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Homecoming Packet 2020 Event Rule Book

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A Word from our Director

Homecoming 2020 is sure to go down in the books. Although this year looks different than years past, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Murfreesboro community will have a number of opportunities to take part in Homecoming 2020. No matter the circumstances we still have our True Blue Family to lean on and come together to celebrate 109 years of Blue Raider Pride. I can’t wait to see what creative ways our student organizations and community members celebrate being True Blue. Wear your mask, social distance, and get ready to cheer on our Blue Raiders as they take on Western Kentucky University!

Sincerely,
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Important Dates and Times

Monday, September 14th – Thursday, September 17th

- Voting for Homecoming Elections
- Elections will begin at 10:00 AM on 10/14 and will end at 11:45 PM on 10/17
- Vote at mtsu.edu/mymt

Wednesday September 16th

- Homecoming Info Meeting via zoom from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Friday, September 11th – Thursday, September 24th

- Entry forms for the MTShUbox Parade are available at 10:00am.
- All entry forms should be submitted online by 11:45pm on Thursday, September 24th on www.mtsu.edu/mymt.

Friday, September 11th – Thursday, October 1st

- Registration forms for Trivia Night are available at 2:30pm.
- All registration forms should be submitted online by 12:00pm on Thursday, October 1st on www.mtsu.edu/mymt.

Monday, September 28th

- Movie Under the Stars
  - 8:00pm-10:00pm
  - Student Union Commons

Tuesday, September 29th

- Homecoming Games, Kan Jam
  - 6:00pm-10:00pm
  - IM Fields
Wednesday, September 30th

- Food Trucks & Cake Walk
  - 11:00am-1:00pm
  - Rec Center Lawn
- Homecoming Games, Cornhole
  - 6:00pm-10:00pm
  - IM Fields

Thursday, October 1st

- Trivia with Alumni
  - 8:00pm-10:00pm
  - Virtual

Friday, October 2nd

- Yard Party
  - 5:00pm-8:00pm
  - Rec Center Lawn

Saturday, October 3rd

- Shoebox Parade
  - 10:00am
  - Virtual, Tune in to True Blue TV
- Blue Raider vs. Western Kentucky University, 4:00pm, Floyd Stadium
General Homecoming Rules

1. All individuals that participate in on-campus Homecoming Activities must wear a mask and practice social distancing.
2. The Homecoming Committee has the right to disqualify a Shoebox Parade entry if it deems inappropriate or insensitive to the current situation of COVID-19.
3. Be respectful of those individuals in our campus community that may have been negatively affected by the pandemic and have lost a loved one.
4. Homecoming Games may be subject to change. Entries and entry fees must be made through campus rec. Please go to http://www.mtsu.edu/campusrec/intramural/ for entry forms and contact information.
5. All competitive events will award first, second, and third place. The top three organizations with the most points overall will be in the running to win Lightning's Cup.
   a. Competitions are worth 100 points will award as follows:
      - First Place: 100 Points
      - Second Place: 75 Points
      - Third Place: 50 Points
6. Competitive Events that will go towards lightnings cup are as follows:
   - Kan Jam
   - Cornhole
   - M(ask) Me Trivia
   - Shoebox Parade
7. All events are subject to change.

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Homecoming Games - Cornhole

ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. You must have an MTSU ID to participate. NO ID, NO PLAY...NO EXCEPTIONS!

2. No Person shall play on more than one single sex and co-rec team per sport. If caught doing so by supervisor or official, Player shall be suspended for remainder of season and that game shall be forfeited. Opposing team does not have to protest if caught by supervisor or official.

3. No person shall use false identification in order to participate. If caught, person will be suspended from Intramural Sports and possibly Campus Recreation activities for a period of time determined by the Competitive Sports Coordinator

Entries and entry fees must be made through campus rec. Please go to http://www.mtsu.edu/campusrec/intramural/ for entry forms and contact information.

The Game

1. The Field: Cornhole boards are placed on a flat surface 27 feet apart for men and 21 feet for women (front to front). The cornhole board surface should be 2’ x 4’. A 6” hole, centered 9” from the back and 12” from either side

2. Team: Teams will consist of 2 players and you must have 2 players to start. The roster maximum is 4 players.

3. Game: Scoring will be rally to 21. The winner of each round is given the opportunity to throw the first bag of the next round. There are no washes.

4. Time-outs: There will be no time-outs in Corn Hole.
5. Substitutions: Substitutions may occur between games, not during play.

6. Equipment: There will be 8 Corn Hole bags, 4 bags of each color. Each bag should be 6 inches by 6 inches and have 1 pound of corn inserted into each bag.

7. Mercy Rules: There are no Mercy Rules for Corn Hole.
Point System:
The team to 21 first wins.
- 3 points for a cornhole bag that goes through the hole.
- 1 point for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface.
- 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the edge but not touching the ground.
- 0 points for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface, but also touching the ground.
- 0 points for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the front edge and is resting on a cornhole bag that is on the ground. If you can remove the bag on the ground without the one on the board falling then a point is given.
- Net the two scores together to determine the final score for that round.

Game Play:
1. In doubles play partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boards on the same side. In singles
   play both players will throw from the same board.

2. Each cornhole team will have 4 bags of one color.

3. All 8 cornhole bags begin at one end.

4. A coin flip or rock/paper/scissors determines which cornhole team has honors in round one.

5. The team who has honors will begin play by throwing a cornhole bag at the opposite cornhole board.

6. A cornhole player may throw from anywhere behind the front of the cornhole board they are throwing from.

7. Alternate throws between the two opponents until all 8 cornhole bags have been thrown.

8. If a cornhole bag hits the ground then bounces up onto the board, remove that bag for it does not count.

9. Count the points scored during the round. If no team has reached the 21 point mark start the next round until a team reaches 21. The team that scores the highest amount of points on the previous round will have honors.
Homecoming Games - KanJam

ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. You must have an MTSU ID to participate. NO ID, NO PLAY...NO EXCEPTIONS!!

2. No Person shall play on more than one single sex and co-rec team per sport. If caught doing so by supervisor or official, Player shall be suspended for remainder of season and that game shall be forfeited. Opposing team does not have to protest if caught by supervisor or official.

3. No person shall use false identification in order to participate. If caught, person will be suspended from Intramural Sports and possibly Campus Recreation activities for a period of time determined by the Competitive Sports Coordinator.

4. Entries and entry fees must be made through campus rec. Please go to http://www.mtsu.edu/campusrec/intramural/ for entry forms and contact information.

The Game

1. The Field: KanJam buckets are placed on a flat surface 50 feet apart for men and 40 feet for women (front to front). Each team will be given two discs.

2. Team: Teams will consist of 2 players and you must have 2 players to start. The roster maximum is 4 players.

3. Game: Scoring will be rally to 21. The winner of each round is given the opportunity to throw the first disc of the next round. There are no cancellations of points.

4. Time-outs: There will be no time-outs in KanJam.

5. Substitutions: Substitutions may occur between games, not during play.

6. Equipment: There will be 1 disc and 2 cans.

7. Mercy Rules: There are no Mercy Rules for KanJam.
8. Point System:
The team to 21 first wins.
- 3 points for a “bucket” or slam dunk.
- 1 point for a “dinger” or redirected hit.
- 2 point for a “deuce” or direct hit.
- Instant win is making it in the slot placed on the front of the buckets. - Net the two scores together to determine the final score for that game.

Game Play:
1. In doubles play partners shall stand at opposite KanJam buckets on the same side. In singles play both players will throw from the same board.

2. Each KanJam team will have 1 disc.

3. A coin flip or rock/paper/scissors determines witch KanJam team goes first.

4. The team who goes first will begin play by throwing a disc at the opposite KanJam bucket.

5. A KanJam player may throw from anywhere behind the front of the KanJam bucket they are throwing from.

6. Alternate throws between the two opponents on both sides

7. If a disc hits the ground then bounces up to hit the bucket, that throw will not be counted as a point.

8. First team to 21 wins.
M(ask) Me Trivia

Trivia will take place virtually from 8:00pm-9:30 pm on Thursday, October 1st. There will be categories ranging from Pop Culture to MTSU knowledge. Prizes will be awarded for various categories!

Register via myMT by 12:00pm on October 1st.
Virtual Homecoming Parade: October 3

Entry Registration Deadline: September 24

The MTSU Homecoming Parade tradition continues this year ... with a virtual twist.

Voice of the Blue Raiders Chip Walters ('85) will announce float entries fashioned by Blue Raiders from shoeboxes during a live broadcast of the parade on Homecoming Saturday morning. We invite students, alumni, family, friends, and community members to create a float from a shoebox (or similar structure) and be a part of year’s historic homecoming parade.

STEP 1 - CREATE:

1. Grab a "shoe box" or something similarly inspiring - Start with a base like a box from a recent online order delivery, an old shoe box, a crate, a tub, or a container of choice. Entries cannot exceed 18” long, 9.5” wide, and 11” deep. This is the dimensions of an office paper box.
Find your materials - Entries can be made from things you already have at home. You could use craft supplies, construction paper, dolls/action figures, seasonal decor, clay, paint, markers, sequins, beads, or anything else you can find to bring your float to life! Use Google and Pinterest to find lots of examples of shoebox floats.

**Your float’s theme MUST have elements that exhibit TRUE BLUE MTSU spirit** - Floats can showcase an original design, a homecoming or MT tradition, recreation of campus landmarks and buildings, or interpretation of the Fight Song or the TRUE BLUE Pledge.

Heat up your glue gun and start building!

**STEP 2 - ENTER:**

Submit your entry - fill out the registration form by clicking the registration button and submit a photo of your completed float. **Student Organizations must also drop off their boxes for judging on Thursday September 24th between 2:00pm-4:30pm and Friday September 25th from 8am-10:30am in the CSIL Student Union 330.**

Be creative with the description of your float. The announcers’ script will be read straight from registration form descriptions.

*If your float has moving parts that cannot be displayed in a still photo, contact sgahome@mtsu.edu for further instructions.

**STEP 3 – WATCH!**

Tell your friends and family to watch and see your float featured in the MTSU Homecoming Parade at 10am on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

We will be broadcasting the Homecoming parade at mtsu.edu/live, the main MTSU Facebook page, and the main MTSU YouTube account.

True Blue TV airs on Comcast Xfinity channels 9 and 1096 in Murfreesboro, TN, and channel 9.1 on the MTSU campus. We air as channel 195 on DTC in Alexandria, TN,
digital channel 206 on United Communications in Chapel Hill, TN, and as channel 99 on AT&T U-verse in Middle Tennessee.

True Blue TV is also available on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV. Simply search for the "Education Resource Channel" apps in Roku, the Apple TV App Store, and on Amazon.

PARADE AWARDS

The following awards will be given. Winners will be announced during the live broadcast of the parade.

Pride of the Blue – 1st place overall winner

Most Original Design

Most Creative Design

Judges' Favorite

RULES & REGULATIONS

Entries will not be judged if an entry form and picture was not submitted via myMT.

The Homecoming Committee has the right to disqualify an entry if it deems inappropriate or insensitive to the current situation of COVID-19. Be respectful of those individuals in our campus community that may have been negatively affected by the pandemic and have lost a loved one.

Community parade entries are welcomed. Enter by completing the entry form.

Your float can be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox or similar structure (be creative). Entries cannot exceed 18” long, 9.5” wide, and 11” deep. This is the dimensions of an office paper box.
Judging criteria is based on the theme, originality, creativity and construction of your float.

All online submissions must be received by Thursday, September 24, 2020.

Registration for the MTShUbox Parade and/or tagging @mtsusga @mtalumni #MTShUboxParade #MTSUHOMECOMING2020 with related photos or videos on social media grants MTSU, MTSU Alumni Association, and MTSU Alumni Relations permission to use your images and footage on any platform.

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