Homecoming 2015
February 2 – 7, 2015
HOMECOMING 2015:
Unmask Your Pride!
SPIRIT CUP COMPETITION

About the Competition:

The Spirit Cup Competition is for all recognized student organizations and residence halls to show off their College of Charleston spirit in friendly competition during Homecoming Week. Homecoming participation gives groups a common goal, builds team unity, promotes school spirit and pride in CofC and reminds our opponents that College of Charleston is #1, both on and off the court. Our goal is to have every club, organization, Residence Hall, Fraternity, Sorority, etc., compete in at least one of the major contests sponsored by the Homecoming Committee.

The Spirit Cup is a perpetual trophy, awarded to the team that has accumulated the most points throughout the week in the official events and contests. Points will be awarded based on the Spirit Cup point system and all points will be tabulated by the Office of Student Life. The winners of the Spirit Cup will be announced during half-time of the Men’s Basketball game on Saturday, February 7, 2015, and the name of their organization will be engraved along the base of the Spirit Cup. ALL groups participating in the Spirit Cup must make sure they have a representative present at the Men’s Basketball game on Saturday, February 7, 2015 to receive the Spirit Cup.

To participate, organizations must complete the initial entry form and any additional forms needed for specific events. All forms must be completed on OrgSync by 1/27/2015 at 5pm. Competition forms are also available through the Homecoming website at cofc.edu/Homecoming.

REGISTER HERE:
https://orgsync.com/32470/forms/130750
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### Homecoming 2015 Events  
February 2-7, 2015

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| **Homecoming Candidate Meeting**  
1/29 at 5pm  
Stern Ballroom | **Homecoming Banners** due to the Stern Center Information Desk by 5:00pm  
**Cougars Taking Action**  
Lunch and Crafts with the seniors at Charleston Area Senior Citizens, Inc.  
10:50am-1:00pm  
*Registration required | **Cougars Taking Action**  
Toiletries Drive  
Stern Center  
9am-8pm  
**Cougars Taking Action**  
12:30-4:00pm  
Card making for seniors Lightsey 203 | **Cougars Taking Action**  
Lunch and Crafts with the seniors at Charleston Area Senior Citizens, Inc.  
10:50am-1:00pm  
*Registration required | **Banner Competition Judging**  
EDCTR Atrium  
**Cougars Taking Action**  
12:30-4:00pm  
Card making for seniors Lightsey 203 | **Cougars Taking Action**  
Games and Meal Delivery with the seniors at Dorchester Senior Citizens, Inc.  
8:00am-1:30pm  
*Registration required | **Royalty Voting Online** until 12:00pm  
**Table Decorating**  
Cistern Yard  
1pm  
**Tailgate**  
Cistern Yard  
2-5pm  
**Tailgate Table Judging** 2:30pm  
**Men's Game vs. Drexel**  
TD Arena  
5:00pm  
**Homecoming King/Queen and Spirit Cup**  
Announcement at halftime  
**Homecoming After Party**  
Sponsored by CAB  
Mellow Mushroom  
7pm (free food and prizes) |
| **Registration Form**  
Due  
1/30 at 5pm  
(on OrgSync) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
THE SPIRIT CUP POINT SYSTEM
Entry form deadline: January 27, 2015 by 5:00 PM

Guidelines:

- All groups will be competing against each other throughout the week.
- One overall Homecoming Champion will be chosen and announced at halftime of the Homecoming game, Saturday, February 7, 2015.
- Your Organization’s name engraved on the Spirit Cup, significant publicity, and prestige await the winning group.
- Points are awarded based on the Spirit Cup Point System below:

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Total Points Available: 200

- The Spirit Cup will remain on permanent display in the lobby of the Stern Student Center
- Each contest has specific guidelines and deadlines. All information is available at www.cofc.edu/homecoming and at the Office of Student Life in the Stern Student Center or by calling Student Life at 953-5726.
HOMECOMING BANNER CONTEST
Banners due by 5:00PM on
January 30, 2015.

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Banner Contest Rules:
- Banners are to be turned in to Stern Center Lobby no later than 5:00pm on Friday, January 30th.
- Banners are to be no larger than one twin sized flat bed sheet and to designed vertically. Submitting a larger sheet will result in significant point deductions or disqualification from the banner contest. If your organization needs a sheet, a representative can pick one up (for free!) at the Stern Center, 423A.
- Designs must be of good taste.
- The banner should clearly display organization’s name, logo, or crest.
- No professional design services or companies may be used.
- Banner cannot be from a previous Homecoming.
- Any group wishing to claim their banners after Homecoming must do so before February 13th. All remaining banners will be removed by Friday, February 13th by 5:00pm.

Criteria for the Judges:
- Banner relates to the Homecoming theme – 15 points
- Banner has originality and creativity – 25 points
- Banner promotes school spirit and teamwork – 25 points
- Neatness and artistic presentation – 25 points
- Readability at a distance – 10 points
HOMECOMING COURT
Entry due by January 27, 2015.
Mandatory Court Meeting on
January 29, at 5:00pm, Stern Center
Ballroom
Presentation of the Candidates, February
5, 2015
King, Queen, Prince and Princess Announced February 7, 2015.

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Rules:

Selecting nominees:
King and Queen:
- Nominees for King and Queen must be a student at CofC in good standing to be considered SENIORS academically to be eligible.
- King and Queen are expected to participate in various school activities until they graduate.
- The King and Queen court will consist of 4 each, with the King and Queen being crowned from

Prince and Princess:
- Nominees for Prince and Princess must be a student at CofC, in good standing, with an academic rank no higher than JUNIOR to be considered eligible.
- Prince and Princess are expected to participate in various school and Homecoming activities for a reign of one year. Activities include but are not limited to the crowning of the King and Queen for 2016.
- The Prince and Princess court will consist of one Prince and one Princess from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, with the Prince and Princess being crowned from the eligible candidates.

All nominees:
- All candidates must be registered full-time undergraduate enrolled at the College of Charleston.
- All candidates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.5. No exceptions. This will be checked by Student Life.
- Candidates must be nominated by a student organization recognized by the College of Charleston.

Voting and Campaigning:
- All nominated candidates must attend the Candidate Meeting on Thursday, January 29th.
- The undergraduate student body of the College of Charleston will vote for the candidates.
- Voting will be conducted online via OrgSync on 12:00am on Thursday, February 5, through 12:00pm Saturday, February 7.
- Campaigning through the CofC Homecoming Facebook group will be allowed.
Required appearances and commitments:

- Candidates will be introduced on February 5, 2015 at the Men’s Basketball Game.
- Candidates must also be present at the men’s game on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Candidates must be in attendance in order to maintain eligibility for royalty.
- Candidates must also, to the best of their abilities, attend the Homecoming activities.
- The crowning of King and Queen will take place during half-time of the Men’s basketball game Saturday, February 7, 2015. Logistics for how to access the building, what to do on the court, etc. will be explained at the Candidate meeting.

HOMECOMING CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
February 4, 2015, 6:00-8:00pm
Liberty Fresh Food Company

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Tournament Rules:

- Two participants to a team.
- Teams will play in a bracket system until there is a winner.
- Participation (full team) is 15 points. Two participants is ten points, and one participant is five points.
- The team with the highest combined game places first; the second-highest places second, and the third-highest places third.
COUGARS TAKING ACTION  
Donations due by 8:00pm  
on Thursday, February 5,  
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**Rules:**

**Service Project: Volunteering at Charleston Area Senior Citizen**  
Volunteers MUST wear sneakers or tennis shoes. If participants do not wear tennis shoes or sneakers, they will not be allowed to participate.

- Teams must complete the Service Commitment Form by January 30. The Service Commitment form must be submitted to the Center for Civic engagement (or e-mail volunteer@cofc.edu).
- Space is limited.
- Contact the Center for Civic Engagement at volunteer@cofc.edu later in the week to check for additional room due to unfilled spots.
- Failure to show up to the service project will result in point deductions for the team. Significant failure to show up (i.e., half of the team’s volunteers miss the event) may result in disqualification from the Cougars Taking Action portion of homecoming.

**Cougars Taking Action Card Making**  
*Description: Send a note and Cougars Taking Action Toiletries Drive*  
*Description: This year’s Homecoming drive is to spread the pride of being a cougar. Being a Cougar means being a dedicated student so this year we are donating TRAVEL Sized Toiletries to local Senior Citizen Homes in the Area.*  
Your organization must bring its collected items to the Stern Center Information Desk by 8:00 p.m. on February, 5th

**Ranking Criteria:**

The winning team is determined by the team that has collected the most toiletries for the drive and number of cards made combined with the number of volunteers for the service project. Spirit Cup Points will be determined based on the team’s total number of Service Points.

- Each travel item – 1 Service Points
- Each card made- 1 Service Point
- Each volunteer – 10 Service Points
TAILGATE TABLE CONTEST RULES:
Entry form deadline: January 27, 2015 by 5:00 PM
Decorating from 1pm until 2pm on Saturday, February 7
Judging at 2:30pm

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**Tables**
- All participants must report to Cistern Yard no earlier than 12:00pm and later than 3:00 pm to check in with one of the Homecoming Committee Chairs.
- In order to reserve a decorating space, indicate your participation on the Spirit Cup Registration Packet.
- Organizations will have until 5:00 pm to clean up and remove decorations. Tables and chairs must be returned in their previous condition.
- Proper decorum must be upheld during the decorating process, which means that tailgate decorations must adhere to the theme and be displayed in an appropriate manner. Groups showing inappropriate, offensive, or dangerous behavior, including public intoxication, will not be allowed to stay at the tailgate and will be disqualified from competition.

**TABLE DECORATIONS**
- Groups will not be allowed to extend their decorating space beyond the allotted space. Doing so will result in point deductions.
- All decorations must follow the Homecoming theme
- All decorations must be non-permanent
- All participants must be able to easily enter and exit the decorated space
- Organizations will be allowed to decorate their tables starting at 1:00 pm.
- Groups will have until 5:00pm to remove all decorations. The area – tables, grass, brick, plants, etc. left in the same condition as they were given, prior to decorating.
- Groups will be able to decorate tables with:
  - Streamers
  - Painters/ scotch tape
  - Poster boards/ banners/ cardboard
  - Zip ties
  - Battery powered / rope lights
  - Small sheets
  - Any other non-permanent decorations
- Groups will not be able to use the following to decorate the area:
  - Paint of any kind, including car window paint and dry erase markers
  - Staples
  - Grills
  - Fireworks / pyrotechnics
- Organizations should come prepared to decorate on site – they will not be allowed to remove tables to decorate in another location
• Officials will be onsite to make sure organizations are adhering to decorating rules (and the CofC Code of Conduct).

**TAILGATE JUDGING:**

Tailgate areas will be judged on:

- Use of decorations in relation to the theme 25 points possible
- Originality and creativity in decoration 45 points possible
- Amount of Work involved 15 points possible
- Overall Appearance 15 points possible

**HOMECOMING TAILGATE RULES:**

- Tailgate is on February 7th at 2pm
- This includes organizations who are participating in the decorating contest as well as students and organizations who simply wish to attend the tailgate.
- Every student organization is encouraged to reserve a table to participate in the Tailgate Festivities if needed. Each organization will receive one table and two chairs upon reservation.
- If a table is reserved you will receive a confirmation email with a time for set-up and breakdown for organizations.
- Your organization will also be responsible for set up and break down.
- Food will be provided
- Musical entertainment will be provided
- Organizations may bring additional food items for their group.
- Organizations may supply a tent, chairs, or other items for entertainment (i.e. cornhole, or other tailgating games).

**The 2015 Tailgate is not a BYOB event.** No alcoholic beverages of any kind may be brought into the event or consumed on-site. Doing so may result in disqualification from the Table Decorating Contest and/or the Spirit Cup Competition as a whole.

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