

Valdosta State University  
The Office of Student Life

**Homecoming Handbook 2024**

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# *The 2024 Homecoming Committee*

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Location: Blazerlink

Voting for Class Prince & Princesses..... 1:00 AM-11:59 PM

The voting will be taking place on BlazerLink. The Prince and Princess with the most votes from each class will be crowned at the Pep Rally!

Location: BlazerLink

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Pep Rally ..... 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Check out this Neon Pep Rally! Meet the athletic teams, get fired up for the game Saturday, and find out the winners of the Sidewalk Chalk, Blazer Billboard, and Penny Wars competitions. Class Prince & Princesses and king and queen winners from each category will be crowned. Special Announcement Coming Soon!

Location: The Plex

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>9:c-0.e f EMu -0.r...BMC 72 484.2.76 0.24 re f EMC BT /j EMC /P r9 >>BD9 /TT0 1 Tf 12 0 0 12 72 460.92 Tm (2)T83c4812490481[9

2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Voting..... 9:00 PM-2:00 [(92:8 [(9)F8-(700

Join the Mu Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha for the Annual Homecoming Step Show! Featuring VSU Greek Organizations and visiting Greek chapters from other campuses.

Location: The Plex

## Competition Division Descriptions

To encourage maximum participation, there are three divisions for Homecoming teams each year: the Flame Division for Student Organizations and Groups of Students, the Bonfire Division for Social Greek lettered organizations, and the Inferno Division for Housing & Residence Life.

### The Flame Division (RSOs & Groups of Students)

1. Any 1 or more ~~student organizations (up to three) or affiliated group of students~~ (e.g. - a leadership role group, a class, a cohort, a VSU program, leader team) are welcome to participate in the Flame Division as pairings. Flame Division

7. 50 PTs will be given to the groups who host two (2) hangout events with their team before the start of Homecoming.

### The Inferno Division (Housing & Residence Life)

1. The Inferno Division is only open to Housing Halls. Inferno Division participants must compete in at least 4 of the activities.
2. Any Hall competing in the Inferno Division will not be allowed to compete in the Flame Division or Bonfire Division for points.
- 3.

# Spirit Point System

Event	Winner Point Totals	Points for Participation	Notes
Blazer Billboard	First: 300 Second: 200 Third: 100	Participation: 50	Teams can receive free supplies, including the Billboard and paint at Midnight Madness.
Sidewalk Chalk	First: 300 Second: 200 Third: 100	Participation: 50	
Penny Wars	First: 300 Second: 200 Third: 100	Participation: 50	Please see Penny Wars page for more information.
Sponsor someone to Homecoming Court	N/A	Participation: 25 per prince/princess or King/Queen candidate	The person must apply and complete the interview process to receive the points. Max is 50 points



# Registration

1. Please read and understand all content in the 2022 Blazer Hoedown Throwdown Homecoming packet.
2. Log on to Blazerlink to sign up for the events in which your organization wants to participate.
3. Incorporate the Blazer Hoedown Throwdown theme in every aspect of Homecoming week.
4. Communicate the enclosed information to your advisor and team.
5. Select candidates and decide in which events/contest your group will participate.
6. Complete all the related forms for the activities in which your organization or hall will participate.
7. Submit registration into Blazerlink no later than Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Late registration will not be accepted. No exceptions!
8. Place an order for your homecoming shirt.
9. Start preparing and getting excited for Homecoming week. Share the journey by using #VStateHC and tagging @vsuhomecoming
10. Have fun! Contact Student Life with any questions at 229-333-5674!

# Infractions or Incident of Concern Reporting

For any questions regarding the Homecoming Handbook or to report a rule

Administrative Points Penalty levied by an administrator due to endangering others or anything deemed not in keeping with The Blazer Creed.	-100 points or more
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\* Disqualification or Point Deductions:

2. Spectators will be expected to refrain from profane, offensive, or divisive language during, prior to, and after competitions.
3. Spectators will not engage in any altercations but will instead report any issues or

All applicants will participate in an interview process.

will be responsible for the purchase of their own game tickets. The dress code will be semiformal.

- Promotion of Homecoming Events

Official candidates will need to stay tuned for an email about being on campus with the FirePit to promo the upcoming Homecoming events.

All candidates may begin campaigning once contacted by the Office of Student Life. Everyone is required to follow Appendix 1 campaigning rules and regulations or be

2. All billboards must incorporate the theme, Blazer Hoedown Throwdown
3. Blazer Billboards will be judged by peers at the pep rally on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>
4. Members of your organization and/or hall must draw, paint, and/ or decorate the Blazer Billboards. See Appendix 2 for more information.
5. The Blazer Billboards must be finished and brought to the Complex by 4pm on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, to be judged.

For additional information contact [homecoming@valdosta.edu](mailto:homecoming@valdosta.edu)

Register for the sheet sign competition using this link:

<https://valdosta.presence.io/form/homecoming-2024-blazer-hoedown-throwdown>

## Sidewalk Chalk

Date: Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:01 am- 4:00 pm All judging will start at 400 pm on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

Location : Palms Quad

Points : 50 points for participation

\* 300, 200, and 100 points will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>d</sup> place, respectively for each division.

Rules:

1. Organizations can only use the blocked off area to create their designs. One sidewalk section per team. Please leave enough space between each exhibit so that all participants will have free room to work.

2. Sidewalk chalk designs and Valdosta State Trademarks should not be used in conjunction with: alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal and recreational drugs & drug paraphernalia, gambling products, firearms or other weapons, profanity, sexual acts & sexually oriented goods, statements impugning other universities, racist, hateful, demeaning or degrading language or statements.
3. Members of your organization or hall must draw the sidewalk displays.
4. ONLY washable materials may be used (chalk, charcoal, etc.)
5. Automatic disqualification will ensue if it is discovered permanent materials have been used such as paint, hairspray or any other materials.
6. The displays must be finished and ready to be judged by Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1



12am-1am Palms Quad

11am-3pm Palms Quad

6pm-10pm Student Union

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

11am-3 pm Student Union

\*\*\*\*Any hours outside of the times listed above, the Penny Wars bins will be located

at the Student Union Information Desk

### Points Breakdown

#### Positive Points:

- Penny = 1 Point
- Nickel = 5 Points
- Dime = 10 Points
- Quarter = 25 Points

#### Negative Points:

- \$1 dollar = -100 Points
- \$5 dollars = -500 Points
- \$10 dollars = -1000 Points
- \$20 dollars = -2000 Points

### How it works:

1. The objective is simple –each team gets points based on the money that gets put in their bins located at events or in the Student Union. Change gets team points, while paper money takes it away.
2. Funds will be raised for Hurricane Relief.
3. The war will end on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, and the winner will be announced at the pep rally.

For additional information contact [homecoming@valdosta.edu](mailto:homecoming@valdosta.edu)



# Scoring Rubrics

# Sidewalk Chalk Score Criteria

Scale: 1- poor 10-best

Please circle the score for each category. Complete the scoring sheet by totaling your scores at the bottom of the page.

Design

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

Creativity

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

Blazer Spirit

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

Theme Integration

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

Neatness and Quality

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

Overall Presentation

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

## Appendix 1

1. All campaigning and/or campaigning materials must be purchased by the individual.
2. Ads in the student newspaper (The Spectator) and other campus media may not be purchased with monies from student fees that are allocated to specific organizations and/or departments but may be purchased with other funds.

3. Candidates can only be sponsored by one (1) organization. Even if a candidate is a part of multiple organizations, they can only have one sponsor.
4. Candidates can only put one organization logo on their marketing.
5. Campaign posters shall be hung only on bulletin boards and other approved sites.
6. No campaign posters or signs may be placed on the doors, walls, windows, glass, or organic surfaces in any campus buildings.
7. Please consult the person or persons responsible for the location of the desired posting for other rules or restrictions for that location.
8. No cellophane-type tape or other materials that may cause permanent damage may be used to hang or secure campaign materials.
9. Tags may be worn by the candidate (“Hello, I’m Jane Doe”) as a source of identification only.
10. Sashes must be worn to all campus events related to Homecoming.
11. Organizations cannot pay for any campaign materials for their candidate.
12. No platforms are allowed to be posted, talked about or shared.
13. At official events every member of the Court must wear their “Homecoming Court” sash.
14. All sheet signs must be approved by the Office of Student Life, and all posting policies must be adhered to.
  - a. Select the Homecoming Steering Committee in the “Your Organization” drop down menu.
15. Every candidate has until Friday October 18 by 5:00 PM to remove all campaign materials. If they are not removed by the deadline the candidate will be disqualified.
16. Please address all questions before you and/or your sponsoring group begins campaigning to ensure that all rules are followed to avoid disqualification. If any of these rules are broken, the candidate will be disqualified immediately.
17. Funding Amount:
  - a. Candidates can spend up to \$500 on items for their campaign
  - b. Candidates can get up to \$300 worth of items or services that are donated by a company.
  - c. All items need to have receipts or item value that are turned in on Friday, October 18 by 4:00 PM to

- The second election will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 9:00 PM to 2:00 PM to select the official King & Queen. The 2024 Homecoming King & Queen will be announced during the halftime show at the Homecoming Game on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The election for Class Prince & Princesses will take place on October 1

