



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

ONCE UPON A HOMECOMING

2026 PLAYBOOK

Hear ye, Hear ye!

I hope you are as excited as we are for one of UCO's most anticipated traditions — Homecoming! This year marks the 109th annual celebration, honoring the limitless possibilities of being a Broncho and the touch of magic that is everlasting here at Central. Homecoming continues to unite students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community in a week full of spirited festivities that highlight the imagination, ambition, and sense of belonging we have carried since 1890.

Once Upon a Homecoming invites you to step into a world where every moment feels like turning a page in your favorite tale. This year, we wanted to create a world where imagination is immeasurable, and every tradition feels like a new chapter waiting to be written. *Once Upon a Homecoming* doesn't just accomplish this goal, it embodies the success of the board responsible for cultivating it, the graphic design students responsible for bringing the vision to life, the countless campus partners we rely on to support us along the way, and most of all, it embodies the success of each and every one of you still writing a story of your own here at Central.

This year, I have the honor of working hand in hand with one of the most determined, capable, and fearless Executive Boards that I have had the privilege of seeing during my tenure on the Homecoming Activities Board. They hit the ground running in the spring as planning commenced, and they continue to work tirelessly through the summer so that everyone can celebrate this tradition that we hold so dearly. Their commitment is unmatched, their work ethic is unwavering, and none of this would be possible without them.

Like previous years, this playbook will serve as your guide to all things Homecoming. Within its pages, you'll find details on each event, important deadlines, rules, regulations, and updates, as well as contact information for each member of the Homecoming Activities Board — all outlined with a touch of magic never seen before. Most of your questions will be answered here, but feel free to reach out to the appropriate HAB member for further assistance.

The story of Homecoming will begin on September 19th as Bronchos from across the state come together at the Oklahoma State Fair for a night of celebration and storytelling, followed by more than 20 spirit-filled events throughout the week that will surely bring our campus to life and engage students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Edmond community alike. This year's chapter will conclude on September 26th with a game under the lights against Northwest Missouri. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you experience the magic of Homecoming this season.

Homecoming on UCO's campus is a time like no other, and this year will be even better than a fairytale. Without further ado, on behalf of the Homecoming Activities Board, we wish you the best of luck on your journey towards the coveted Broncho Cup, and we hope that this week is just as magical for you as it is for us.

Cale Woolf

Homecoming Activities Board, Executive Director

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How YOU can Celebrate Homecoming 2026

- **Oklahoma State “Fair”ytale:** Join the Homecoming Activities Board at the Oklahoma State Fair Saturday, September 19th from 6-9pm.
- **Lip Sync Battle:** Step into a world of magic and join us for an enchanting evening as our Royal Broncho candidates take the stage in a *Once Upon a Homecoming* Lip Sync Battle on Sunday, September 20th at 7:00 PM. From fairytale favorites to whimsical adventures, it’s sure to be a night full of wonder, friendly competition, and unforgettable performances. Don’t miss this storybook showdown!
- **Hats Off to Homecoming: Fit for a Fairytale:** Step into the magic of *Once Upon a Homecoming* on Monday, September 21st at the Blue Tent and help us kick off Homecoming 2026 with Hats Fit for a Fairytale! From 11 AM to 1 PM, customize your own hat and show off your whimsical, homecoming spirit. This is your chance to start Homecoming in a magical fashion!
- **Storybook Safari:** Turn the page to the next chapter of *Once Upon a Homecoming* with Storybook Safari on Tuesday, September 22nd! Join us on Buddy’s Lawn from 11 AM to 1 PM and spend some time meeting adorable animal friends, snapping photos, and enjoying a little fairytale magic.
- **Bronchos After Dark: Masked in Magic:** Get into the enchantment spirit of Bronchos After Dark: Masked in Magic on Tuesday, September 22nd, in the NUC Ballrooms from 6 PM to 9 PM. Come make your mask and join us for an evening of music, dancing, glowing lights, and magical surprises as *Once Upon a Homecoming* comes to life after dark.
- **Decorate Your Story:** Continue the magic on Wednesday, September 23rd at the Blue Tent from 11 AM to 1 PM with Decorate Your Story! Decorate a journal and create a fun bookmark that reflects your unique style. Whether you’re feeling artistic or simply looking for a creative break, this event is sure to inspire your next great story.
- **Conquer the Course:** Your next adventure awaits at Conquer the Course on Thursday, September 24th at Buddy’s Lawn! Join us from 11 AM to 1 PM and race your way through a giant inflatable obstacle course filled with fun and excitement that you won’t want to miss!
- **YELL:** Y’all better get ready to raise the roof at our 6th Annual YELL Event! Join us Thursday, September 24th, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM as small and large organizations perform chants full of Broncho pride, all tied to our Homecoming 2026 theme: *Once Upon A Homecoming*! Get ready for an electric, high-energy atmosphere that feels just like the ultimate pep rally—packed with school spirit, crowd hype, and nonstop excitement.
- **The Homecoming Stroll Off:** Hosted by the National Pan-Hellenic Council, this event gives the Divine Nine organizations an opportunity to showcase their pride, culture, and unity through friendly competition. Strolling is more than just a performance; it is a powerful visual expression of history, tradition, and the unbreakable bond within the Divine Nine. Each chapter will bring its best to the stage for a chance to win scholarship support operations for their organization. All ticket purchases go to support UCO NPHC and the awarded scholarship. (Link TBD).
- **Homecoming Festival:** September 26th, Bronchos! Join us for a tale as old as time at the Homecoming Festival where there will be games, tasty treats, and plenty of fun times! Get your spirits high and your cheers ready, because at 7:00 PM, we’ll be rooting for your Bronchos to take the win!

Week of Events 2026

Saturday, September 19		
Oklahoma State "Fair"ytale	6:00 PM	OKC Fair Park
Sunday, September 20		
Central 5K	8:00 AM	College of Business
Dec the Campus	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Blue Tent
Women's Soccer	1:00 PM	Tom Thompson Field
Lip Sync Battle	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Hamilton Field House
Monday, September 21		
Hats Off to Homecoming: Fit for a Fairytale	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Blue Tent
Volleyball	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Wellness Center
Tuesday, September 22		
Storybook Safari	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Buddy's Lawn
'Chos Trivia	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	NUC Ballroom A
Bronchos After Dark: Masked in Magic	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NUC Ballroom B & C
Wednesday, September 23		
Bronze and Blueberry Breakfast	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Plunkett Park
Decorate Your Story	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Blue Tent
Dodgeball	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Wellness Center
Thursday, September 24		
Conquer the Course	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Buddy's Lawn
Big Pink	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Wellness Center
Women's Volleyball	6:00 PM	Hamilton Field House
YELL	9:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hamilton Field House
Friday, September 25		
Capture the Flag	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Plunkett Park
Women's Volleyball	6:00 PM	Hamilton Field House
Women's Soccer	7:00 PM	Tom Thompson Field
The Homecoming Stroll Off	8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Constitution Hall
Saturday, September 26		
Homecoming Festival	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	LOT 47
Tailgating	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	North LOT 47
Football Game vs. Northwest Missouri	7:00 PM	Chad Richison Stadium

Due Dates to Remember

DATE	TIME	TITLE
Wednesday, April 15	8:00 AM	Royalty applications OPEN on UCORE
Monday, May 18	11:55 PM	Royalty applications CLOSE on UCORE
Friday, August 21	11:55 PM	Staff applications CLOSE on UCORE
Friday, August 21	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Royalty Interviews
Thursday, August 27	8:30 PM	Organization Representative Meeting
Sunday, August 30	11:55 PM	Organization Registration DUE on UCORE
Thursday, September 3	8:30 PM	Organization Representative Meeting
Thursday, September 3	11:55 PM	Lip Sync Song Submission DUE on UCORE
Thursday, September 10	8:30 PM	Organization Representative Meeting
Friday, September 11	7:00 PM	Royalty Announcement at Volleyball Game
Friday, September 11	11:55 PM	Participation Roster DUE on UCORE YELL Registration on UCORE
Sunday, September 13	6:00 PM	MANDATORY Lip Sync Battle run-through
Monday, September 14	4:00 PM	Royalty Posters DUE to the SIC (NUC 141)
Monday, September 14	11:55 PM	Festival Entry and Sketches Form DUE
Wednesday, September 16	11:55 PM	Organization Window Sketches DUE Office Decorating Registration CLOSING
Thursday, September 17	8:30 PM	Organization Representative Meeting Broncho Cup Categories Announced
Friday, September 18	11:55 PM	General Liability Waiver DUE on UCORE
Sunday, September 20	12:00 PM	Phrigs DUE
Sunday, September 20	4:00 PM	Brag Boards DUE
Monday, September 21	8:00 AM	Royalty Elections OPEN on UCORE
Wednesday, September 23	12:00 PM	Faculty/Staff Royalty Nomination CLOSING
Thursday, September 24	11:55 PM	Royalty Elections CLOSE on UCORE
Sunday, September 27	12:00 PM	Brag Boards Removed
Thursday, October 8	8:30 PM	Org Representative Wrap-Up Meeting

Organization Representatives

1. An organization may only have **ONE** organization representative (org rep) who will serve as the liaison between the organization they are representing and the Homecoming Activities Board.
 - a. Org reps must complete the org rep contract themselves
 - b. Only the person who completes the org rep contract on behalf of their organization is allowed to be in official communication with HAB and submit forms on the organizations behalf.
2. Org reps must attend weekly meetings where they will receive vital information on the rules, regulations, and logistics of Homecoming. You will earn **50 points** for each meeting that your org attends. Org Rep Meetings are **August 27th** and **September 3rd, 10th, and 17th** from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Meetings will be held in **Mary Fallin – NUC 304**.
 - a. NOTE: If your organization's designated representative can't attend a meeting, sending a proxy in their place will suffice. However, this proxy is responsible for taking adequate notes and passing along all information to the org rep or their organization directly.
 - i. Any org rep that consistently sends a proxy to meetings will be reevaluated and may be required to transfer their org rep responsibilities to another member of their organization
 - b. Organizations are more than welcome to send multiple members to org rep meetings if they choose.
 - c. All homecoming-related inquiries should be sent to the Operations Director, Alex Knecht; aknecht@uco.edu, by the established org rep.

Grievances

1. All grievances about Homecoming competitions must be submitted via email by the organization's representative **within three hours of an event's conclusion**.
2. Royalty grievances must be submitted **by 12 PM on the Thursday following the close of voting** - these can be submitted by both the Org Rep and the Royalty Candidate
3. Festival grievances are **due by 5 PM the day of the festival**.
4. Submissions must be sent to homecoming@uco.edu, Executive Director, Cale Woolf at cwoolf@uco.edu and Advisor, Chloe Clinton at cclinton2@uco.edu

Homecoming Forms

Each organization participating in Homecoming 2026 is required to submit forms via UCORE. Organizations **MUST** follow the designated format for the forms to be approved. Information regarding point deductions and late submissions can be found below.

To complete the 2026 Homecoming forms:

Log in to UCORE

Select the Groups drop-down menu at the top of the screen.

Select/search for Homecoming.

Click Forms

1. The Organization Registration Contract: Due Sunday, August 30th by 11:55 PM

- a. Each organization participating in Homecoming must have a designated representative with whom the Homecoming Activities Board (HAB) communicates.
- b. By completing the Organization Registration, **you are officially registering your organization to participate in Homecoming**, and all further steps will be communicated to you in a timely manner.
- c. The representative must be competing with the organization in which they are representing.
- d. Make sure to submit the 2026 Homecoming Org Registration Form HERE.
 - i. Org Rep Meetings are **August 27th** and **September 3rd, 10th, and 17th** from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Meetings will be held in **Mary Fallin – NUC 304**. Be watchful of your emails and/or GroupMe.
 - ii. Each meeting is worth 50 points. Even though there are no more point deductions, your org rep/proxy must attend each meeting, because there is a lot of information necessary to competing in Homecoming given at these meetings.
- e. **NOTE:** The Organization Registration form is due much earlier than other Homecoming forms.
 - i. **Any organizations nominating a Homecoming Royalty Candidate** will need to register by **Wednesday, August 19th, at 11:55 PM** in order for their candidate to maintain their eligibility.
 - ii. Policies regarding late forms still apply.
 - iii. **Org Rep forms will no longer be accepted after Wednesday, September 2nd by 11:55 PM.**

2. Organization Participation Roster: Due Friday, September 11th by 11:55 PM

- a. Only members that are choosing to participate in homecoming with your organization need to be on this roster. It will be up to you to poll your organization members to ensure the roster is correct.
 - i. Edits will need to be submitted to Alex Knecht (aknecht@uco.edu) and there is a 5-point deduction per edit.
 1. An edit is defined as any changes made to the participation roster after its official due date.
 2. Edits must be submitted via UCORE and can only come from the org rep. **Each edit** will result in a 5-point deduction; it does not matter how many things are changed in that one edit.

- ii. If a student not on your participation roster competes in **any** event, there will be a 10-point deduction per infraction.
 - iii. A 50-point deduction will be given on the day of if your organization no-shows an intended event.
- b. Download the template for the 2026 Participation Roster HERE.
 - i. Make sure to fill it out in its entirety and then re-upload it to your submission **as an Excel file**.
 - ii. This will be used to determine which size bracket your organization will compete in for the Broncho Cup.
 - 1. Broncho Cup categories will be announced at the last org rep meeting on September 17th.

3. **General Liability Waiver Due: Sunday, September 13th by 11:55 PM**

- a. All members listed on the participation roster must complete the general liability waiver by Sunday, September 18th at 11:55 PM.
 - i. Organizations will not be allowed to practice or prepare for Homecoming events in any capacity until all participants have completed the general liability waiver.
 - ii. Organizations that are caught practicing or preparing for a Homecoming event (i.e., YELL/Lip Sync Battle practice or painting Brag Board/Phrig) without all General Liability Waivers (for the competitors involved) submitted will incur a point deduction to be determined by HAB.
- b. Complete your 2026 General Liability Waiver HERE
- c. When completing the General Liability Waiver, there will be an opportunity to disclose any accommodations that may be needed for accessibility and equitable participation in Homecoming. Please do not let concerns over accommodations deter you or your organization members from participating in Homecoming, as accommodations will be made as needed.

REMEMBER:

- 1. A person may participate for **ONLY** one team during the Homecoming competition
- 2. Organizations can only sponsor one team
- 3. Alumni may not be on a Participation roster, which would also exclude them from being able to participate in any competitions.

4. **Late Forms: ALL late forms submitted after their due date will receive a point deduction.**

- f. Forms turned in the following day will receive a 10-point deduction.
- g. Any forms turned in after the day following the due date will result in a 15-point deduction per day that they are not received.
- h. **Forms will no longer be accepted after Wednesday, September 16th.**

Competition Rules

All organizations will be divided according to organization size (following the submitted participation roster), to compete for the **Small Organization Broncho Cup** and **Large Organization Broncho Cup**. All participating organizations will be competing against either their fellow small organizations or large organizations. The cutoff for the Broncho Cup sizes will be determined based on the sizes of competing teams. You will find out which category you are competing in at your final Organization Representative Meeting on **Thursday, September 17th**.

Please do not let concerns over accommodations deter you or your organization members from participating in Homecoming; accommodations will be made as needed.

Below are the guidelines for Competitions

1. Each student organization that participates in Homecoming competitions must be a recognized, active student organization, residence community, athletic team, or spirit team by the University of Central Oklahoma and be in good standing with the University.
2. All organizations and their members are expected to follow competition rules, individual event rules, and University rules as found in the Student Conduct Handbook.
3. Rules will be monitored by event judges, the Homecoming Activities Board (HAB), and the Advisor. Members of the Homecoming Activities Board, with advice from possible judges of the individual events in question, will make the **FINAL** decision at the event.
4. If an incident arises, the Competitions Director, Executive Director, and/or the Advisor will discuss and give a final call. When talking, we will not be bothered. If someone from any team keeps trying to ask questions or intrude on the conversation, they will be removed from the game.
5. As a reminder, you must indicate your intent to participate in **ALL** competitive events. Players must be checked in during the check-in or grace period, or they cannot compete. It is your responsibility to make sure your team is there on time and checked in.
 - a. **Each player will need to have their physical student ID to check in to play.**
 - b. All competitors will have to sign a waiver at the entrance of the competition.
 - c. Once a competitor has completed the check-in process, they will receive a wristband that must be worn for the duration of the event. The wristband may not be transferred.
6. **Check-in Grace Period** - If an organization fails to check into their event within the designated time, they will receive a **5-point deduction for every 2 minutes** they're late.
 - a. The grace period will only be applied if the organization's absence doesn't affect the event's flow of schedule, which is up to the discretion of the HAB.
7. Please represent your organization by wearing their shirts during competitions, if at all possible.

Competitions Code of Conduct

1. Understand, appreciate, and abide by the rules of the game.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials and UCO staff.
3. Respect your opponent and courteously congratulate them after each match, in victory and defeat.
4. Be responsible for your actions and maintain self-control.
5. Do not taunt or bait opponents.
6. Refrain from using foul or abusive language.

Point Distribution & Deductions

Organizations will be divided into two categories: Small and Large Broncho Cup. The points below will be awarded for each category.

Competitions & Traditions Events	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Other Points
Lip Sync Battle	150 Points	125 Points	100 Points	5 Points for Costumes
Volleyball	100 Points	75 Points	50 Points	No Bonus
'Chos Trivia	100 Points	75 Points	50 Points	No Bonus
Dodgeball	100 Points	75 Points	50 Points	No Bonus
Big Pink	50 points for competing			No Bonus
YELL	150 Points	125 Points	100 Points	5 Points for Costumes
Capture the Flag	100 Points	75 Points	50 Points	No Bonus

Spirit Points	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	Other Points
Brag Boards	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	100 BONUS POINTS will be awarded to teams who participate in all three
Phrigs	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	
Dec the Campus	150 Points	125 Points	100 Points	75 Points	50 Points	25 Points	
Festival Booth	150 Points	125 Points	100 Points	75 Points	50 Points	25 Points	100 participation points

Attendance Points	100-91%	90-81%	80-71%	70-61%	60-51%	50-41%	40-31%	30-21%
Oklahoma State Fairytale	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
Lip Sync Battle	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
Bronchos After Dark	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
YELL	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
Athletic Event	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
Athletic Event	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
Homecoming Festival	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points
Homecoming Game	100 Points	90 Points	80 Points	70 Points	60 Points	50 Points	40 Points	30 Points

Attendance Points

1. Your org can earn bonus points by attending the specified events above. You earn points by the specific percentage of your roster that is there and **checks in**.
2. As a reminder, it is strictly forbidden to share or distribute any and all attendance point opportunities in any manner. This includes, but is not limited to, GroupMe, text, email, or checking in while not at the event.
3. Any organization that is deemed to be improperly using the check-in system will receive a point deduction determined at the sole discretion of HAB.

Central 5k Run/Walk

Date: Sunday, September 20th

Time: 8:00 AM

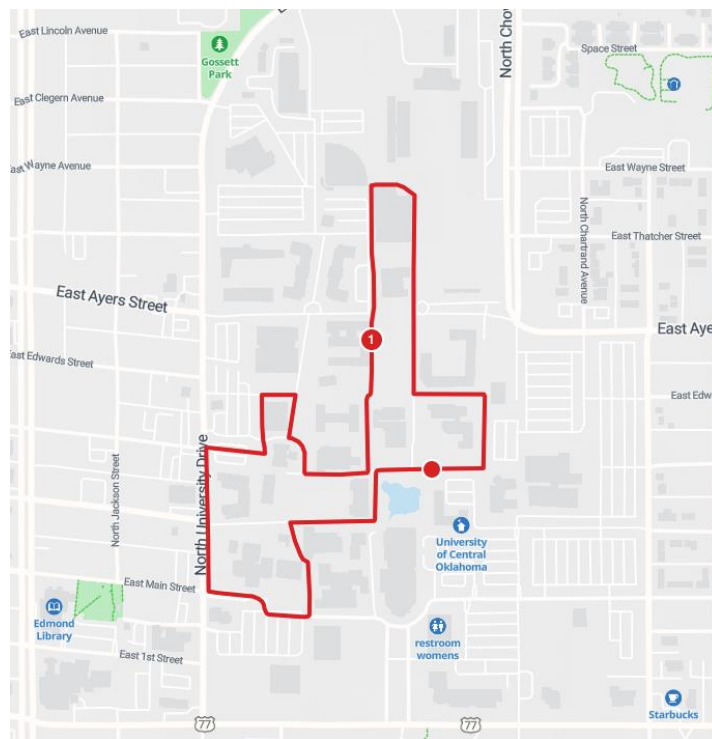
Check-In: 7:00 AM

Location: College of Business

Homecoming is continuing the tradition of the Central 5k. To participate, individuals must register and pay a registration fee: participants may register prior to the race or the day of. [Registration](#) for faculty, staff, alumni, and the public will be \$15, children under 12 will be \$10, and students can participate for free. Please make sure to register with your UCO e-mail to verify you are a student.

Check-in will begin at 7:00 AM at the College of Business, this is when participants who registered may pick up their bibs

The race will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. Once the event begins, participants may walk or run the marked route. The route is primarily around campus, and a PDF will be attached to the registration site (and is below). It takes two laps to complete the full 3.14 miles.



We will be awarding participants first place in the categories of Community, Alumni, Student, Staff/Faculty, and Children 12 and under.

Dec the Campus

Date: Sunday, September 20th

Time: 12:00 PM–4:00 PM

Location: Blue Tent at Broncho Lake

Check-In: 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Paint, chalk, and brushes will be available for pick-up starting at 11:15 AM under the blue tent.

Locations for Dec the Campus will be drawn at random during the first org rep meeting, with a special emphasis on organization size to maintain an equitable experience for all at the discretion of HAB. Any given organization may not have the same location for two consecutive years. Sketches of the window painting must be submitted to HAB by **Wednesday, September 16th, at 11:55 PM via UCORE** on the provided picture of the location. HAB reserves the right to require a change in the design. Notice will be given to the organization within 24 hours after the deadline.

Overall Rules:

1. Organizations can only use the supplied materials to decorate their assigned buildings and sidewalks. Organization representatives will be given a contract to sign, verifying that their organization has received all listed supplies.
 - a. Supplies may not be used for any other unauthorized purpose or removed from campus.
2. While decorating windows, participants may only paint up to 8 ft in height on the space provided. Sidewalk chalk must be 20 ft away from any entrance and not located under any awning/covering.
 - a. Any organizations that fail to follow the above rule will be required to clean any material (paint, chalk, etc.) that is out of regulation.
3. Window and sidewalk decorations must be **finished by 4:00 PM**.
4. No spray painting/coloring of UCO lawns is permitted.
5. No staking into UCO lawns
6. For safety reasons, all doors must be decorated in such a way that they can be seen through. Paint may be put on doors, but it must be in moderation so people can see through the door. **DO NOT PAINT THE DOORS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.**
 - a. [Submit your Dec the Campus Window Sketches HERE](#)
7. The only people allowed to participate in Dec the Campus are people listed on your Participation Roster. If someone not on your roster is present, there will be a **10-point deduction**.
 - i. All members of your organization must have their Student ID on their person while participating in Dec the Campus and may be asked to present it by any member of the Homecoming Activities Board at any point in time.
8. Any design showing crude, derogatory, or distasteful material will lose points and may end in DISQUALIFICATION, and the organization will be required to remove such improper designs before the next day.
 - a. After final approval of designs, they may not be altered in any way unless consulted by HAB.

- b. Please do not include or insinuate any form of weaponry that depicts violent acts, or violence, in **any** artistic manner throughout Homecoming week. Doing so may result in a point deduction or disqualification determined by HAB.
9. Any damage caused while participating in Dec the Campus must be paid in full by the organization at fault.

Judging Criteria:

1. Central Spirit: decorate bronze and blue across campus with fellow UCO Bronchos.
2. Artistic Ability: skills and talent to create a cohesive and organized design.
3. Originality and Creativity: demonstrating independent thought and imagination.
4. Relation to theme: Once Upon a Homecoming.

Members of HAB will take pictures of each building's windows and sidewalks immediately after completion to ensure fairness of judgment.

EXAMPLE: NOT ALLOWED

EXAMPLE: ALLOWED



Brag Boards

A Brag Board is two 6ft x 4ft pieces of decorated wood hinged together to make a sandwich board that supports itself. The Homecoming Activities Board will determine locations for Brag Boards. Each organization will decorate **both** sides of its Brag Board.

1. One side should be devoted to the 2026 Homecoming theme: **Once Upon a Homecoming!**
2. The other side of the Brag Board should represent your organization's history and its accomplishments/achievements during its time on Central's campus. This is your opportunity to really showcase your organization to the central community!

Overall Rules:

1. Materials to build a brag board must be supplied by the organization – HAB will not provide any materials for brag boards.
2. Brag Boards must be at their designated locations by **Sunday, September 20th at 4:00 PM.**
3. Late Brag Boards will be accepted but will result in a **10-point deduction.**
4. Brag Boards are awarded points for 1st-6th places.
5. The Brag Boards must stand upright outside on UCO's campus for *7 days*.
6. All artworks must be tasteful. Boards will be removed, and **no points** will be awarded if artwork is deemed inappropriate by HAB.
 - a. Please do not include or insinuate any form of weaponry that depicts violent acts, or violence, in **any** artistic manner throughout Homecoming week. Doing so may result in a point deduction or disqualification determined by HAB.
 - b. Please do not include or insinuate any mascots, or specific verbiage, from other universities. Any brag boards deemed to violate the above criteria may be subject to disqualification, a point deduction, removal, or any other sanctions deemed appropriate at the discretion of HAB.
7. Before the Homecoming Festival begins, HAB will move all brag boards from their designated location to Chad Richison Stadium, where they will remain for the remainder of the day.
 - a. Organizations are not allowed to move their brag boards to the festival lot for any reason.
8. Brag Boards must be removed from campus no later than **Sunday, September 27, by 12:00 PM.** Failure to remove your board will result in a fine determined by HAB.
9. **All organizations should show respect for each other's brag boards. If any member of your organization has damaged another organization's brag board, it will result in a point deduction, disqualification, and/or fine determined by HAB.**

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BRAG BOARD EXAMPLES:

ARTWORK EXAMPLE:

“FRONT”



“BACK”



CONSTRUCTION EXAMPLE:



Phrig Contest

A phrig (aka a sheet banner) is a visual representation of our Broncho pride. Each organization will design a phrig to represent their organization according to the Homecoming theme, Once Upon a Homecoming. At a meeting prior to Homecoming Week, we will give each organization's representative a twin-size sheet to design and paint. Phrigs will be provided, and distributed, by HAB at the first org rep meeting on **August 27th**.

Overall Rules:

1. Due at check-in for Dec the Campus on **Sunday, September 20th by 12:00 PM**.
2. Late Phrigs will be accepted but will result in a **10-point deduction** per day (e.g., 10-point deduction if turned in after 12:00 AM on Sunday, 20-point deduction on Monday, etc.).
3. All artworks must be tasteful. Phrigs will not be displayed, and **no points** will be awarded if artwork is deemed inappropriate by HAB.
 - a. Please do not include or insinuate any form of weaponry that depicts violent acts, or violence, in **any** artistic manner throughout Homecoming week. Doing so may result in a point deduction or disqualification determined by HAB.
4. Phrigs that are not decorated in a **vertical orientation** may not be displayed, and therefore judged, at the sole discretion of HAB
5. Phrigs are awarded points for 1st-6th places.
6. Phrigs will be available for pickup in the SIC after Homecoming week is over.

Judging Criteria:

1. Central Spirit: decorate bronze and blue across campus with fellow UCO Bronchos.
2. Artistic Ability: skills and talent to create a cohesive and organized design.
3. Originality and Creativity: demonstrating independent thought and imagination.
4. Relation to theme: Once Upon a Homecoming.

Please note: **NO glitter!** **10 Points will be deducted** if there is glitter on your Phrig!

Lip Sync Battle

Date: Sunday, September 20th

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Check-In: 6:00 PM for Performers

Location: Hamilton Field House

Check-in:

1. Check-in for all organizations will begin at 6:00 PM at the west doors of Hamilton Field House. All performers **must** be checked in by 6:30 PM.
2. Check-in for the audience will begin at 6:15 PM at the south doors of Hamilton Field House.

Organization Guidelines:

1. **Small organizations** should have a minimum of 3 people and a maximum of 15
2. **Large organizations** should have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 20
3. Royalty Candidates are required to compete with their organization
4. A **mandatory** run-through of your organization's performance will be on September 13th at 6:00 PM in The Grand Ballrooms. Feedback will be provided on each performance by HAB.
 - a. All participating members must complete their general liability waiver prior to this run-through in order to compete.
5. Once the final approval is given, the organization cannot make changes. If there are changes to the performance after the final approval point, deductions may occur.
 - a. Each change made to the routine after HAB's approval will incur a 5-point deduction to the final performance score.
6. All performers must complete the General Liability Waiver prior to the first practice/rehearsal.
 - a. At this time, HAB does not intend to drop into any practices/rehearsals. However, if concerns are raised, HAB does reserve the right to observe any practices. If asked by any member of HAB, you must share any and all scheduled practices.
 - b. If any performers are injured during a practice/rehearsal, HAB must be notified within 24 hours of the practice's conclusion.

Overall Rules:

1. This event is open to all registered organizations to compete in; however, your team **MUST** participate in the Lip Sync Battle if your organization has a Royalty Candidate. The Royalty Candidate must perform with your team.
2. The Organization Rep will register the team via the Participation Roster, not the Royalty Candidate.
3. Any performances deemed derogatory or inappropriate will be stopped immediately and will result in disqualification from the Lip Sync Battle.
4. Stunts are not permitted in your performance. Things that are determined to be a stunt are up to the HAB exec board's discretion.
5. All organizations must have **at least 1 minute** and a **maximum of 4 minutes**.
6. The time will start when the music begins and end when the song ends.
 - a. You must submit your songs on UCORE by September 3rd at 11:55 PM. [Submit Your 2026 Lip Sync Battle Song HERE](#)

- i. If multiple teams are using the same music, they will be notified accordingly and given the chance to change their music.
7. **5 bonus points** can be given out to each organization if they are in coordination with one another with costumes. The judges will determine these points.
8. No glitter or feathers are allowed. If your organization uses these, you will be disqualified.
9. Points will be awarded 1st - 3rd for small and large organizations.

Judging Categories:

1. Stage Presence - How confidently and charismatically the performer commands the stage.
2. Originality - How unique or fresh the performance feels.
3. Creativity - How imaginative the performance is in terms of theme and choreography.
4. Showmanship - How entertaining and engaging the performer is.
5. Crowd Reaction - How much the audience responds. Cheers, laughs, and energy all count here!
6. Overall Performance/Skill Level - The total package. How well everything comes together, lip sync accuracy, energy, and polish.

Volleyball

Date: Monday, September 21st

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Check-In: 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Location: Wellness Center

This is a single-elimination tournament. There will be two brackets: men's and women's. Points will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the men's and women's brackets, respectively.

Overall Rules:

1. Volleyball will be split into men's and women's. **There are no co-ed teams in the tournament.** Co-ed teams will have to find a full team of individuals who complete a men's or women's team. Organizations are only allowed to participate on one team.
2. Teams will consist of **6 players and 1 alternate**. Teams may **sub 1 time** throughout each game **when there is a dead ball**; the sub will start at the serving position. Each sub **must** be recognized by a referee.
3. Matches will be played **best of 3 sets**. The first two sets to 13 points, win by 2 (cap at 17). If needed, a third set will be played to 7 points, and won by 2 (cap at 9). **Rally scoring** will be used (points awarded on every rally regardless of which team serves).
4. There will be 2 referees plus the Competitions Director watching the games, who have the authority to call someone out or pause the game if an incident arises.
5. Spectators and non-playing teams must remain in designated seating areas away from the court.
6. Spiking is allowed if it is a clean play (Ball is hit legally and fairly without touching the net).

Start of the Match

1. Teams will meet at center court for a coin toss. The winner chooses to serve or receive first.
2. Teams will switch sides after each set.
 - a. Initial sides will be determined by HAB.
3. There will be a 2-minute warm-up before each match, where both teams will be allowed to practice at the same time.
 - a. During this warm-up period, the balls must stay on one side of the net. You may warm up sets and volleys, no serving.

During the Game:

5. Serving:

- a. Serving happens at the back line of the court.
- b. Your foot must remain behind the back line of the court during a serve.
- c. The server must announce their intent to serve by saying "service" loud enough for all members of the opposing team to hear.
- d. Serve must go over the net (serves that hit the net and go over are legal).
- e. The team that wins each point will serve for the next point.
- f. Serves may not be returned on the first touch by a spike

6. Hits per side:

- g. Two touches and on the third touch, the ball must go over the net.

- h. No player may hit the ball twice in succession.
- i. The ball may **not** be headed at any time.
- j. The ball may be played off the foot.
- k. Blocks do not count towards the three hits per side rule

7. Boundaries:

- l. If any part of the ball touches the line, it is in.
- m. Players may not touch the net during play.
- n. The three players in the back row must remain in the back row and cannot join the front row or jump in front.
- o. Ball may not go under the net.

8. Rotation:

- p. Teams must rotate clockwise upon regaining serve

9. Ball Violations:

- q. Lifts (player holds or supports the ball too long), carries (ball is thrown or dragged instead of being hit), and double hits will be called by the referees and will result in a point for the other team

Winning the Game:

1. A team wins a set by reaching the required points with at least a 2-point advantage (or capped at 17).
2. A team wins the match by winning 2 out of 3 sets.

'Chos Trivia

Date: Tuesday, September 22nd

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Check-In: 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Location: NUC Ballroom A

'Chos Trivia is a trivia competition where teams will showcase their knowledge over various topics pertaining to the Homecoming theme and UCO overall. 'Chos Trivia will award points for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in small and large brackets.

Trivia Guidelines:

1. Each team will have **5 members and 1 alternate** - the alternate will NOT sit at the table.
2. The competition will be played in rounds, with each round focused on a specific category.
 - a. Categories will be announced at the sole discretion of the Competitions Director
3. Trivia will be set up on a **Kahoot** platform.
 - a. Kahoot platform will keep track of scores and rankings.
 - b. There will be a set amount of time monitored by the platform.
4. **No** use of cell phones, smart watches, or other outside reference materials.
5. Due to the Kahoot platform, **your team must bring your own laptop/computer.**
 - a. The laptop/computer must have a keyboard.
6. Do not call out any answers.
7. No collaborating with other teams.
8. HAB will have final say in all circumstances during play.
9. Any spectator who tries to help their organization's team or another team or is disruptive to the game's play will result in the disqualification of their team. Also, any participant who tries to help another team or is disruptive to the game will also be disqualified.

Dodgeball

Date: Wednesday, September 23rd

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Check-In: 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Location: Wellness Center

Dodgeball is a double-elimination tournament. There will be 2 brackets: men's and women's. Points will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the men's and women's brackets, respectively.

Overall Rules:

1. Dodgeball will be split into men's and women's. **There are no co-ed teams in the tournament.** Co-ed teams will have to find a full team of individuals who complete a men's or women's team. Organizations can only compete on one team.
2. Teams can consist of **6 players and 2 alternates.**
3. The objective of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "out." This may be done by:
 - a. **Hitting** an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders.
 - b. **Catching** a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent.
 - c. **Definition of LIVE:** A ball that has been thrown and has not touched anything, including the floor/ground, another ball, another player, official, or other items outside of the playing field (wall, ceiling, etc.).
4. There will be **4 referees plus the Competitions Director** watching the games, who have the authority to call someone out or pause the game if an incident arises.
5. Every spectator and team that is not actively playing will need to be seated in stadium seating.

The Opening Rush:

1. The game begins by placing the dodgeballs **along the centerline**. Players then take a position **behind** their end line. The Competitions Director will count down from 3, then blow their whistle to begin the game. Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the centerline to retrieve the balls.
2. If there is a **false start**, we will reset the balls and the players to restart the game – this call must be made within the first 30 seconds of the game.

During Game:

1. Head hits are **NOT** allowed. If a player gets hit in the head, they are not out. The referees can make a situational call regarding whether the player who threw the ball will be out.
 - a. If a player is intentionally moving their head into the ball, they may be called out.
2. **If you are out**, you must leave the court immediately and stand in the designated area.
3. If the **entirety of your foot** crosses a boundary line or center line at any point in the match, you are out.
4. If a ball is rolling towards you, **you must wait for it to cross halfcourt** before you can grab it.
5. You may only retrieve a ball that is outside of the designated court if it is directly behind the court and still within the width of the court.

- a. If a ball is outside the width of the court, it may not be retrieved by a member actively playing and will have to be returned to the court of play by a spectator or HAB/staff.
6. If you throw a ball and it is **caught** by a member of the opposing team while the ball is still LIVE, you are out.
7. **You can deflect a ball with another ball**; if you **drop** the ball you are using to deflect with, you will be out.
 - a. Once the LIVE ball is deflected by another ball, the LIVE ball is now DEAD and cannot be caught to get the opponent who threw it out.
 - b. This does NOT apply to LIVE balls that hit you and are deflected into the air. If a ball strikes you, and you catch it before it contacts another surface (floor, another ball, wall, etc.), the catch counts, and the opposing player is out
8. If the Competition Director feels the game is being **stalled**, then they will begin counting down from 5, and **all balls must be thrown across the half-court line**. At the end of the countdown, whoever is still holding a ball will be out.

Winning the Game:

1. The first team to eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner.
2. If the game lasts longer than **8 minutes**, based on the official game clock, the game will be terminated, and the team with the **most players remaining** will win.
3. If there are the same number of players on the court for both teams, the team that eliminated the first opposing player will advance to the next round

Time-outs:

1. Each team will be allowed **one 30-second time-out** per game.

Big Pink

Date: Thursday, September 24th

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Check-In: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Location: Wellness Center

The Big Pink all-inclusive volleyball tournament will be open to students, faculty, and staff. Teams can be comprised of either students representing their organization or faculty and staff. This tournament is free. The tournament will be single elimination.

Overall Rules:

1. Teams can be co-ed, men or women, and must have at least three people but a max of 10. A maximum of six people can be on the court at one time.
2. You may sub in and out when the ball is not in play, but must be recognized by the referee before subbing in
3. Rally scoring: A point is scored on every serve, regardless of the team that serves.

Play:

1. A ball cannot be played off the wall, poles, or curtain.
 - a. Trapping the ball in the net is not allowed.
2. The ball can be played off the basketball goals only if it remains on your side when it hits the goal.
3. The ball may also be played off the ceiling only if it stays on that team's side that hit it.
4. Players must rotate after every server exchange. Rotation is clockwise.
5. Games last 15 minutes. The team with the most points at the end of the 15 minutes wins. In the case of a tie, play until the next point is scored.

Serving:

1. Server must serve behind the serve line (the 10-foot line).
2. Two members of the team may hold the ball up, and the server may hit it out of their hands, but they have to have one foot on each side of the server line.
 - a. A receiving team may not attempt to block/spike another team's serve.
3. A maximum of three (3) hits per side is allowed.
4. The same person may not hit the ball twice in a row.
5. The ball may not be kicked or headed at any time.
6. No leaning or sitting on the ball.
7. A player cannot hit the net or step over the middle line while making a play.

Attire:

1. No jewelry is allowed during play. Watches may be used at your own discretion.

Athletic shoes are required (i.e., no flip-flops, dress shoes, or bare feet).

YELL

Date: Thursday, September 24th

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 PM

Check-In: 8:15 PM - 8:45 PM

Location: Hamilton Field House

Check-in:

1. **Performers** will check in at the west entrance of Hamilton Field House.; you must have your physical student ID to check in.
2. **Attendees** may check in at the south entrance of Hamilton Field House

Overall:

1. Yell will be divided into two groups: small and large organizations.
 - a. A **maximum of 20 members** may participate for a **small** organization.
 - b. A **maximum of 40 members** may participate for a **large** organization.
2. The YELL intent form is DUE on UCORE **Sunday, September 6th**. Randomized Words: Each organization will be given an envelope that includes **5 random words** prior to the start of practices that are required to be included in your chant. Your words may be used anywhere in the chant. If you do not include all words in your chant, you will be deducted 5 points per word missed.
 - a. Organizations will be given their words on **Monday, September 7th**.
3. Chants must be a **minimum of 60 seconds** but **cannot exceed 2 minutes** in length.
4. Time will start when your group begins to speak any word of the chant.
5. Time will stop when **ALL PARTICIPANTS** have stopped vocalizing the chant. For time violations, 5 points will be deducted initially, and penalization will continue at a rate of 5 points every 10 seconds after the initial 5-point deduction.
 - a. Individuals performing may be able to move once into a new formation. Both feet may move.
 - b. No jumps, kicks are allowed as long as one foot is on the ground during the kick.
 - c. No lifting
6. No props of any kind may be used during your chant.
7. Your chant may not consist of any explicit or suggestive words. It must be deemed acceptable by the opinion of the Homecoming Activities Board.
 - a. Chants must be submitted in a document **only** through UCORE due on **Friday, September 11th at 11:55 PM**. Once the chant is turned in, it is considered final unless changes are requested by HAB.
 - b. Submit Your 2026 YELL Chant HERE
8. Infractions may also be issued for any offenses including, but not limited to inappropriate wordage, any interference that inhibits the ability of the judges to hear or view an opposing organization's chant, any form of unsportsmanlike conduct that takes place during an opposing team's performance, or the use of any individuals who are not listed on the original roster submitted for Yell. All infractions and penalties awarded will be decided by the Homecoming Activities Board and may include any punishment ranging from deduction of points to the disqualification of the group.

9. After check-in and before the beginning of the event, organizations will be allowed to mark their formation(s) but will not be allowed to practice any part or the entirety of their routine.

YELL Practice Hours:

1. Organizations only allowed a maximum of 8 hours of practice from September 13th - September 18th and a maximum of 4 hours from September 19th - September 24th.
2. Each organization must prepare a practice schedule and locations and submit it via UCORE before their first practice. Practice times and locations must be submitted no later than September 11th by **11:55 PM**.
 - a. Submit Your 2026 YELL Practice Time/Location HERE
3. Practices should take place as close to campus as possible.
4. You must complete your practice time before midnight each night. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The first infraction will result in a deduction of 50 points. The second infraction will result in disqualification from Yell.
5. Each organization should understand they are subject to random drop-ins from HAB.

Outfits:

1. Costumes will be a new category used as bonus points. Your organization must be in matching or coordinating with each other.
2. No feathers and glitter of any kind are strictly prohibited and will lead to a point deduction. Glitter used in face paint, hair spray, lip gloss, etc., is allowed if it does not rub off and fall to the ground. Consult HAB if there are questions.

Judging Categories:

1. Cohesiveness of Chant
2. Preparedness
3. Crowd Appeal
4. Projection
5. UCO Pride
6. Clarity of Chant
7. Personality of Chant

Capture the Flag

Date: Friday, September 25th

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Check-In: 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Location: Plunkett Park

This is a single-elimination tournament. There will be two brackets: men's and women's. Points will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the men's and women's brackets, respectively.

Overall Rules:

1. Capture the Flag will be split into men's and women's. **There will be no co-ed teams in the tournament.** Co-ed teams will have to find a full team of individuals who complete a men's or women's team. Organizations are only allowed to participate on one team.
2. Teams will consist of will consist of **5 members and 2 alternates**. Teams may **sub 1 time** throughout each round when the game is paused. Each sub **must** be recognized by a referee.
 - a. Alternates may only enter the game if they are subbed in. Once subbed in, they will remain in until the end of the match or until they are subbed out.
3. There will be 4 referees plus the Competitions Director watching the game, who have the authority to call someone out or pause the game if an incident arises.
4. There will be no hitting, punching, or tackling other players. If any of these incidents occur, then the player or players will be removed from the game and the team responsible will not be allowed to substitute another player.
5. Each team will have their "home base" where their flag is located. This base will be set up by HAB prior to the start of the game.
 - a. Each team will be given their flag at an org rep meeting. The flag can be decorated.
6. The obstacles will be set up prior to the first game. You are not permitted to move obstacles at any time (before, during, or after any games).
 - a. If caught moving obstacles the player moving them will be removed from the game.
 - i. The team may be allowed to use their one sub to replenish their team. However, if the team has already used their one sub for that round, they will be forced to play a man down for the remainder of the round.

Pregame:

1. Teams will be in 2 sides of the field
2. Each team's flag will be stationed at its home base before the game begins.

During Game:

1. Each game will be composed of two 5-minute rounds.
 - a. If needed, a third round will be played as a tiebreaker.
2. Each player will be wearing a belt flag. Once the belt flag is removed by a member of the other team, that player is out and must go stand in the designated area.

- a. Belt flags must be worn in their designed fashion and may not be tied or altered in any way making it more difficult to remove.
 - b. Once a players belt flag is removed, they will remain out for the duration of the round. Players may reset with each round.
3. The Competitions Director will keep official time and give time warnings during the game.
 - a. A Homecoming Staff member will be stationed at each home base keeping time.
4. If your team flag is pulled, you are out.
 - a. If your team is out, go back to your home base.
5. When a flag is pulled, time will stop and officials will blow their whistles three times. Depending on the round, this will mean the game is over.
 - a. Each round will be ended with 3 whistles.
6. HAB members will walk around the field and if they feel like the player is stalling. The HAB member will start counting down (loudly) from 10; you will have 10 seconds to make a competitive move.
 - a. If you do not make a competitive move in the set amount of time, then you will be removed from the game.
 - b. A competitive move is at the sole discretion of HAB

Homecoming Festival

Date: Saturday, September 26th

Set up time: 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Festival: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Lot 47

Check-in period: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The organizations will each individually design a festival-type game or activity that fits into two parking spaces (18x32, approximately). Organizations competing may use any materials they choose to make a game or activity for their booth. HAB expects space to be utilized as best as possible. The game or activity will be judged at some point during the festival by one set of judges. The game or activity will also need to incorporate the Homecoming theme. ***If your organization is interested in tailgating, please contact the Community Outreach Director (bstaab@uco.edu) to ensure you have a space reserved***

Overall Rules:

1. Designs with a proposed festival game or activity are due by **Monday, September 14th, by 11:55 PM** via UCORE, which includes a sketch.
 - a. If there is a repeat booth activity, the organization that submitted it first will be given that booth activity.
 - b. Note: There will be NO electricity or water source.
 - c. [Submit your 2026 Festival Booth HERE](#)
2. The booth can NOT cover more than the space WITHIN the white lines of the spaces assigned, as you will be next to other orgs. If it covers or passes the white lines, the organization will be disqualified.
3. Set up may begin at 1:45 PM and must be completed by 2:45 PM. The booth will be disqualified from the competition if adjustments are made after this time. Please note that Washington and the parking lot are closed to car traffic starting at 3 PM. If your organization's booth needs to be transported by a vehicle, please indicate such in your design submission, and accommodations can be made accordingly.
4. BOOTHS MUST BE SET FOR THE WHOLE DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL to receive ANY points.
5. Incorporate UCO colors and the 2026 Homecoming theme: Once Upon a Homecoming. All competitive entries will be subject to a deduction of points for misspelling. (There is an "H" in Bronchos)
6. Organizations will need signage for their booth, including the organization name and activity details. This should be made and posted by the booth for participants and judges to clearly see.
7. Organizations MUST BRING THEIR OWN TABLE. UCO does not have enough tables for us to provide you with one. Homecoming will not provide tents for their booth; however, orgs may bring their own tents if wanted.
8. HAB reserves the right to limit the number of organization members present at the booth while judging is taking place to ensure an equitable judging experience for all organizations.
 - a. Failure to reduce the number of members present at the booth, if indicated to be necessary by HAB, may result in a point deduction

Judging Criteria:

1. Originality and Creativity: demonstrating independent thought and imagination while creating a fun activity or game for families, especially kids.
2. Technicality/Functionality: the game or activity must be something that people of all ages can do while being festive and memorable.
3. Entertainment: members must provide a fun and well-designed game or activity that encourages participation.
4. Central Spirit: decorating bronze and blue across campus with fellow UCO Bronchos.

Royalty Elections & Information

Nomination Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for Homecoming Royalty, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a **senior** (defined as either a 4th or 5th year student regardless of credit hours).
2. Must be enrolled as a **full-time student** during the fall semester.
3. Must have at least a current **3.0 cumulative grade point average**.
4. Must be **nominated by a UCO Recognized Student Organization (RSO), athletic team, or spirit team**
 - a) The nominating organization must participate in at least **Dec the Campus** and **Lip Sync Battle** for their nominee to be eligible.
 - b) The candidate **must** be on the Participation Roster.
5. All Recognized Student Organizations, athletic teams, or spirit teams can nominate **one member** for Royalty Court unless the organization has been given sanctions by the University restricting Homecoming participation.

Application & Interview Requirements

1. All royalty applicants must attend **one of the information sessions** - it is suggested that the organization representative from the sponsoring organization also attend one session.
 - a. Royalty Information Session Dates:
 - i. April 26, 3:00 to 5:00 PM - Henry Bellmon Room (NUC 314)
 - ii. April 30, 10:00 to 12:00 PM - Henry Bellmon Room (NUC 314)
 - iii. May 1, 5:30 to 7:30 PM - Henry Bellmon Room (NUC 314)
 - b. If you are unable to attend one of the information sessions dates, please contact Cale Woolf at cwoolf@uco.edu.
2. All royalty applications must be submitted **by Monday, May 18th, by 11:55 PM** via UCORE. When completing the application, you are required to upload the following documents
 - a. **Headshot** – you will be asked to submit a professional-looking headshot with your application
 - b. **Resume** – you will want to include student organizations you have been involved with during your college career, service completed, awards and honors received, etc.
 - c. **Letter of Support** – must be from the Org Rep, President, or Advisor of the organization you are representing.
 - d. Submit your [2026 Homecoming Royalty Application](#)
3. All royalty **interviews** will take place on **Friday, August 21st, from 9:00 to 3:00 PM**. All applicants must be available during one of these times to be considered for the court.
4. Allow **20 minutes** for interviews.
5. Dress professionally in **UCO colors**.
6. The **top 10** Royal Broncho Candidates, based on interview score, will be selected as members of the Homecoming Royalty Court and will be subject to all of the requirements as listed in the “Court Requirements” section below.
 - a. If not selected to be a member of the Homecoming Royalty Court, applicants are not subject to the requirements.

Elections

1. The election will be held from **8:00 AM** on **Monday, September 21st**, through **Thursday, September 24th** and will close at **11:55 PM**.
2. Votes will be cast on UCORE
3. **NO** hard campaigning of any kind, including posters, social media posts, buttons, stakes, flyers, t-shirts, “vote for...” etc.
4. The two individuals named as UCO Royal Bronchos will be decided based on a point structure where 60% of the total points are awarded in the interview stage, and the remaining 40% of the total points are awarded based on the election held on UCORE.
5. [Vote for your Royal Broncho Candidates HERE](#)

Court Requirements

1. Each candidate is required to turn in one **22in x 28in foam board poster**. The poster must include one picture (no larger than 8x10in) and can only list activities and organizations they have been active in at the University of Central Oklahoma. These posters will be displayed on the second floor of the Nigh University Center. All posters are due by **Monday, September 14, by 4:00 PM** in the **Student Involvement Center (NUC 141)**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
2. If chosen to serve on the Royalty Court, candidates **must** represent their designated organization at the following events:
 - a. **Lip Sync Battle** – September 20th (must perform, see section above)
 - b. **Bronze and Blueberry Breakfast** – September 23rd
 - c. **YELL** – September 24th
 - d. **Festival** – September 26th (may leave at 5:00 PM to prepare for the game)
 - e. **Homecoming Game** – September 26th
3. Any UCO student-athletes selected to be on the Homecoming Royalty Court may be exempt from any requirements involving physical activity that could result in injury in accordance with University policy.