

Homecoming Competition Packet 2023

Minnesota State University, Mankato

"Mavericks In Paradise"

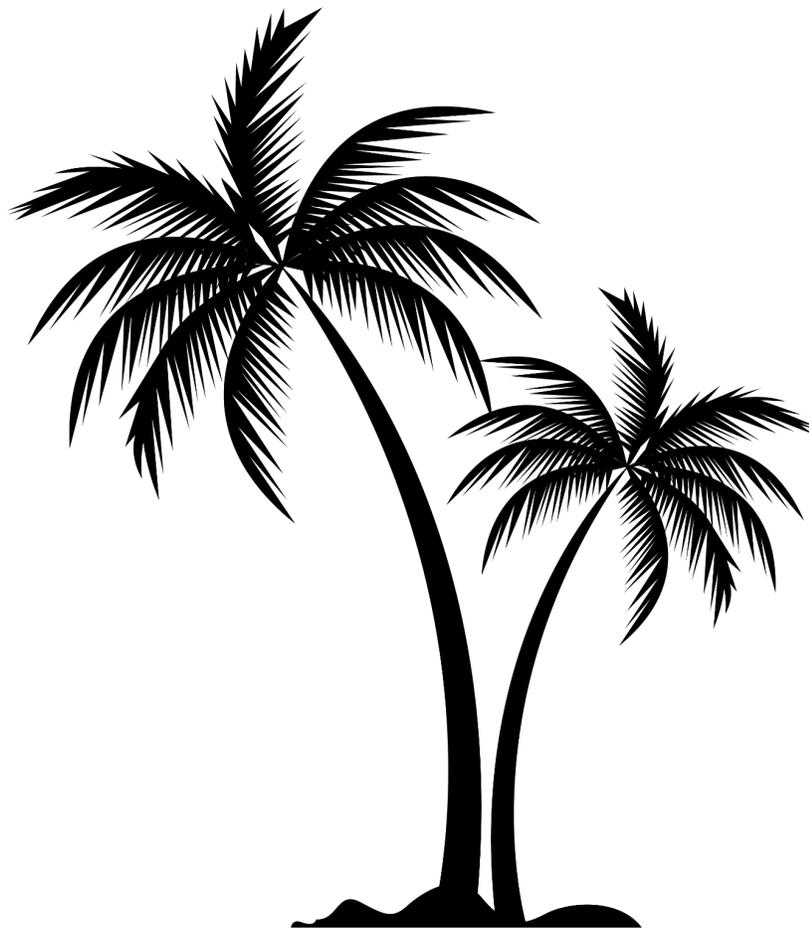


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Hello Mavericks!

Homecoming week is going to be here before you know it! Homecoming Week 2023 begins October 2nd and I am excited to inform you the theme is “Mavericks In Paradise.” This year’s theme focuses on bringing the excitement and fun of the tropics to our campus!

All information regarding Homecoming 2023 can be found in this packet or at www.mnsu.edu/homecoming. People who want to participate in events throughout the week such as Royalty Court, Lego Building Contest, Volleyball Tournament, and the Parade can fill out the respective registration forms online. We would appreciate the use of online registration. Participation in other events such as the Dance and Bonfire do not require registration, but your attendance is encouraged! Tickets for the concert can be bought at www.mnsuevents.com.

We are continuing Homecoming Royalty to show support and recognize all students at Minnesota State University Mankato. Homecoming Candidates are chosen based on their leadership, involvement on campus, academics, and their ability to portray a positive image of Minnesota State. Two royales will be crowned on Thursday night to allow our Homecoming Court to be involved in the various activities throughout the rest of Homecoming week.

Homecoming week is filled with unique and fun events that will appeal to every student; this week should be one to remember! So why not take your Maverick pride to the next level and become part of a Homecoming competition team? You can join an established team or get a group of friends together to create a new team! You can also come to watch the action unfold and support your friends while they compete. This year, there will be a competition featuring two divisions; Purple and Gold. Each team will compete for first, second, and third place in their own division based on their team's size. All teams, however, compete for the same All-spirit Awards across both divisions.

If you have questions about the rules for the week or any other part of the packet, please contact myself, a member of the Student Events Team, or a staff member from Student Activities. Make sure to show off your Maverick pride and participate in all the fun-filled events to make Homecoming 2023 unforgettable!

Sincerely,

Keb Spear

Homecoming-Competitions Chair
Student Events Team

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 22

11:59 p.m. - **Deadline - Royalty Court Application**

Wednesday, September 27

11:59 p.m. - **Deadline - Competition Team Sign-up**

Friday, September 29

11:59 p.m. - **Deadline - Lip-Sync Music Submission**

Monday, October 2

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Homecoming Kickoff**

- Royalty required to attend.

Tuesday, October 3

12:00 p.m. - **Lego Building Contest** - Hearth Lounge

6:00 p.m. - **Volleyball Tournament** - Myers Fieldhouse

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - **Blood Drive** - CSU Ballroom

8:00 p.m. - **Sexy Jeopardy** - CSU Ostrander

- Royalty required to attend.

Thursday, October 5

3:00 p.m. - **Deadline - Photo Contest Submission**

7:30 p.m. - **Lip Sync and Coronation** - Bresnan Arena

- Royalty required to attend.

8:00 p.m. - **Deadline - Royalty Voting Closes**

Friday, October 6

7:30 p.m. - **Homecoming Bonfire & Fireworks** - Mav Midway

9:00 p.m. - **Homecoming Concert** - Myers Fieldhouse - **Ticketed**

Saturday, October 7

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - **President's Free Pancake Breakfast** - Campus Mall

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - **Homecoming Parade** - Warren Street

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Mavericks on the Mall** - Campus Mall

2:00 p.m. - **MSU Football vs. MSU Moorhead** - Blakeslee Stadium

7:00p.m. - **Homecoming Dance** - CSU Ballroom

2023 Competition Divisions

The two divisions that students may participate in are:

PURPLE DIVISION

The Purple Division will consist of teams of under fifty students. Note that ten members are the minimum for competition teams. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in this category:

1st Place: \$250 & traveling trophy

2nd Place: \$175

3rd Place: \$100

GOLD DIVISION

The Gold Division will consist of teams that have fifty or more students. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in this category:

1st Place: \$250 & traveling trophy

2nd Place: \$175

3rd Place: \$100

ALL-SPIRIT AWARDS

Two All-Spirit Awards will be awarded: one to the team with the highest overall point total and one to the team voted by the Homecoming Committee to have the most spirit throughout the week; this team will receive a traveling trophy. Each Team awarded will be rewarded an **additional \$150**.

- Your group must have a 901 account (on-campus account). Prize money will be transferred to your 901 account and can only be used for travel, programming on campus, or convention fees. For more details contact Student Event Team Advisor, Bill Tourville, by email at William.Tourville@mnsu.edu.
- All applications and contacts involving Homecoming activities must be turned in by Wednesday, September 27, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. to the Student Activities Office, online, or emailed to keb.spear@mnsu.edu. A roster must be submitted with the form.

Point System for the 2023 Homecoming Competitions

LEGO BUILDING CONTEST (Max 100 points)

Each team that enters the contest will receive **40 points** (max of four participants). Only one team will be allowed to participate per competition team, but members may be swapped out between rounds. Points will be awarded to the winner of each round.

Limited to eight competition teams but teams will receive points for entering.

- Each round is worth **20 points**.

Rules: This contest will consist of three speed rounds, meaning that each round is won by being the first to build the provided lego set. When a team completes their set, the judges will determine the number of building errors were made (max of three). During the judges inspection, all other teams are expected to stop building to allow for a fair continuation of the contest if needed.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT (Max 100 points)

Each team will receive **55 points** for entering a team of six people (this is also the minimum number of players needed to participate). All members must sign a waiver in order to participate. Points will be given to the top three finishers in both divisions:

- First Place: **45 points**
- Second Place: **35 points**
- Third Place: **20 points**

Rules: This will be a single elimination competition with only one set per match; the final match will be an exception and have three sets (**one set is 25 points with a two point advantage**). Players may be swapped out between matches and sets. Each team will be emailed a guide on how to play volleyball and are expected to understand the rules before the game begins.

BLOOD DRIVE (Max 100 points)

Each team will receive **25 points** for each member (up to **100 points**) who volunteers to donate blood at FSL's blood drive. If a volunteer is not able to donate blood for health-related reasons, their team will still receive the points. For more info, contact Alyssa McCullough at alyssa.mccullough@mnsu.edu.

LIP-SYNC BATTLE (Max 250 points)

*Each team will earn **150 points** for participating in this event.*

Additional points will be given to the top three teams:

- First Place: **100 points**
- Second Place: **75 points**
- Third Place: **50 points**

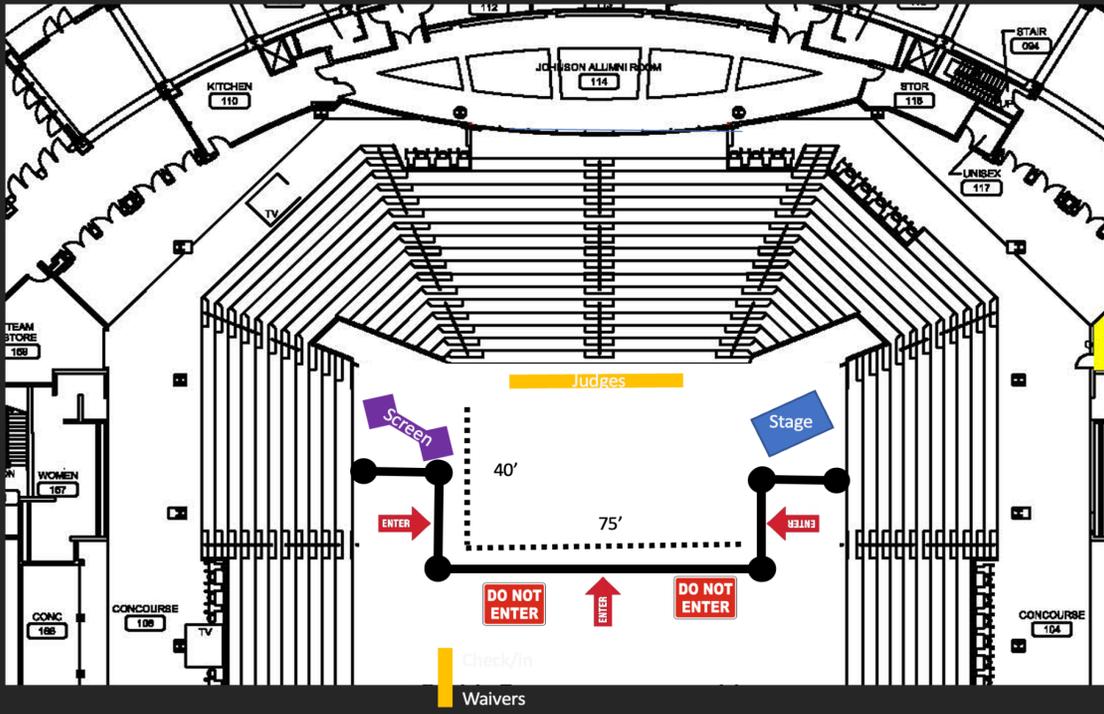
The contest will be judged on:

- Overall performance: **15%**
- Originality: **10%**
- Choreography: **15%**
- Teamwork: **10%**
- Someone lip syncing at all times: **20%**
- Correlation to the homecoming theme: **20% (includes costume and props)**
- Knowledge of song lyrics: **10%**

Lip Sync Battle Rules:

- All routines must be performed on the space provided in Bresnan Arena.
- **By Friday, September 29, 2023 by 11:59 p.m., you must submit a copy of your music to the competition chair through Email, CD, or Flash Drive.**
- Each routine must be between four (4) minutes and eight (8) minutes long.
- No obscene actions are permitted.
- No alcohol, drug, or sexual connotations are allowed.
- At all times, someone from your team must be lip syncing to the music or points will be deducted.
- All items must be removed from the performance area following the performance. Items left on the stage will result in a point reduction.
- All members must sign a waiver in order to participate.
- **Teams will not be able to practice in the arena before the event.**
- **Captains must come to the arena at 6:30pm for orientation.**
- **Failure to follow these rules will lead to disqualification.**

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PARADE ENTRY (Max 300 points)

The parade is **Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 11 am**. The lineup starts at 10 am (location TBD), at which point the judges will inspect each float and grade them based on the criteria below. Each team will earn **100 points** for entering a float, car, or marching/walking unit. Separate registration is needed for the parade. Teams can earn additional points based the following:

- Correlation to Homecoming Theme: **40 points**
- Originality and Creativity: **20 points**
- Quality of Work: **40 points**

Additional points will be given to the top three teams:

- First place entry: **100 points**
- Second place entry: **75 points**
- Third place entry: **50 points**



PHOTO CONTEST (Max 100 points)

Teams that take a group photo(s) with our new Stomper statue in the CSU will receive **50 points**. The team with the best photo(s) will receive an additional **50 points**. The photo(s) must be sent to keb.spear@mnsu.edu along with the name of your competition team. Additionally, please post your photo(s) on Instagram using the hashtag **#sittinwithstomper** and tag **@studenteventsteam** to get points. The photo(s) must be sent by **3pm on Thursday, October 5** and the winner will be announced during the Lip-Sync Battle.

ROYALTY COURT (Max 300 points)

Royalty Candidate Sponsorship

All Royalty applicants will need to submit an application. A group of judges will narrow down the applicants to a maximum of 10 candidates, regardless of gender. Candidates must be sponsored by a competition team.

- Teams will receive **40 points** per candidate nominated. Maximum of two nominations.
- Teams will receive **70 points** for each candidate that is chosen for the homecoming court (max 2 candidates).
 - Each team may enter only two candidates; gender doesn't matter.
- A team will receive an additional **80 points** if one or both are crowned as Homecoming Royalty.

Homecoming Royalty Rubric

- 40% Student Vote
- 30% Interview
- 30% Event Participation

Homecoming Royalty Requirements

- Candidates must have completed a minimum of **30** credits at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Candidates must have at least a **3.00** cumulative GPA and be in good standing with the University.
- Candidates must be currently enrolled in **at least six (6) credit hours** at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- **All candidates must fully complete the Royalty Application and turn it in by Friday, September 22, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.**
- To verify the candidate's GPA with the Registrar's office, all candidates must sign the grade release form attached to the Homecoming packet and turn it in with the royalty application.
- **All Royalty Court candidates must attend the Homecoming Kickoff, Consent Event, and Lip Sync Battle. Family and friends are welcome to attend Lip-Sync.**

Rules for Royalty Campaigns

- No chalking of the buildings is allowed. To sidewalk chalk you must confirm with the scheduling office located in 220 Centennial Student Union.
- Defacing, covering, or taking down other candidates' posters/flyers will result in disqualification.

- Posters/flyers hung in academic buildings or residence halls must follow guidelines set by Building Services. Please read the Residence Hall posting policy in the next section before hanging flyers in the halls. Candidates will be disqualified for hanging materials in improper spaces.
- The exchange of a vote toward any specific candidate for any good, material, or service is prohibited. **Bribery will not be tolerated.**
- The Student Events Team and Homecoming Committee will not be held responsible for any of the rules (as stated by Building Services, Residence Halls, and the CSU) that are violated by any team participating in Homecoming.
- Any costs related to damages are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring team.
- **The Student Events Team will provide candidates with posters, sashes, crowns, and/or tiaras.**

ALLOWABLE campaign postings in the Centennial Student Union include:

- Postings on brick/ceramic walls or painted walls/pillars
- Banners in existing designated spaces – Reserve space through University Scheduling and Conference Services (CSU219)
- Large posters (maximum 21-inches wide by 27 inches tall) in existing designated spaces; reserve poster stands and sites through University Scheduling and Conference Services (CSU219).
 - **No A-frame/sandwich boards are permitted in the Centennial Student Union.**
- Tables/tabling in existing designated spaces – Reserve through University Scheduling and Conference Services (CSU219)
- Posters should be at least three (3) feet away from one another.
- Postings in academic buildings are limited to general use bulletin boards (using tacks, push pins, or staples), brick/ceramic walls, painted walls.
- Any postings on any walls, in any buildings, must be done using only blue “painter’s” tape.

UNAPPROVED campaign postings within the Centennial Student Union and academic buildings include (violating campaign materials will be removed and recycled):

- Postings not using blue “painter’s” tape. ABSOLUTELY NO duct tape, transparent tape, packing tape or other adhesive or sticky tacks will be allowed.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO POSTINGS ON KASOTA STONE.**

- **ABSOLUTELY NO PRINTED “LEAVE BEHIND” MATERIALS** including flyers, business cards, postcards, etc., can be placed anywhere in and around the Centennial Student Union. Such materials will be collected and recycled.
- Postings on glass windows or entrances
- Postings on wood surfaces
- Postings on steps, floors and ceilings
- Postings on elevator doors or in elevator cabs
- Postings in restrooms
- Postings on office doors
- Postings on vending machines
- Postings on any art or statue
- Postings in areas specifically identified as off-limits by authorized staff (such designation must be made by authorized staff three weeks prior to election)
- Postings to the exterior surface of the Centennial Student Union
- Postings using A-frame/sandwich boards (such display units are not permitted in the Centennial Student Union)
- Use of any unapproved sound amplification equipment or devices.

Unauthorized removal or defacing of property that has been approved and posted is an act of vandalism and subject to appropriate disciplinary action.



Total Possible Points: 1,250

Additional Notes:

1. Any infractions of the rules or regulations outlined in this packet will result in the loss of points or disqualification from the Homecoming competition. In the event of an infraction, the Student Events Team and Homecoming Committee reserve the right to determine the point loss or disqualification.
2. Student Activities reserves the right to address any improper behavior including, but not limited to, deducting points.
3. In the event of a tie, the Student Events Team shall decide the winner based on contribution to Homecoming in the areas of enthusiasm, effort, and participation. The Student Events Team's decision will be final.
4. Please refer to the official Homecoming website at www.mnsu.edu/homecoming for more information regarding rules and event details.
5. The following is available here:
<https://www.mnsu.edu/university-life/activities-and-organizations/Homecoming/student-competitions/>.
 - Packet
 - Schedule
 - Rules
 - Registration

Contacts:

- **Keb Spear** at keb.spear@mnsu.edu
- **Bill Tourville** at William.Tourville@mnsu.edu

All Homecoming events are held in wheelchair accessible facilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact the Student Activities office at 507-389-6076 at least 48 hours prior to the event. MN Relay: 1-800-657-3789 (MRS/TTY).