

Team Competition Packet

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Dear Students,

On behalf of the 2009 Homecoming Committee, I am pleased to present No One Has Swagger Like Us, Homecoming 2009. Each year the Homecoming Committee takes pride in creating and programming a variety of fun-filled activities celebrating George Mason University spirit.

Homecoming week begins on Sunday, February 8, 2009 and culminates on Saturday, February 14, 2009 with the George Mason's Men's Basketball team taking on Northeastern University.

We invite you to celebrate Homecoming through a new tradition of team competitions. Every day throughout the week we will be having various activities in which your team can compete. Every student organization is invited to participate as well as individually formed teams. Please use this packet as a reference to ensure that these competitions are a success. Also, please make sure **everyone** on your team is aware of the guidelines and rules set forth in this packet. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 703-993-2925, pbhmcm@gmu.edu or by stopping by the Program Board Office.

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On behalf of Program Board's Homecoming Committee, I would like to thank you for your participation and contributions to Homecoming 2009 – No One Has Swagger Like Us.

Sincerely,

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Breakdown of Points

Event	Percentage of Points
Banner Competition	15%
Attendance	35%
“Can-Struction”	25%
Spirit Day	5%
Trivia Challenge	10%
Scavenger Hunt	10%
Total	100%

Homecoming Competition Rules and Regulations

HOMECOMING TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

- Homecoming teams may consist of one individual organization or a group of multiple organizations or a group of students.
- Teams must create a Homecoming Team name to be used during the week. Vulgar or discriminating names/terms will not be permitted. The Homecoming Committee has the right to determine if a team's name is within the Homecoming guidelines. If your team is a Mason Organization, you may use your organizations name.
- Teams must designate a "team captain" to serve as the official liaison for the Homecoming Committee.
- All team members must be currently enrolled as a student at GMU.
- Each GMU student can only be on **one** team.
- Team point totals will be announced at various Homecoming Events and e-mailed to your team captain at various times throughout the week. If you wish to receive your team's point breakdown, you may submit a written request to the Homecoming Committee ***after February 18, 2009.***
- Each competing team member must check-in when attending a Homecoming Event. Only those listed on the team roster will be able to participate. All participants must have their valid GMU student ID to participate.
- **Team rosters must have at least 6 members to compete and no more than 100 people may be on a team.**
- Any unsportsmanlike-like conduct **including but not limited to drunken and disorderly behavior**, or vandalism of any kind, during the week of Homecoming will result in immediate disqualification of the team or individual at the sole discretion of the Homecoming Committee, and/or the referee(s) or other officials affiliated with George Mason University.

Banner Competition

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Banners must be turned in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 to the Office of Student Activities (Student Union I, Rm. 101).
- All banners will be hung in the Johnson Center Atrium from February 9-14, 2009.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Banners must be completed when organizations submit them to the Homecoming Committee. (Any incomplete signs will not be displayed and the organization will be disqualified.)
- Banners must be no larger than a twin size, flat sheet (not fitted).
- Profanity or obscenities on the banner will result in disqualification, as determined by Program Board. (If you are using the Northeastern Logo, please do so in good taste).
- Any banners not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.
- The only mandated design components are:
 - 1) Name of the organization or team must be clearly seen and spelled out on the banner
 - 2) "Homecoming 2009" OR "No One Has Swagger Like Us" must appear somewhere on the banner at least once.
- The banner must be accompanied by an index card with team name as well as a brief description of the theme of the banner.
- If your group would like their banner back after Homecoming, please indicate on the registration form by writing "WOULD LIKE TO KEEP BANNER". Banners that are not requested to be kept will be thrown away after Homecoming.
- Banners will be available for pick up in the Program Board Office on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Please make arrangements to have someone come and pick up your banner on this day.

SCORING:

JUDGING BASED UPON

- Display of school spirit – 25%
- Overall appearance- 25%
- Originality and Design – 50%

Attendance

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Attendance will be 35% of the final scoring.
- The final attendance points will be an average of the team's attendance throughout the week at each of the events below.
- Only members on the roster can sign-in at each event.
- There will be a designated table where students will check-in and team members must have the GMU ID.
- A Homecoming Schedule will be e-mailed to the team captain no later than 2 weeks before Homecoming. On the schedule will be the time and place of each event.

Attendance will only be recorded at the following events:

- Women's Basketball Game
- Mr. and Ms. Mason Pageant
- Talent Show
- Kyle Groom's performance
- Homecoming Dance
- Homecoming Concert

“Can-Struction”

Teams will donate as many cans as possible and then create a sculpture or design using them.

IMPORTANT: Please do not paint the cans or remove the labels!

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Teams are to check-in at the table in the North Plaza between 1:30pm and 3:30pm. They will be given an area 6 ft. X 8 ft. where they will set-up their cans and create their design. If you feel your team will need additional room, please e-mail pbhmcm@gmu.edu at least 2 days in advance.
- Each team will give the check-in table an accurate count of the number of cans the team is donating. Each team's count will be verified by a third party.
- Judging will take place at exactly 4:00pm. At this time, all teams must be finished with their design and have it ready to be judged.
- Be creative! You may use additional decorations/props for your design, but please keep the main focus on the cans and other food items. Profanity, vulgarity or obscenities in the design will result in disqualification, as determined by Program Board. (If you are using the Northeastern Logo, please do so in good taste).

SCORING:

JUDGING BASED UPON

- Sculptures will be judged based on creativity and numbers of cans.
- Judging for creativity will include how the sculpture incorporates the Homecoming theme/GMU spirit, originality, etc.
- The creativity portion of the score is worth 50% of the total score.
- The number of cans (or other items on the list) in the sculpture is worth 50% of the total score. The number of cans will be determined on a percentage basis. It will be based on number of cans per person on your roster.

Mason Spirit Day!

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Team members must come to the Student Activities Office between 9:00am and 5:00pm, or they may also check-in at the Talent Show.
- The only requirement to be considered dressed in “Mason Spirit” is that you are wearing something with the word “Mason” on it or you are wearing green and gold together.
- Points will be calculated into your overall score based on the percentage of team members that participate.

Trivia Challenge

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Each team will have three representatives participate in the Trivia Challenge.
- The Trivia Challenge will be “spelling bee style” with all teams being asked the same question, and then the teams with wrong answers being eliminated. The teams that answered correctly during the first round will then move on to round two, and so on.
- After the question is posed, each team will have 45 seconds to write down their answer.
- Any writing after that point will result in disqualification.
- The amount of points received is based on many rounds you team gets through.

Scavenger Hunt

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Teams are to check in at Patriot Corner by noon.
- Each team will appoint no more than 15 members to participate in the scavenger hunt.
- Each team will be given a list of items to find around campus. Please have a least one team member bring a camera (if this is a problem, e-mail pbhmcm@gmu.edu)
- Scoring will be based on how many items you find in the 1 hour hunt.

Official Team Application

To participate in **any** aspect of the team competition each player must be added on the roster sheet. PLEASE be aware that no players will be added to a team roster at sign-up under any circumstances. **There will be no substitutions or exceptions.**

Participants in the team competition must check in **before** every team competition at the designated team check-in location. Please review additional check-in information and guidelines listed under the "Attendance" section in this packet. Students must have their **GMU Student ID's** for all check-ins.

All team members must sign the attached roster sheet agreeing to the participation agreement below. Also, **please e-mail a team roster** to pbhmcm@gmu.edu by Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Participation Agreement Form

I have read and completely understand the contents of the Homecoming Participation Packet. I understand that I must abide by the Homecoming rules and guidelines for team competitions and must meet all deadlines set by the Homecoming Committee in order to participate. I am fully aware that if I violate the rules and guidelines outlined in this Handbook my team will automatically be disqualified. I also understand that the Homecoming Board reserves the right to disqualify any team for misconduct during the week of Homecoming.

Team Name: _____

Please note: If you have individually formed a team, you must come up with a team name.

Organization(s) Name: _____

Captain Name: _____

Captain Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Note: Primary correspondence will be done via e-mail.

Team Roster

Team Name:

	Player Name	Signature
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Note: All team members must sign the roster acknowledging that they are aware of this packet and the information contained within it. Please attach additional pages if necessary. Team member names must also be e-mailed to pbhmcm@gmu.edu.