Homecoming 2016
February 1 – 6, 2016
HOMECOMING 2016:
A Great Time to Be a Cougar
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 1/29/2016 at 5pm. Competition forms are also available through the Homecoming website at cofc.edu/Homecoming.

REGISTER HERE:  https://orgsync.com/53741/forms/180821
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<td><strong>Royalty Voting Online via OrgSync until 12:00pm</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Table Decorating</strong>&lt;br&gt;Cistern Yard 1pm&lt;br&gt;<strong>Tailgate</strong>&lt;br&gt;Cistern Yard 2-4pm&lt;br&gt;<strong>Tailgate Table Judging</strong>&lt;br&gt;2:30pm</td>
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THE SPIRIT CUP POINT SYSTEM
Entry form deadline: January 29, 2016

- 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 6, 2016.
- 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 953-2291.
HOMECOMING BANNER CONTEST

Banners due by 5:00PM on January 30, 2016.

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**Banner Contest Rules:**
- Banners are to be turned in to Stern Center Lobby no later than 5:00pm on Saturday, January 30th.
- **Banners are to be no larger than one twin sized flat bed sheet and to be 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 12th. All remaining banners will be removed by Friday, February 12th.

**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 29, 2016.
Presentation of the Candidates, February 4, 2016
King, Queen, Prince and Princess Announced February 6, 2016.

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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 the four.
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:
  • 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 4, through 12:00pm Saturday, February 6.
  • Campaigning through the CofC Homecoming Facebook group will be allowed.
  • Campaigning can begin at midnight on February 2, 2016 and must stop no later than 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

Required appearances and commitments:
  • Candidates will be introduced on February 4, 2016 at the Men’s Basketball Game
  • Candidates must also be present at the men’s game on Saturday, February 6, 2016. 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 6, 2016. 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 3, 2016, 7:30-9:30pm

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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 Friday, February 5, 2016

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**Cougars Taking Action Card Making**
Description: Send a note off appreciation to the Troops.

**Cougars Taking Action Cereal 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 boxes cereal to the local foodbank. Your organization must bring its collected items to the Stern Center Information Desk by 8:00 p.m. on February, 4th

**Ranking Criteria:**
The winning team is determined by the team that has collected the most cereal 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 cereal item – 1 Service Points
- Each card made- 1 Service Point
TAILEGATE TABLE CONTEST RULES:

Entry form deadline: January 29, 2016 by 5:00 PM
Decorating from 1pm until 2pm on Saturday, February 6
Judging at 2:30pm

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Tables

- All participants must report to Cistern Yard no earlier than 12:00pm and later than 1:30 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 4:00 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 4:00pm 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
- Painter’s/ scotch tape
- Poster boards/ banners/ cardboard/Zip ties
- Battery powered / rope lights
- 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 from 2:00 pm until 4:00pm, February 6, 2016 in The Cistern Yard.
- 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 be responsible for set up and breakdown
- 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).