

2026 Homecoming Dates & Important Information

To: Student Organizations

From: Bethany Stoots, Student Government Association President

Homecoming Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Hello Gamecocks,

With homecoming quickly approaching, here is a list of dates and important information so that you can participate in all homecoming events, competitions, and festivities!

Homecoming Game: Jax State vs. Sam Houston State @ 6:00 PM

Listed below are our activities from the SGA and the Dean of Students Office:

Friday, September 25, 2026

- Homecoming packets/applications are posted
- Organization/Faculty Competition applications are posted

Thursday, October 15th, 2026

- Organization/Faculty Competition sign-up deadlines: Banner/Parade Float/Paint the Town Red/Door decorating **4:00 PM**
- Homecoming packets/applications are due at **4:00 PM**

Friday, October 16th, 2026

- Mandatory Candidate Meeting for Homecoming applicants at **5:00 PM**

Monday, November 2, 2026

- All Décor for student and faculty/staff contests must be up at **8:00 AM**

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

- Vote for Homecoming Court Top 10 on Campus Groups from **12:01 AM – 4:00 PM**
- Homecoming top 10 announcements at HOCO cookout on the Quad at **5:00 PM**
- Homecoming Cookout/Meet and Greet on the Quad from **5:00 – 7:00 PM**

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

- Homecoming Banner Judging on TMB Lawn at **4:30 PM**
- “Paint the Town Red” Judging due by **8:00 PM**

Thursday, November 5, 2026

- Vote for Homecoming King & Queen on Campus Groups from **12:01 AM – 4:00 PM**
- Homecoming Carnival on TMB Lawn from **5:00 – 9:00 PM**
- King & Queen Announcement on TMB Lawn at **7:45 PM**

Friday, November 6, 2026

- Jax State Department Office Door Decorating Judging

Saturday, November 7, 2026

- Homecoming Parade on Pelham Rd. at **11:00 AM**
- Homecoming Student Tailgate on the Quad from **1:00 – 6:00 PM**
- Jax State vs. Sam Houston State at AmFirst at **6:00 PM**

Homecoming Application Information:

Homecoming Parade: [Application](#)

Banner Competition: [Application](#)

- 3rd Place-\$200; 2nd Place-\$350; 1st Place-\$500

Paint the Town Red Competition: [Application](#)

- 3rd Place-\$200; 2nd Place-\$350; 1st Place-\$500
- You will be paired up with a local business and decorate their storefront by Monday, November 1st, 2026.

Float Competition: [Application](#)

- 3rd Place-\$500; 2nd Place-\$750; 1st Place-\$1000

Local High School Band Parade: [Application](#)

- 3rd Place-\$500; 2nd Place-\$750; 1st Place-\$1000

Department Door Decorating Competition: [Application](#)

2026 Homecoming Court: [Application](#)