

# UTPB 2025 HOMECOMING PACKET

*Falcon Flashback: Decades Edition*



## ABOUT HOMECOMING

Every fall, UT Permian Basin celebrates homecoming with an event-filled week that promotes school spirit, tradition, and pride across campus. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate in these themed events put together by the Homecoming Committee. In addition to campus-wide events, the campus community is invited to participate in a series of spirit competitions throughout the week in which teams can compete to see who exemplifies the most Falcon pride.

Included in this packet is information about each spirit competition students can compete in as well as rules, deadlines and point system breakdown. If you have any questions about the contents in this packet, please send us an email at [corcino\\_s@utpb.edu](mailto:corcino_s@utpb.edu)

## THEME SELECTION

The theme for this year's homecoming was decided on by the Homecoming Committee! The theme will be **"Falcon Flashback: Decades Edition"** for the Fall 2025 Homecoming season.

The events throughout the week will fit the theme. Teams that will be competing in this year's homecoming spirit competitions should plan to incorporate the theme into their team's name and in the competitions, they compete in.

## SPIRIT COMPETITION

Any combination of students, faculty, and staff are welcome to compete in the spirit competition. **Competing teams MUST have at least 5 members and a maximum of 10.** While student organizations may sign up as an organization, students not involved in any organizations may also sign up to participate.

Teams will compete in various activities throughout the week, as explained in this packet. Teams can choose to attend any or all events, *but those who attend all have the greatest chance of receiving the most points by the end of the week.*

The winning team will be announced at the football game on **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. The winners will have their name etched in history on a Homecoming Spirit Competition Trophy held in the Center for Student Involvement (SAC 200).

To participate, teams must sign up using the [Microsoft form link](#) provided by the Office of Student Life. **Registration closes on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10pm.**

Please send any questions you may have to [corcino\\_s@utpb.edu](mailto:corcino_s@utpb.edu)

# STUDENT ORGANIZATION/CLUBS BANNER COMPETITION

**Event Information:** Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 5:00pm

**Check-in:** 11:30am | UTPB GYM (Upstairs)

## **Banner Competition Rules:**

1. The sign must not exceed 12x15 feet and must be at least 9 x12 feet (not including the poles). Signs that do not meet these dimensions will be disqualified.
2. Should your team win the contest, you are responsible for the poles used to hold the signs at the football game.
3. The materials will be provided by the Office of Student Activities.
4. All teams must take their banner to the SAC and hang it up. Any remaining signs at the gym will receive a 10-point deduction from their overall homecoming points.

## **Judging Rubric:**

- Use of Theme (1 – 10pts)
- Creativity (1 – 10pts)
- UTPB Spirit (1 – 10pts)
- Originality (1 – 10pts)

**Winner will be announced on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> during Nailed It.**

## **Winners:**

The **1<sup>st</sup> place** sign will be used at the start of the Homecoming football game. They will be required to meet at the game with their signs, poles and people holding the sign no later than 5:15pm.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> place** sign should be on standby in case of an emergency on the day of the game.

Groups are responsible for their poles to hold the sign at the football game and to have members available to clean the field right after the run through.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATION/CLUBS BANNER COMPETITION

	Participation	Placed in Banner	Max Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	30 Points	35 Points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	20 Points	25 Points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points
<b>Other Contestants</b>	5 Points	-	5 Points

## MINUTE-TO-WIN IT GAMES (HAPPENING DURING KICK-OFF)

**Check-In:** Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm, SAC

### Minute to win it Rules:

1. The tournament will consist of 5 activities; a different participant will be chosen for each activity minus the balloon race which will have three participants of their choosing.
2. Each team must select one representative per game, except for the Balloon Relay, which requires all three players.
3. Each game has a one-minute time limit.
4. Each task allows for three attempts.
5. Scoring is based on participation, and which attempt is successful.

	Participation	Placed	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points		165 max
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points		
<b>Other Contestants</b>	5 Points		

Activity	10 Points (1 <sup>st</sup> Attempt)	5 Points (2 <sup>nd</sup> attempt)	0 Points (3 <sup>rd</sup> attempt)
Balloon Dress-Up	5 Points		165 max
Fill the Bucket	5 Points		
Cash Grab	5 Points		
Blown Away	5 Points		

Balloon Relay	5 Points		
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## HOMECOMING ROYALTY COMPETITION

**Event Information:** Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6PM

**Location:** Library Event Center

**Check-in:** 5:30PM

### **Homecoming Royalty Nominations and Elections:**

- Only one (1) king and one (1) queen nominee per organization/department.
- The nominating organization/department must be participating in homecoming.
- Nominees must have **at least** a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Nominees must be a junior, senior, or graduate student to be eligible.
- Nominees must be in good disciplinary standing with UT Permian Basin.
- Each group/department is responsible for ensuring their candidates are eligible under the guidelines established by the UT Permian Basin Homecoming Committee.

*To ensure candidate eligibility before the deadline, submit nominee forms soon as possible to provide enough time to review and resubmit a nomination if necessary.*

### **Nomination Form:**

- Court nominees must accept the nomination before submitting the Court Nomination Form.
- It is the nominators responsibility to fill out the Court Nomination Form.
  - **(YOU CANNOT NOMINATE YOURSELF).**
- Nominators must fill out the Court Nomination Form via the Microsoft Form link provided by the office of Student Activities. This form can be found on the homecoming website. **This form is due by October 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- The nomination form includes a brief statement (300 words or less) about who you are and why you are running for Homecoming King/Queen. If you are selected for the ballot, your statement may be included on the form.

### **Requirements:**

- Nominees may not campaign until they are confirmed to be on the Homecoming ballot and have attended a campaign meeting with the Homecoming committee or received an email. If you want to post flyers around campus, please have them approved by Selene Corcino, Assistant Director of Student Activities, [corcino\\_s@utpb.edu](mailto:corcino_s@utpb.edu), by **October 13<sup>th</sup>** to have them up in time.

- If the nominee advances to Homecoming Court, they must be present at the Homecoming Court Presentation on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. **Please arrive by 5:30pm.**

**Finalists MUST be present at the following events:**

- Homecoming parade on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. **Homecoming Royalty please arrive by 6:30pm.**
- Homecoming Royalty Presentation, **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** during football game halftime.
- Halftime field practice at the UTPB (University of Texas Permian Basin) soccer field at a **time that is to be determined.**
- Homecoming football game Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Astound Broadband Stadium (Midland).

**Voting:**

- For this competition there will be two rounds of voting. Preliminary voting to determine the homecoming court will be held on **October 13<sup>th</sup> - October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Homecoming court will be announced at the Homecoming Court Presentation on **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**
- Final voting for Homecoming King and Queen will take place **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with form closing at 10am.**

*For preliminary voting stage, students can vote for up to 4 kings and queens, and in the final voting stage, students can only vote for 1 king and queen.*



# Vinyl Decorating

**Event Information:** Tuesday, October 21<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** SAC Lobby

**Time:** 11AM

Celebrate Homecoming Week with us! This fun event is open to all students and student organizations, stop by, hang out, and decorate your own vinyl to take home (while supplies last).

# NAILED IT: DECADES EDITION

**Check-In:** Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM on the SAC Patio

**Event Information:** Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM

Nailed-It is a competition where teams will participate in a baked goods decorating competition. Teams **MUST** select 3 individuals from their team that they believe will be the best at this competition. Those 3 individuals will be competing in 3 different rounds.

The rounds will consist of cake pop decorating, cupcake decorating, and cake decorating. No members outside of those 3 can compete for their teams so choose wisely!

## Nailed It Rules:

- 1.) Teams must choose 3 members to compete in the competition.
- 2.) Once those 3 members are chosen, no one can tag in or out of the competition.
- 3.) Team will be judged according to what is being created.
- 4.) Contestants cannot sabotage each other's creations.

## Judging Criteria:

- Use of Theme (1 – 10pts)
- Accuracy (1 – 10pts)
- UTPB Spirit (1 – 10pts)
- Visual Appeal (1 – 10pts)

	Participation	Placement	Max Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	30 Points	35 Points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	20 Points	25 Points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points
<b>Other Contestants</b>	5 Points	-	5 Points

# FALCON RUNWAY

**Check-In:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30PM in the SAC

**Event Information:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00PM

The Fashion Show is a competition of several rounds, each meant to showcase a specific decade. The five decades that will make up the five rounds are the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s. The rounds will follow that order.

## Fashion Show Rules:

- 1.) The competition will consist of 5 rounds consisting of 5 players each.
- 2.) For each round, each team will have one representative of their group following the theme of the decade of that round.
- 3.) No inappropriate costumes. This includes profanity, nudity, gang affiliation or cultural appropriation. Cultural appropriation is defined as the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture. Any fault with these criteria will result in automatic disqualification.

## Judging Rubric:

- Use of Theme (1-10pts)
- Creativity (1-10pts)
- Originality (1-10pts)
- Energy (1-10pts)
- Costume Design (1-10pts)

	Participation	Placement	Max Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	30 Points	35 Points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	20 Points	25 Points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points
<b>Other Contestants</b>	5 Points	-	5 Points

# LIP SYNC/KARAOKE BATTLE

**Check-In:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the SAC

**Event Information:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the SAC

Each team will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to perform, including introductions and exits. If the performance is starting on stage and the entrance is not included in the choreography, time will start at the first movement. Teams are responsible for coming up with their costumes, choreography, and song choice.

## Lip Sync Rules:

1. Each team has a maximum of 5 minutes to perform their songs/compilations.
2. Teams must submit their songs and a list of performing members (max of 10) to [corcino\\_s@utpb.edu](mailto:corcino_s@utpb.edu) **no later than October 14th by 5:00 p.m.**
3. All songs must be clean versions – no exceptions.
4. Songs should align with but are not limited to the homecoming theme. Teams can earn more points for use of the Homecoming theme.
5. No inappropriate costumes. This includes profanity, nudity, gang affiliation or cultural appropriation. Cultural appropriation is defined as the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing that you understand or respect this culture. Any fault with these criteria will result in automatic disqualification.
6. Choreography must be appropriate. No vulgar dance moves. Any fault of this will also result in automatic disqualification.
7. No contact between performers and judges or audience members is allowed.
8. No glitter, confetti, or difficult to clean props may be used.
9. Teams must attend a sound check on a specified date.
10. The order of performances will be drawn at random during check-in.

## Judging Rubric:

- Originality (1 – 10pts)
- Creativity of Music Selection (1 – 10pts)
- Energy (1 – 10pts)
- Lip Readability (1 – 10pts)
- Synchronization of Movement with the Music (1 – 10pts)
- Crowd Appeal (1 – 10pts)
- On Theme (1 – 10pts)
- Costume Design (1 – 10pts)

	Participation	Placement	Max Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	30 Points	35 Points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	20 Points	25 Points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points
<b>Other Contestants</b>	5 Points	-	5 Points

# Dodgeball Tournament

**Check-in:** Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM, UTPB GYM (Upstairs)

**Event starts at 6:00PM**

## Dodgeball Rules:

1. A minimum of six team members must participate.
2. Everyone must sign the Release and Indemnification Agreement Form.
3. All members must be current UTPB students with a valid student ID.
4. Players must be behind the back line until balls are released.

## Eliminations: A player is out if:

1. They are hit by a ball (before it touches the floor/ceiling/wall).
2. Their throw ball is caught by the other team.
3. They step out of bounds or cross the center line.

## Boundaries:

1. Players must remain inside court lines.
2. No stepping over the center line to throw.

## Throws & Deflections:

1. Players may use a ball to block, but if the ball is knocked out of their hands, they're out.
2. Headshots do not count unless the player ducked into the throw.

## Sportsmanship:

1. A 10-second penalty will be added for unsportsmanlike behavior.
2. Teams can earn extra points by creating a team chant.
3. Referees have the final say on all calls.

	Participation	Placed	Extra points	Max Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	50 Points	10 Points	65 Points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	30 Points	10 Points	45 Points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	20 Points	10 Points	35 Points
<b>Other Contestants</b>	5 Points		10 Points	15 Points

## Scooby – Doo Movie Night

**Event Information:** Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8PM. SAC Lobby

Take it back to the classics with our Decades-Themed Homecoming movie night! Join us after the Dodgeball Tournament for a showing of *Scooby-Doo*.

Bring your friends, kick back, and enjoy a fun throwback film with free popcorn while supplies last.

# PARADE

**Check-In:** Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Founders Building parking lot.

**Start Time:** 7PM

**Route:** The route will start from the Founders Building, head towards Parker Ranch House, RDH, Science & Technology. SAC, Stonehenge Replica. Parade will conclude at the UTPB Soccer Field (Kirk Turf Field).

**Judges:** Judges will be sitting along the route of the parade.

## Parade Rules:

1. The parade is a community-wide family friendly event. All floats must be family friendly. If teams are unsure of what is acceptable, they may contact Student Activities for a review of their float plans.
2. Teams cannot yell profanities of any kind.
3. Teams must drive 1-5 mph on their route.
4. Students may not hang out of their vehicle side windows.
5. Teams may only toss store-bought pre-packaged candy.

**If a student organization/club needs to decorate their float, they will meet in the parking lot next to the Founders Building at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 24. The parking lot will be blocked off by UTPB Police.**

**Parade participants will meet the HOCO Committee members there at 6:00 PM to check in. (Floats must be ready for parade)**

**Judging Criteria:** The group with the most points will place 1<sup>st</sup> down to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Most Spirited (1 – 10pts)
- Use of Theme (1 – 10pts)
- Creativity (1 – 10pts)
- Aesthetically Pleasing (1 – 10pts)
- Originality (1 – 10pts)
- Crowd Appeal (1 – 10pts)

	Participation	Placement	Max Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	30 Points	35 Points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	20 Points	25 Points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points



Other Contestants	5 Points	-	5 Points
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**THANK YOU AND MAY THE TEAM WITH  
THE MOST FALCON SPIRIT WIN!!**

