

UAHuntsville – 2012 Homecoming Parade

Rules, Regulations, and Judging Criteria

1. All participants must turn in the official entry form. All applications are subject to review by the Homecoming Committee. Those who do not turn in an application are not eligible to participate. Parade applications will be received online no later than **Wednesday, October 10, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.**
2. A copy of your driver's license and vehicle insurance is required and must be turned in upon completion of your application. Only those vehicles listed on your application with proof of insurance will be eligible for the parade.
3. The Parade Director will confirm your parade registration by an electronic confirmation packet. If you have not received confirmation by **Thursday, October 11, 2012** then you do not have a completed application. Contact the Student Life office at 256-824-4720.
4. **All teams competing in the float competition must have a homemade float in order to be eligible for points. Professionally made floats will not be judged.**
5. All entries are encouraged to arrive at the staging area by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012, and may arrive as early as noon. Parade entries that arrive after 5:00 p.m. will not be allowed to participate in the parade and will be disqualified from the competition. The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.
6. Floats must be constructed prior to **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012**. Construction of the floats on university property must abide by all University rules and regulations. Violators will be disqualified and may be referred to University Police and/or Student Conduct Office for such violations.
7. Any team found constructing their float past 5:00 p.m. in the parade staging area will be ineligible to receive points but will be able to participate in the parade.
8. It is the responsibility of the registered participants to communicate with the driver and maintain the safety of all.
9. Parade walkers are permitted to hand out beads, candy and goodies to the crowd, therefore all registered participants are required to assist with clean-up at the conclusion of the parade.
10. Parade walkers are responsible for keeping parade watchers away from the floats and vehicles in the parade.
11. The University of Alabama in Huntsville Administration and Homecoming Committee reserve the right to limit the amount of participants per float for the safety of the parade participants and spectators.
12. All participating entries are expected to adhere to the legal safety limit of passengers per vehicle, which is determined by the number of safety belts in the vehicle. The University of Alabama in Huntsville Administration and Homecoming Committee reserve the right to limit the amount of participants per vehicle for the safety of the parade participants and spectators.
13. Due to safety, once the parade has begun, individuals may not leave his/her parade entry until the parade has been completed.
14. Charger Pride and school spirit must be incorporated into the float design. Entries are also encouraged to display sponsoring business, organizations, and/or group name.
15. Due to the nature of the parade being at night, entries are encouraged to incorporate lights on their float to increase visibility for parade watchers. Sunset is anticipated to occur soon after the parade start time.

16. **Firearms, pyrotechnics, fire and fireworks are strictly prohibited from any part of the parade, due to the concern for safety of all participants and audience members. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the entry and participants may be referred to University Police and/or Student Conduct Office for such violations.**
17. Profanity or the defamation of any other registered participant will result in disqualification, as determined by the Parade Director and Homecoming Committee.
18. The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or use of illegal drugs in the staging area or on the parade route **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Individuals and/or teams will be disqualified and not able to participate in the parade. In addition, smoking is not permitted in the staging area and/or the parade route.
19. There will be no stopping at any point in the parade; however, you are requested to slow down in front of the judging area to demonstrate Charger Pride for spirit points. All units must maintain the forward movement of the parade.
20. Any individual not associated with the parade entry will not be permitted in the staging area. All performances should only occur after the parade has begun in order to be considered in the overall score entry. Any individual who is at the staging area and is not associated with your group will be asked to leave. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to request anyone to leave the staging area.
21. Parade entries are encouraged to provide safe items (i.e. candy and beads) which can be handed out along the parade route.
22. **Floats are restricted to 13 ft. in height from the ground due to potential interference with property such as power lines, trees, and tree branches. Floats are also restricted to 10 ft. in width and 20 ft. in length.**
23. Only one entry per organization, company or group is eligible for parade competition judging. **Additional non-judged entries are permitted.**
24. **All participants must present their Charger ID or other form of identification for community members at check-in to enter that staging area. A participant list must be submitted to University Center 106 by Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**

Judging Criteria

1. Originality and Creativity – 15 points
Original idea, attractiveness, overall impact
2. Charger Pride and School Spirit – 10 points
Use of university colors, Homecoming theme, etc.
3. Design and Construction – 10 points
Everything is adequately secured to the float, high quality construction, creative use of materials and coverage of float, and rule abidance.
4. Spirit – 5 points
Enthusiasm, performance, cheering/chanting, and corporation of UAHuntsville spirit

Total Points Possible: 40 points

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