooking or reheating food. Keep this in mind when preparing your dish. All entries should be in the chafing dishes no later than 4:30 PM. If the mac & cheese is not in place by that time, there will be a 5 point deduction.
8. Groups may begin setting up at 3:00 PM. All groups must be checked in no later than 4:00 PM, and must be ready to begin serving at 4:45 PM. This means



decorations should be complete, organizations are in place, and the mac & cheese is ready to be served. There will be a 5 point deduction for any team who is not ready by 4:45 PM.

9. All booths must remain set up and continue serving until the end of the event at 7:00 PM. If your booth runs out of mac & cheese, chili or both, you must remain set up until 7:00 but we will notify that your entry has run out
10. All ingredients should be listed in the entry form, as well as any allergens
11. Each organization can have 1 entry for Mac N Cheese and 1 entry for Chili.

