



Tennessee TECH

Homecoming 2026 Competition Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, November 2nd	Banner Competition	9:00 a.m.	RUC First Floor Lobby
Tuesday, November 3rd	Crowdfunding Drive	Link will open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, 11/2 and will close Tuesday, 11/3 at 3:00 p.m.	This event is online. The link will be provided closer to the event
Wednesday, November 4th	Lip Sync Competition	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Derryberry Auditorium
Thursday, November 5th	Homecoming Hangout	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Centennial Plaza
Thursday, November 5th	Homecoming Carnival	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Main Quad
Saturday, November 7th	Parade	10:30 a.m.	Dixie Ave
Saturday, November 7th	Football Game	1:30 p.m.	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 regard to Homecoming events and activities.**

AI Usage

While the use of AI is not prohibited for homecoming competitions, it is strongly discouraged. Please keep in mind that judges will be scoring on creativity in all competitions.

Points, Leaderboards, and Tie Breakers

Teams in all divisions will earn points by participating in each contest. Bonus competition 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.

If a tie occurs in an individual contest, the teams' Crowdfunding amounts will serve as a tiebreaker. 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	80	70	60
Participation	20		
<u>Lip Sync</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Competition	85	75	65
Participation (Roll Call)	20		
<u>Crowdfunding (Gold Division)</u>	<u>\$10,000+</u>	<u>\$9,999-\$7,000</u>	<u>\$6,999-\$5,000</u>
Competition	80	70	60
Participation (\$100+)	30		
<u>Carnival Games</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Competition	80	70	60
Participation	20		
<u>Homecoming Hangout</u>			
Participation	20	20	20
<u>Parade</u>			
Competition	95	85	75
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 23, at 9:00 a.m. and will close on October 7 at 11:55 p.m.** 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.
- List of Lip Sync participants (18 for Lip Sync, 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 7 at 11:55 p.m.** at the latest.

Parade Entry Form

Due October 16 by 11:55 p.m. Parade participants will indicate whether they will have a float, walk as a group, or propose some other parade engagement.

Theme Selection

Theme selection for each team will be awarded on a first come first served basis. All theme selections must be submitted in written form to office 203 in the Roaden University Center. All selections must be submitted in person and will not be accepted before 9:00 a.m. on September 23rd. Teams are encouraged to submit a list of 3+ themes in order of preference to allow for scenarios such as a theme being rejected or already selected by another team. eady selected by another team.

Banner Competition

Monday, November 2nd, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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 **Game on Golden Eagles 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 November 2nd NO LATER THAN 9:00 am** to RUC 119. **NO** competition or participation points will be awarded for banners turned in after **9:00 am**
6. A scoring rubric will be provided for judges at the competition. Please see the rubric at the bottom of this document.
7. No banners from previous years may be used. If a previous banner is used, the organization will be subject to disqualification.

Crowdfunding for the Tennessee Tech Food Pantry

Monday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026

Event Rules:

1. Each participating organization will have a link to a Crowdfunding page.
2. The goal for each organization will be to raise money during the event. The link will be open at 8:00 a.m. beginning Monday, November 2nd and will close at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd. **No funds will be accepted after the closing time.** The link will be sent to primary and secondary Team Captains. It will be up to those Captains to share the link with their organizations.
3. Feel free to utilize social media and other ways to advertise that your organization is collecting donations.
4. All money donated during this day will be given to the Tennessee Tech Food Pantry so that they may purchase in-demand items for those students who need to utilize the pantry during the semester.
5. Teams raising at least \$100 will earn participation points.
6. 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.
7. Purple Division and Res Hall Division teams are not eligible for the competition points.
8. Total funds raised and points earned will be announced at the Lip Sync event on November 4th.
9. The University will use Monday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 3rd as the primary days of fundraising.

Lip Sync Competition

Wednesday, November 4th, 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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 **Game on Golden Eagles theme!**
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 9, 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 18** people can be involved in the performance. There must be at least one member from each participating 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. 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 by **October 30th to ensure that your performance is in compliance with the rules!**
7. Final music files must be submitted to engagement@tntech.edu by Wednesday, October 28th at 11:55 p.m..
8. A scoring rubric will be provided for judges at the competition. Please see the rubric at the bottom of this document.
9. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams from each division will be named.
10. Participation Points will be awarded to 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.

Homecoming Hangout

Thursday, November 5th, 2026

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Centennial Plaza

The Homecoming Hangout 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 can earn Participation points by having 80% or more of their members SIGN IN AND OUT of the event. Attendees must sign in before 11:15 a.m. and out after 11:45 a.m. to be counted toward their team's attendance.

Homecoming Carnival

Thursday, November 5th, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: The Quad (Rain Location RUC)

Event Rules:

1. Teams will host a carnival booth that reflects their creativity, energy, and Homecoming theme.
2. Each carnival booth should have one game/activity, and prizes for those who “win” or succeed at the game. Traditional carnival games, such as Plinko, ring-toss, and knock-down throw games are welcome, but teams are encouraged to get creative with the games and prizes. Games should be appropriate for all students and campus community members to partake in.
3. Members of each team will run their games, and event attendees will participate for free. Teams should expect to serve 150+ participants, so consider your game’s difficulty when determining how many prizes to make available.
4. All teams that host a booth will earn participation points. Teams will compete to be the best Carnival Booth to earn competition points in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division. A scoring rubric will be provided for judges at the competition. Please see the rubric at the bottom of this document. A scoring rubric will be provided for judges at the competition. Please see the rubric at the bottom of this document.
5. All teams must dispose of any trash related to their booth and remove all booth materials by 9 p.m.

Parade

Saturday, November 7th, 2026

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: Dixie Avenue

Event Rules: (Violation of any of these rules may result in a parade entry being disqualified)

1. **A parade entry form must be filled out for each entry.**
2. All individuals driving a parade entry must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance with them on the morning of the parade to be eligible to drive in the parade.
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 **participating organizations'** Game on Golden Eagles theme, Tech Pride, and Golden Eagle Football spirit.
5. A member of the sponsoring organization(s) must accompany the entry at all times.
6. Entries must be 25-30 feet apart and remain at this distance throughout the parade.
7. Floats must be able to turn street corners and successfully make it up the hill behind Gabes (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. Please note that paper decorations/pomping are NOT required.
9. **FLOAT SHOULD NOT BE ELEVATED MORE THAN 2"**.
10. A scoring rubric will be provided for judges at the competition. Please see the rubric at the bottom of this document.
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 have their feet on the floor of the trailer/float for the entire duration of parade.
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 be dispersed.
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 8, 2026.**
23. The winner of the parade will be announced at the football game.

****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 16!!!**

Homecoming Banner Competition

Please score each team's banner in the below categories on a scale of 1-10, 1 being the least impressive and 10 being the most.

	Creativity	Adherence to Theme	Quality of Artwork	Overall Appearance	Total
Team 1					
Team 2					
Team 3					
Team 4					
Team 5					

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Homecoming Lip Sync Competition

Please score each team's performance in the below categories on a scale of 1-10, 1 being the least impressive and 10 being the most.

	Creativity	Lip Syncing Quality	Adherence to Theme	Costuming/Props	Sharpness/ Knowledge of Choreography	Overall Performance	Total
Team 1							
Team 2							
Team 3							
Team 4							
Team 5							

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4. **No unassisted flips, stunts, or jumping off the stage. Your team will automatically be disqualified if there is a breach of these rules!**

Homecoming Carnival Competition

Please score each team's booth in the below categories on a scale of 1-10, 1 being the least impressive and 10 being the most.

	Creativity	Adherence to Theme	Game Enjoyment	Overall Quality of Booth	Total
Team 1					
Team 2					
Team 3					
Team 4					
Team 5					

Homecoming Parade Competition

Please score each team's performance in the below categories on a scale of 1-10, 1 being the least impressive and 10 being the most.

	Creativity	Tech Pride	Adherence to Theme	Overall Appearance	Total
Team 1					
Team 2					
Team 3					
Team 4					
Team 5					

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