



Tennessee
TECH

Homecoming 2023 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, October 30	Banners	9:00 am-11:30 am	RUC First Floor Lobby
Tuesday, October 31	Homecoming Court Election Day	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Centennial Plaza
Wednesday, November 1	Crowdfunding Drive	Link will open at 8:00am on Monday, October 30 and will close Wednesday, November 1 at 3:00 pm	This event is online! The link will be provided closer to the event!
Wednesday, November 1	Lip Sync Competition	6:00pm-8:00pm	Derryberry Auditorium
Thursday, November 2	Field Day Competition	11:00am-1:00pm	Main Quad
Thursday, November 2	Homecoming Spirit Night	7:00pm-8:00pm	Memorial Gym
Saturday, November 4	Parade	10:30am	Dixie Ave
Saturday, November 4	Football vs. UT Martin	1:30pm	Tucker Stadium

Participation

Teams and organizations may participate in as many or as few Homecoming Competition contests as they wish.

Gold Division – Up to 3 organizations representing a total of no more than 250 members may combine to participate in the Gold Division. No two organizations may pair 2 consecutive years in a row. All participants must be on the organization's member list in Eagle Engage prior to the start of Homecoming. Membership and roster-related issues will be resolved between the Center for Student Engagement and organization advisors.

Purple Division – Up to 3 organizations representing a total of no more than 50 members may combine to participate in the Purple Division. No two organizations may pair 2 consecutive years in a row. All participants must be on the organization's member list in Eagle Engage prior to the start of Homecoming. Membership and roster-related issues will be resolved between the Center for Student Engagement and organization advisors.

Residence Hall Division – Residence Hall units as determined by Housing & Residential Life may participate in the Res Hall Division. Housing & Residential Life will determine and communicate participation rules.

Students should always prioritize their academic success. No excuses will be provided for classes related to Homecoming.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

In accordance with Policy 302: Student Conduct, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of alcohol or any illegal drug on Tennessee Tech Property or at any Tennessee Tech-Sponsored Activity (i.e., Homecoming events) is prohibited. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any student organization from the Homecoming competition for failure to adhere to this policy. Students and/or student organizations may also face disciplinary sanctions pursuant to Policy 302: Student Conduct for violation of Tennessee Tech policies related to alcohol and/or illegal drugs.

Liability Notice

Tennessee Tech University and/or the Homecoming Committee are not liable for injuries or damages incurred by participants when participating in Homecoming events. The entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Tennessee Tech University and the Homecoming Committee members from any and all liability associated with their participation in the Homecoming events. Participants may be asked to sign a waiver of liability prior to participating in certain Homecoming events as determined by the Homecoming Committee. **In addition, participants must adhere to their own organization's insurance and risk management policies and procedures in regards to Homecoming events and activities.**

Points, Leaderboards, and Tie Breakers

Teams in all divisions will earn points by participating in each contest. Bonus points will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams for each division or for teams achieving specific performance thresholds. View the points breakdown below for full details.

The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to use tiebreakers in the event of a tie. If a tie occurs in overall points, the organization that scored the highest number of points for the parade will win the Homecoming competition.

Event			
<u>Banner Contest</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Competition	75	60	45
Participation	20		
<u>Lip Sync</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Competition	80	65	50
Participation (Roll Call)	20		
<u>Crowdfunding & TTU Miracle (Gold Division)</u>	<u>\$10,000+</u>	<u>\$9,999-\$7,000</u>	<u>\$6,999-\$5,000</u>
Competition	85	65	45
Participation (\$100+)	30		
<u>Field Day</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Competition	75	60	45
Participation	20		
<u>Homecoming Spirit Night</u>			
Participation	20	20	20
<u>Parade</u>			
Competition	100	85	70
Participation	30		

Registration and other Forms

All forms will be submitted via Eagle Engage and linked on the Homecoming website.

Homecoming Competition Team Registration - The Homecoming Competition Registration **Form will be available beginning September 1, at 8:00 am and will close on October 2 at 11:55 pm.** One Registration Form will be submitted for each team. Participating organizations will complete a separate form triggered by the team registration (see below). The team contact person should be prepared to provide the following information when submitting the form:

- Names of organizations participating on the team and a point of contact for each.
- List of Homecoming Competition contests in which the team is participating.
- Team theme – Themes will be awarded in the order received.
- List of Lip Sync and Field Day participants (15 for Lip Sync, 8 for Field Day, with alternates), if applicable.
- Lip Sync music list, if applicable.

Organization Registration – Each participating organization must complete the registration form, which will provide the organization’s contact info, member list (downloadable from Eagle Engage), advisor approval, etc. These are due by **October 2 at 11:55 pm** at the latest.

Parade Entry Form – **Due October 6 by 11:55 pm.** Parade participants will indicate whether they will have a float, walk as a group, or propose some other parade engagement.

Homecoming Team Captain Meeting – Homecoming Team Captains have a chance to meet with the Student Engagement Office to discuss Homecoming Week. This is the homecoming teams' chance to ask questions or receive clarity on homecoming event rules. **This meeting will be held on October 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Tech Pride Room. Attendance is highly encouraged!**

Banners

Monday, October 30, 2023

TIME: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

LOCATION: RUC

Event Rules:

1. Banners must be one FLAT SHEET for a FULL-SIZE bed, oriented **VERTICAL ONLY.**
2. The banner art should incorporate the team's **Once Upon a Homecoming theme and incorporate Awesome Eagle and Tennessee Tech Pride.**
3. Banners must be tasteful and may not contain any explicit content. Banners MUST be PG-rated. If you have any questions regarding content appropriateness, contact engagement@tntech.edu. Any questionable content will result in a loss of points or disqualification from the event.
4. Banners will hang in the Roaden University Center the week of Homecoming.
5. The banners **MUST** be turned in **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 BETWEEN 9:00- 11:30 am** to the RUC lobby on the first floor. **NO** competition or participation points will be awarded for your banner after **11:30 am.**
6. Banners will be judged on **CREATIVITY, APPROPRIATE THEME, and QUALITY OF ARTWORK.**
7. No banners from previous years may be used. If a previous banner is used, the organization will be subject to disqualification.

Crowdfunding for Tennessee Tech Food Pantry & Miracle at Tennessee Tech

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Event Rules:

1. **Each participating organization will have a choice of choosing which philanthropy they would like their homecoming fundraising to benefit.** A link to the Food Pantry Crowdfunding and the Miracle TTU Donor Drive page will be sent. **The teams participating also have the option to fundraise for both philanthropies, however, please note that the point threshold include points from both sources, the maximum points scored will be 85 points once you hit the \$10,000 your team will not receive extra participation points.**
2. The goal for each organization will be to raise the most amount of money during the event. **The link will be open at 8:00 am beginning Monday October 30th and will close at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1st. No funds will be accepted after closing time!!!**
3. Feel free to utilize social media and other ways to advertise that your organization is collecting donations.
4. Teams raising at least \$100 will earn participation points.
5. Gold Division Teams can earn competition points for the Crowdfunding Drive by raising specific amounts of funds. Teams will earn the points associated with each target regardless of the performance of other teams. For instance – if all teams raise more than \$10,000, then all teams will earn the maximum competition points.
6. Purple Division and Res Hall Division teams are not eligible for the competition points.
7. **Total funds raised and points earned will be announced at the Lip Sync event on November 1st.**
8. The University will use Monday, October 30th – Wednesday, November 1st as the primary days of fundraising.

What is Miracle at Tennessee Tech and How does Your Donation Work?

- This student organization strives to create positive change through acts of service. This organization is working to build a better future for kids today, and tomorrow. The TTU Miracle community does this by spreading awareness, fundraising, and advocating to change kids' health. TTU Miracle's Dance Marathon's main purpose is to fundraise money all year long to support the Children's Miracle Network and Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Currently, Tennessee Tech University has pledged to support the Pediatric Rehabilitation Project through 2024! If your team chooses to fundraise through this philanthropy, each Team will receive a link from TTU Miracle. This link will take the individual to the donor drive page to select their respective team to get a link for donations. Visit TTU Miracle's Instagram page and use the TTU Miracle Homecoming FAQ Info sheet for any questions about donating.

What is TTU Food Pantry and How does Your Donation Work?

- The Tennessee Tech Food Pantry was established as a resource for Tennessee Tech University students and employees in November 2012. The TTU Food Pantry Raises awareness of hidden hunger on college campuses across the nation and establish and sustain a network for food acquisition, storage and distribution at Tennessee Tech to alleviate hunger among our campus community. Each participating organization will have a link to a Crowdfunding page. All money donated during this day will be given to the TTU Food Pantry so that they may purchase in-demand items for those students who need to utilize the pantry during the semester.

Lip Sync Competition

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

TIME: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Derryberry Auditorium

Event Rules:

1. Each participating organization will perform a Lip Sync lasting no longer than 6 minutes. The performance should incorporate the team's Once Upon a Homecoming theme and convey Tech Pride.
2. There will be no props provided by the Homecoming committee.
3. Teams must propose their song list via the Homecoming website by **Friday, October 6**, but are encouraged to submit the list as soon as possible, since songs will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. **A maximum of 15** people can be involved in the performance. There must be at least one member from each organization involved in the competition.
5. **No harsh or vulgar language.** Remember to ask whether something is inappropriate to avoid disqualification.
6. **No unassisted flips, stunts, or jumping off the stage.** "No unassisted flips or stunts" means that participants are not allowed to perform flips or complicated acrobatic maneuvers without proper supervision, assistance, or training. Must be touching teammates at all times and in contact with a spotter at all times! The rule is in place to prioritize the safety of participants and prevent them from engaging in maneuvers that might exceed their skill level or put them in danger. **Your team will automatically be disqualified if there is a breach of these rules!** Please email your team's Lip Sync Competition video to engagement@tntech.edu for approval by **October 25th at 12:00 pm!** To ensure that your routine will not result in disqualification
7. No more than 10 props are allowed.
8. There will be a 10-point deduction for each additional prop.
9. Judging will be based on lip sync quality, theme, tech pride, creativity, and crowd involvement/reaction. Special emphasis will be placed on the quality of the lip syncing in the scoring.
10. **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams from each division will be named.**
11. **Participation Points will be awarded for each team based on emcee Roll Calls. When the team's name is called, members of the team should cheer and make their presence known. Each team will be called twice during the event and must respond both times.**
12. **Must be 18 years of age or a Tennessee Tech Student to attend!**

Field Day

Thursday, November 2, 2023

TIME: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

LOCATION: The Quad (Rain Location Marc Burnett Fitness Center)

Event Rules:

1. Teams will compete Olympics-style in multiple contests.
2. Teams participating in each contest will earn Participation points.
3. Specific games will be announced prior to Homecoming week, but may include Cornhole, Relay Races, balloon pop, and Sharpshooter Competitions.
4. Teams will earn Field Day Games points based on their finishing rank in each of the contests. Total Field Day points will determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each division.
5. Field Day Points:
 - a. For tournament-style games:
 - i. Champions – 5pts
 - ii. Semi-finalist – 4pts
 - iii. 3rd/4th – 3pts
 - iv. 5th-8th – 2pts
 - b. For high/low score games:
 - i. Best score (and ties) – 5pts
 - ii. Runner-up (and ties) – 4pts
 - iii. 2nd Runner-up (and ties) – 3pts
 - iv. 3rd Runner-up (and ties) – 2pts
6. At least two members of each organization must participate for each team (if applicable).

Homecoming Spirit Night

Thursday, November 2, 2023

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Memorial Gym

Event Rules:

The Homecoming Spirit Night is a chance for all members of the Tennessee Tech community to celebrate their Tech Pride and enjoy an evening on campus. The event will feature food, music, and giveaways.

Homecoming Competition Teams will earn participation points if they enter and participate in each of the 3 events: Minute-to-Win-It-style games, Homecoming Theme Fashion Show, and I ♥ Tennessee Tech Cheer Chant. The team that shows the most school spirit, this can include outfits that incorporate Tech Pride, enthusiasm, props, and the loudest roll call will win the overall Tech Pride Spirit Stick!

Minute-to-Win-It-style game – one contestant from each team should be ready for anything as they face off against other students in a wacky challenge.

Homecoming Theme Fashion Show – one contestant from each team will show off their team's Once Upon a Homecoming theme in a unique costume contest. Winners will be determined by guest judges.

I ♥ Tennessee Tech Cheer Chant – 10 contestants from each team will come up with a School Spirit Cheer Chant. **The chant should be no longer than 1-2 minutes long.** Whichever team wins the Cheer Chant will be shouted out on the TN Tech Student Life Instagram page! Winners will be determined by guest judges. **NO STUNTS ALLOWED!**

Parade

Saturday, November 4, 2023

TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: Dixie Avenue

Event Rules:

1. **A parade entry form must be filled out for each entry.**
2. If two organizations' theme/descriptions for parade entries are similar, priority will be given to the first unit entered.
3. All entries are subject to the approval of the Homecoming Committee.
4. Entries must be related to **the Once Upon a Homecoming Theme, Tech Pride, and football spirit. Floats are for the gold division. Other divisions are not required to construct a float for parade entry.**
5. A member of the sponsoring organization must accompany the entry at all times.
6. Entries must be 25-30 feet apart and remain at this distance throughout the parade.
7. Maximum dimensions of floats are 8 feet high, (off the deck of the trailer), 10 feet wide, and 16ft long. Floats must be able to turn street corners and successfully make it up the hill behind Gabe's (the old Hobby Lobby) on Jefferson Ave. You are not permitted to attach trailers together. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!**
8. Float construction is limited to an **8'x12' plywood wall**, visible from both sides of the road. **No other construction is permitted.** Decorations such as painting, pomp, streamers, balloons, lights, etc. are permitted on both the plywood wall, floor, and rails of the trailer.
9. **FLOAT SHOULD NOT BE ELEVATED MORE THAN 2"**.
10. Floats will be judged on the decoration of the wall, creativity, tech pride and adherence to the organization's theme
11. **Float must have the organizations' name(s) on it.**
12. All paper decorations **MUST** be non-flammable (pomp, paper-mache, etc.). **NO SPRAY GLUE.**
13. Floats must be equipped with an ABC dry chemical extinguisher sufficient for individual float sizes.
14. Explosives, such as firecrackers, are prohibited. Generators are prohibited on floats. (All electrical power sources should be located in the vehicle pulling the float.)
15. Horse-drawn floats or units using live animals are prohibited, except with special permission.
16. Members are encouraged but not required to walk alongside their float and help represent their theme and or show tech pride. Any individuals that choose to ride on their

organization's float must not be elevated off of the floor of the trailer/float. They must be sitting or standing on the floor of the trailer itself.

17. Both sides of all floats entered must be completed in order for both sides of the audience to enjoy the parade. The judge's table will be located in front of the RUC.
18. All participants are prohibited from throwing any objects from their vehicle/float.
19. Walkers are permitted to hand objects directly to the audience.
20. After the parade, park your float in the parking lot behind the library adjacent to the South end of Tucker stadium next to the fence. All other entries may disperse.
21. Do not remove floats until after the football game. **ALL FLOATS MUST BE REMOVED AFTER THE GAME.**
22. All floats and decorations **MUST** be disassembled and properly disposed of **by Sunday, November 5, 2023.**
23. The winner of the parade will be announced at the football game.
24. **If any member of the parade competition is found with alcohol/tobacco products (cigarettes or cigars, etc.) in the staging area or any time on the float or a pull vehicle the team will automatically be disqualified.**

****YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY ENTRY IN THE PARADE SEPARATELY. THIS INCLUDES NEW MEMBERS' FLOATS AND SWEETHEARTS. IF THERE IS NOT AN ENTRY FORM YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE** PARADE ENTRY FORM IS DUE OCTOBER 6!!!**