



GUIDEBOOK FOR TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION

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Welcome to the UMSL Tritons Spirit Competition!

The University of Missouri – St. Louis' Homecoming Week 2018 will be held February 22 – 24 and features a variety of fun-filled activities designed to unite the campus and instill a sense of Triton pride. Though many activities will be celebrated throughout the week, the highlight of the week will be on Thursday, February 22 when the UMSL Tritons take on Quincy University at our 10th annual Pack the Stands.

The 2018 Homecoming Committee invites you to get involved this year and celebrate Homecoming with us at UMSL. All recognized student organizations are encouraged to participate in this year's Triton Spirit Competition. Student organization teams will compete against one another in a variety of events throughout the week and have the opportunity to become the 2018 Homecoming Champions. 2018 Homecoming Champions will win a \$300 Sodexo co-sponsorship.

This guidebook is a reference for all student organizations interested in participating in and contributing to the success of Homecoming 2018. Please read the information carefully. Many of the contests in the Triton Spirit Competition have changed this year! It is extremely important that the information in this guidebook is communicated to your fellow organization team members. Please review the attached documents with all of your team members. If you have questions, please contact us in the Office of Student Involvement, 366 Millennium Student Center.

We encourage the participation of all students and organizations in the Triton Spirit Competition. Don't belong to a student organization? No problem! Sign up with the students that live on your wing, your intramural team, or your classmates. What better way to show your UMSL pride than celebrating your Triton spirit with your fellow students and dominating the competition! The deadline for student groups sign-up is February 11, 2018. Each team that submits a completed packet and meets the 11:59 pm deadline on February 11 will automatically receive 100 points. The Homecoming Committee will accept late applications; however, groups that submit late applications **will not receive** the 100 points.

This year's Homecoming will have something for everyone, and the 2018 Homecoming Steering Committee is working extra hard to create a memorable week of events! Be sure to join the fun and help us continue building this great tradition at UMSL.

Go Tritons!

Your 2018 Homecoming Steering Committee

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TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Student teams eligible for the competition will be defined as any recognized student organization or group of UMSL students (i.e. residential hall wing, intramural team, classmates) in good standing with the University and with the Office of Student Involvement.
2. All student teams are expected to adhere to all policies as stated in the Triton Manual as well as the University of Missouri Student Code of Conduct. These handbooks can be found on the UMSL website at www.umsl.edu.
3. Any team whose members are deemed by the Homecoming Committee to be acting in an inappropriate manner, including but not limited to, disorderly conduct, vandalism, theft, and verbal or physical threats, will be automatically disqualified from Homecoming 2018.
4. Any and all issues regarding a team's eligibility and/or disciplinary actions are up to the discretion of Homecoming Steering Committee.
5. For events in which participation points are awarded, team members must check-in at the Homecoming Spirit Competition table prior to the start of the event. Rules and regulations for each event can be found in this guidebook.
6. Triton Spirit Competition registration must be turned in by 11:59 pm on Friday, February 11 via TritonSync. Each organization will receive an automatic 100 points for completely filling out the correct forms and turning them in by the deadline. Late submission of registrations forms will be disqualified from receiving the automatic points.
7. Recognition will be given to the student teams with the three highest point totals in the red and gold division. Competition winners from the red and gold division will be announced at the Homecoming Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 24, 2018. All members from your student group are invited to attend.

TRITON SPIRIT COMPETITION POINT SYSTEM

All student organization teams will be placed in a division based on organization size.

Red Division	Student groups with 1-20 active members
Gold Division	Student groups with 21+ active members

For most events there will be three winners from each division who will earn points based on a 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finish. In addition to the points your team can win for each event for finishing in the top three, your student group can also earn points just by participating in a particular activity.

If your student group signs up for an activity, but does not show up, your team will lose 50 points per activity missed. While participating in Homecoming events, we encourage all student groups to advertise their student organization, residence hall, major, or other affiliation.

The student group with the most points at the end of the week will be named the overall spirit week competition winners, will win a \$300 Sodexo co-sponsorship, will be recognized and announced at the Homecoming Dinner and Dance, and will have their name engraved on the Homecoming Spirit Award plaque hanging in the Office of Student Involvement. Second and third place winners will also be recognized and announced at the Homecoming Dinner and Dance.

Event Points Breakdown

Event	Participation Points	1st Place Points	2nd Place Points	3rd Place Points
Homecoming Window Painting	50	75	50	25
Lip Sync Competition	50	75	50	25
Service Saturday- Homecoming Edition	100	75	50	25
CANstruction for Pagedale	100	75	50	25
Pack the Stands Competition	50	75	50	25

Homecoming Window Painting

Friday, February 16, 2018

12pm – 5pm, MSC Bridge

Student groups and campus departments can compete in the window painting competition to demonstrate your school spirit and bring excitement and energy to Homecoming Week. Participating groups will be given supplies to decorate window space on the Millennium Student Center Bridge. Groups may only use the supplies provided by the Homecoming Committee.

Individuals or teams must sign up in advance by completing the Homecoming Event Registration Packet on TritonSync.

Guidelines & Rules

After signing in, your members will receive painting materials and will be assigned a window panel. All Window artwork will be displayed in the Millennium Student Center Bridge during Homecoming week (February 19-24). All artwork must meet the following requirements to receive participation spirit points and be considered for judging:

All artwork MUST be created by active, recognized student group, organization, or campus departments

All artwork MUST include the following information:

- The name of your student group/organization/department
- The Homecoming slogan, "Gateway to the Best"
- The fan page address, [facebook.com/umslhomecoming](https://www.facebook.com/umslhomecoming)

There is no limit to the number of organizational members that can contribute to the artwork. However, no more than five (5) organizational members may work on a display at the same time.

Judges will grade all submissions on the following criteria:

- Effort
- Appearance
- Creativity
- Originality
- Tastefulness
- School Spirit

To get participation points at Homecoming Window Painting, your organization:

Red Division	Must have at least 2 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 5 members participate

Homecoming Window Painting Points

Participation 50 points

1st Place 75 points

2nd Place 50 points

3rd Place 25 points

CANstruction for the Pagedale Family Support Center

Thursday, February 22, 2018
8am – 11am, MSC Century Room C

CANstruction is the Homecoming philanthropy event. In this competition teams will collect cans ahead of time in order to build a structure reflecting the overall Homecoming theme. CANstruction is open to all students, student groups, and campus departments. Individuals or teams must sign up in advance by completing the Homecoming Event Registration Packet on TritonSync.

CANstruction Rules

- All participants are responsible for providing their own food items for this event. All food items will be donated to the Pagedale Family Support Center at the conclusion of Homecoming Week.
- Nonperishable boxed or canned food items are the only items allowed in this contest and can be purchased by the organization or donated by its members. It is encouraged to gather additional canned food items to donate outside of what you may need for the structure. No ramen noodles, pet food, alcoholic beverages, or glass containers will be allowed.
- All labels must remain visible on the can or box in order to be judged. Cans and boxes cannot be disfigured in any way including, but not limited to: painting, construction paper sleeves, removal of labels, etc. (This is because food bank needs to know what they are receiving in order to distribute the items).
- No opened or exposed food. All food items must be full, unopened, and with labels intact and legible. Remember the food banks need nutritional food, not junk food. Make every effort in designing your structure to use nutritious, edible foods.
- No adhesive, glue or tape can be used to secure items together. Sculptures must be free-standing. You may only use cardboard to separate layers if your sculpture needs. Please ask if you have any questions regarding this.
- Organizations will have approximately a 7ft x 7ft space to construct their structure. A sign, no larger than 11 inches x 17 inches, should be clearly displayed on the structure recognizing the participating group.
- Teams are responsible for leaving their area clean and rid of any trash, bags, or excess packaging not used in the sculpture or to transfer the food items. Failure to clean a team's space will result in a disqualification.
- Each team may have a maximum of 6 representatives working on the structure at a time.
- Teams will win based on the judging criteria listed below and the total number of food items collected. It is not required that all food items are included in the CANstruction structure.

Judging Criteria

Each structure is scored on a scale from 0 – 20 based on the following criteria:

- Best Design/Creativity 0 – 5 points
- Best Meal 0 – 5 points
- Incorporation of Theme 0 – 5 points
- Number of Cans Used 0 – 5 points

CANstruction Points

Participation 100 points

1st Place 75 points

2nd Place 50 points

3rd Place 25 points

Pack the Stands

Thursday, February 22, 2018
5:30pm, Mark Twain Gymnasium

Cheer on the Tritons Women's and Men's Basketball teams as they take on Quincy University at the 10th Annual Pack the Stands. Enjoy games, prizes, free food, giveaways, and contests.

Student groups and campus departments are encouraged to attend and show their Triton pride! Participants will sign in for the organization they represent upon arrival. All participants must be signed in prior to halftime of the Men's basketball game. There will be a first, second, and third place for the organization which has the greatest number of people participate in both the RED and the GOLD category.

To get participation points at Pack the Stands, your organization:	
Red Division	Must have at least 5 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 10 members participate

Pack the Stands

Participation	50 points
1 st Place	75 points
2 nd Place	50 points
3 rd Place	25 points

Lip Sync Competition

Friday, February 23, 2018
7pm, JC Penney Auditorium

Lip Sync is a performance-based competition for any team or organization wishing to participate. Teams of up to ten will choreograph a dance and skit performance of up to 8 minutes. **All king and queen candidates are required to participate.** Multiple King and Queen candidates are not allowed to participate in the same performance. If a student organization participates with a king or queen candidate, the candidate will receive credit for participating and the student organization will receive participation and, if applicable, points for placing in the competition. Student organizations without a royalty candidate are also eligible to receive participation and, if applicable, points for placing in the competition. Student organizations can sign up in advance by completing the Homecoming Event Registration Packet on TritonSync.

Lip Sync Rules

- No more than 10 members per team may participate in the competition. All participants must be associated with UMSL (i.e. current UMSL student, faculty or staff).
- All music and performance themes must be submitted to the Homecoming committee ahead of the performance. All themes and music must be approved by the Homecoming committee prior to use; crude and/or inappropriate material will not be tolerated.
- At least one Team Choreographer or representative is required to attend the Lip Sync Information session to get a full understanding of Lip Sync and the rules.
- No outside assistance may be used when choreographing dances. Only current UMSL students may be involved in choreographing the dances.
- Tennis shoes or dance shoes are the only shoes allowed during the performance. Dancers **should not** perform or practice in socks or other shoes that may slip easily.
- Each team will have an eight (8) minute maximum performance. A total of four (4) additional minutes can be used for set up (2 minutes) and take down (2 minutes).
- Only current members of the team may be on the floor during the performance. A team may have up to five (5) non-dancers on the floor to assist with set up and take down.
- Basket tosses or holding someone at full extension will not be permitted. The use of spotters is required for the safety of the performers.
- All teams are required to attend the mandatory rehearsal on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Judging Criteria

- Originality: How creative is the performance and how does it stand out among other groups?
- Execution: How well is the performance implemented and synchronized with the music?
- Choreography: How well are all members utilized in the performance and how well is the performance space utilized?
- Overall appeal: How does the performance rate overall and how well do the members of the performance fit together? How well is the lip sync performed?

Homecoming Lip Sync Competition Points

Participation	50 points
1 st Place	75 points
2 nd Place	50 points
3 rd Place	25 points

Service Saturday- Homecoming Edition

Saturday, February 24, 2018

10am – 1pm, Millennium Student Center 366

During the service project you will have the opportunity to choose from different service efforts. Registration prior to the event is required. Visit homecoming.umsl.edu to register.

Student groups and campus departments are encouraged to attend and show their Triton pride through service. Participants will sign in for the organization they represent upon arrival. There will be a first, second, and third place for the organization which has the greatest number of people participate in both the RED and the GOLD category.

To get participation points at the Service Saturday- Homecoming Edition, your organization:

Red Division	Must have at least 3 members participate
Gold Division	Must have at least 8 members participate

Tritons Care Campus Service Project Points

Participation 100 points

1st Place 75 points

2nd Place 50 points

3rd Place 25 points