



2025
HOMECOMING
PACKET



Tennessee TECH

2025 Homecoming Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, October 27	Banner Competition	9:00am - 11:30am	RUC First Floor Lobby
Tuesday, October 28	Crowdfunding Drive	Link will open at 8:00am on Monday, October 27 and will close Tuesday, October 28 at 3:00 pm	This event is online! The link will be provided closer to the event!
Tuesday, October 28	Homecoming Carnival	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Main Quad
Wednesday, October 29	Lip Sync Competition	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Memorial Gym
Thursday, October 30	Homecoming Hangout	11:00am - 12:00pm	Centennial Plaza
Saturday, November 1	Homecoming Parade	9:00am	Dixie Ave
Saturday, November 1	Homecoming Football Game	12:00pm	Tucker Stadium

Participation

Teams and organizations can choose to participate in as many or as few Homecoming Competition contests as they desire.

- **Gold Division:** Up to three organizations with a total of no more than 250 members may combine to participate. Organizations cannot pair with the same groups for two consecutive years. Participants must be on the organization's member list in Eagle Engage before Homecoming starts. Membership and roster issues will be resolved between the Center for Student Engagement and organization advisors.
- **Purple Division:** Up to three organizations with a total of no more than 50 members may combine to participate. Organizations cannot pair with the same groups for two consecutive years. Participants must be on the organization's member list in Eagle Engage before Homecoming starts. Membership and roster issues will be resolved between the Center for Student Engagement and organization advisors.
- **Residence Hall Division:** Residence Hall units determined by Residential Life may participate. Residential Life will set and communicate participation rules.

Students should always prioritize their academic success. Homecoming will not provide excuses for missing classes.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

In line with Policy 302: Student Conduct, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of alcohol or any illegal drugs on Tennessee Tech Property or at any Tennessee Tech-Sponsored Activity, including Homecoming events, is prohibited. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any student organization from the Homecoming competition for policy violations. Violators may also face disciplinary actions under Policy 302: Student Conduct for violation of Tennessee Tech policies related to alcohol and/or illegal drugs.

Liability Notice

Tennessee Tech University and/or the Homecoming Committee are not responsible for injuries or damages incurred by participants in Homecoming events. The entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Tennessee Tech University and the Homecoming Committee members from any and all liability associated with their participation in the Homecoming events. Some events may require participants to sign a waiver of liability. Participants must also adhere to their own organization's insurance and risk management policies for Homecoming activities.

Points, Leaderboards, and Tie Breakers

Teams in all divisions earn points by participating in each contest. Bonus points are awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams for each division or for achieving specific performance thresholds. If a tie occurs in an individual contest, the teams' Crowd Funding amounts will break the tie. If a tie occurs in overall points, the highest-scoring parade team wins the Homecoming competition.

Event Points Breakdown:

Event	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Participation
Banner Contest	75 pts	60 pts	45 pts	20 pts
Lip Sync	80 pts	65 pts	50 pts	20 pts
Crowdfunding & TTU Miracle (Gold Division)	\$10,000+	(\$9,999 - \$7,000)	(\$6,999 - \$5,000)	\$100 +
	85 pts	65 pts	45 pts	30 pts
Carnival Games	75 pts	60 pts	45 pts	20 pts
Homecoming Hangout	-			Up to 35 pts*
Parade	130 pts	115 pts	100pts	75 pts

**See the Homecoming Hangout scoring details in the event descriptions section of this packet.*

Registration and Forms

All forms are to be submitted via Eagle Engage and linked on the Homecoming website.

Team Registration: Homecoming Competition Team Registration: Available from September 8th to October 3 at 11:55 pm. One form per team. The team contact must provide:

- Names of participating organizations and contacts.
- List of Homecoming Competition contests.
- Team theme.
- Lip Sync participants (up to 15 with alternates).
- Lip Sync music list, if applicable.

Organization Registration: Each participating organization must complete the registration form, which will provide the organization's contact info & advisor approval, etc. **These are due by October 3 at 11:55 pm** at the latest.

Parade Entry Form: Due October 10 by 11:55 pm. Parade participants will indicate whether they will have a float, walk as a group, or propose some other parade engagement. Each entry group needs to fill out a parade entry form. For example, your team will have fill out a parade entry for your float and an additional parade entry form for every additional vehicle/ group in the parade who.

Banner Competition

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 9:00am - 11:30 AM

Location: RUC

Event Rules:

1. Banners must be one FLAT SHEET for a FULL-SIZE bed, oriented VERTICAL ONLY.
2. The banner art should incorporate the homecoming theme *Tech on Broadway: A Story of Golden Achievements* and incorporate Awesome Eagle and Tennessee Tech Pride.
3. Banners must be tasteful and may not contain any explicit content. Banners MUST be PG-rated. If you have any questions regarding content appropriateness, contact engagement@tntech.edu. Any explicit content will result in a loss of points or disqualification from the event.
4. Banners will hang in the Roaden University Center the week of Homecoming.
5. The banners MUST be turned in on MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 BETWEEN 9:00- 11:30 am to the RUC lobby on the first floor. NO competition or participation points will be awarded for your banner after 11:30 am.
6. Paint on banners must be dry when turned in.
7. Banners will be judged on CREATIVITY, USE OF THEME, and QUALITY OF ARTWORK.
8. No banners from previous years may be used. If a previous banner is used, the organization will be subject to disqualification

Crowdfunding for Tennessee Tech Food Pantry

Date: Monday, October 27 - Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Time: 8:00am (Monday) - 3:00pm (Tuesday)

Event Rules:

1. Each participating organization will have a link to a Crowdfunding page.
2. The goal for each organization will be to raise money during the event. The link will be open at 8:00 am, beginning Monday October 27 and will close at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, October 28. No funds will be accepted after closing time!!! Link will be sent to primary and secondary Team Captains. It will be up to those Captains to share the link with their organizations.
3. Feel free to utilize social media and other ways to advertise that your organization is collecting donations.
4. All money donated during this day will be given to the Tennessee Tech Food Pantry so that they may purchase in-demand items for those students who need to utilize the pantry during the semester.
5. Teams raising at least \$100 will earn participation points.
6. Gold Division Teams can earn competition points for the Crowdfunding Drive by raising specific amounts of funds. Teams will earn the points associated with each target regardless of the performance of other teams. For instance – if all teams raise more than \$10,000, then all teams will earn the maximum competition points.
7. Purple Division and Res Hall Division teams are not eligible for the competition points.
8. Total funds raised and points earned will be announced at the Lip Sync event on October 28.
9. The University will use Monday, October 27th – Tuesday, October 28th as the primary days of fundraising.

Homecoming Carnival

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: The Quad (Rain Location: RUC)

Event Rules:

1. Teams will host a carnival booth that reflects their creativity, energy, and Homecoming theme.
2. Each carnival booth should have one game/activity, and prizes for those who “win” or succeed at the game. Traditional carnival games, such as Plinko, ring-toss, and knock-down throw games are welcome, but teams are encouraged to get creative with the games and prizes.
3. Members of each team will run their games, and event attendees will participate for free.
Teams should expect to serve 150+ participants, so consider your game’s difficulty when determining how many prizes to make available.
4. All teams that host a booth will earn participation points. Teams will compete to be the best Carnival Booth to earn competition points in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division. **Judges will rate each booth in the following categories:**
 - a. **Overall Booth Quality (neatness, organization, energy of team members)**
 - b. **Use of the Theme**
 - c. **Game and Prize creativity**
 - d. **Game Enjoyment.**
5. All teams must dispose of any trash related to their booth and remove all booth materials by 9pm.

Lip Sync Competition

Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Memorial Gym

Event Rules:

1. Each participating organization will perform a Lip Sync lasting no longer than 6 minutes. The performance should incorporate the homecoming theme *Tech on Broadway: A Story of Golden Achievements* and convey Tech Pride.
2. There will be no props provided by the Homecoming committee.
3. Teams must propose their song list via the Homecoming website by Friday, October 6, but are encouraged to submit the list as soon as possible, since songs will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. **A maximum of 15 people** can be involved in the performance. There must be at least one member from each organization involved in the competition.
5. **No harsh or vulgar language.** Remember to ask whether something is inappropriate to avoid disqualification.
6. **No unassisted flips, stunts, or jumping off the stage. Your team will automatically be disqualified if there is a breach of these rules. Please email your team's Lip Sync Competition video (for approval) to engagement@tntech.edu by October 20 to ensure that your performance is in compliance with the rules.**
7. Final music files must be submitted by Thursday, October 23.
8. No more than 10 props are allowed.
9. No Glitter, Streamers, feathers, or confetti
10. There will be a 10-point deduction for each additional prop.
11. Judging will be based on lip sync quality, theme, tech pride, creativity. Special emphasis will be placed on the quality of the lip syncing in the scoring.
12. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams from each division will be named.
13. **Participation Points will be awarded for each team based on emcee Roll Calls. When the team's name is called, members of the team should cheer and make their presence known. Each team will be called twice during the event and must respond both times.**

Important Lip Sync Dates

- October 1st: Submit Lip Sync Participants
- October 6th by 4:30 pm: Teams must propose their song list via Homecoming Website
- October 20st by 4:30 pm: Email team's Lip Sync Competition video to engagement@tntech.edu
- October 23rd by 4:30 pm: Final Music Files must be submitted

Homecoming Hangout

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Centennial Plaza

Details:

1. The Homecoming Hangout is a chance for all members of the Tennessee Tech community to celebrate their Tech Pride and enjoy an evening on campus. The event will feature food, music, and giveaways.
2. Homecoming Competition Teams can earn Participation points by participating in the activities during the event.
 - a. **Point Structure**
 - i. 30% or more of your organization's members participate in the activities
 1. **35 points**
 - ii. 20% or more of your organization's members participate in the activities
 1. **18 points**
 - iii. Less than 20% (and more than 10%) of your organization's members participate in the activities
 1. **10 points**

Homecoming Parade

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Dixie Avenue

Event Rules:

1. **A parade entry form must be filled out for each entry. Please complete by October 10th**
2. If two organizations' theme/descriptions for parade entries are similar, priority will be given to the first unit submitted.
3. All entries are subject to the approval of the Homecoming Committee.
4. Entries must be related to the homecoming theme *Tech on Broadway: A Story of Golden Achievements*, Tech Pride, and football spirit.
5. A member of the sponsoring organization must accompany the entry at all times.
6. Entries must be 25-30 feet apart and remain at this distance throughout the parade.
7. Maximum dimensions of floats are 8 feet high, (off the deck of the trailer), 10 feet wide, and 16ft long. Floats must be able to turn street corners and successfully make it up the hill behind Gabes (the old Hobby Lobby) on Jefferson Ave. You are not permitted to attach trailers together. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!**
8. Float construction is limited to an 8'x12' plywood wall, visible from both sides of the road. No other construction is permitted. Decorations such as painting, pomp, streamers, balloons, lights, etc. are permitted on both the plywood wall, floor, and rails of the trailer.

9. Floats will be judged on the decoration of the wall, creativity, tech pride and adherence to the organization's theme
10. Float must have the organizations' name(s) on it.
11. All paper decorations MUST be non-flammable (pomp, paper-mache, etc.). NO SPRAY GLUE.
12. Floats must be equipped with an ABC dry chemical extinguisher sufficient for individual float sizes.
13. Explosives, such as firecrackers, are prohibited. Generators are prohibited on floats. (All electrical power sources should be located in the vehicle pulling the float.)
14. Horse-drawn floats or units using live animals are prohibited, except with special permission.
15. Members are encouraged but not required to walk alongside their float and help represent their theme and or show tech pride. Any individuals that choose to ride on their organization's float must not be elevated off of the floor of the trailer/float. They must be sitting or standing on the floor of the trailer itself.
16. Both sides of all floats entered must be completed in order for both sides of the audience to enjoy the parade. The judge's table will be located in front of the RUC.
17. All participants are prohibited from throwing any objects from their vehicle/float.
18. Walkers are permitted to hand objects directly to the audience.
19. After the parade, park your float in the parking lot behind the library adjacent to the South end of Tucker stadium next to the fence. All other entries may disperse.
20. Do not remove floats until after the football game. ALL FLOATS MUST BE REMOVED AFTER THE GAME.
21. All floats and decorations MUST be disassembled and properly disposed of by Sunday, November 2, 2025.
22. The winner of the parade will be announced at the football game.

****YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY ENTRY IN THE PARADE SEPARATELY. THIS INCLUDES NEW MEMBERS' FLOATS AND SWEETHEARTS. IF THERE IS NOT AN ENTRY FORM YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE** PARADE ENTRY FORM IS DUE OCTOBER 6!!!**