



**Homecoming Celebration
Team Competition Packet
Hosted by Student Involvement + Patriot Activities Council
February 4 - 12, 2022**



Dear Students,

Each year, we take pride in creating a variety of exciting and fun activities celebrating and encouraging school spirit at George Mason University. Homecoming is one our favorite times of year for creating events for students! This year, the Homecoming celebration will tip off on Friday, February 4th, 2022 and will end on Saturday, February 12th, 2022.

We invite you to celebrate Homecoming by participating in our 14th annual Homecoming Team Competition, and are pleased to present to you George Mason University's Homecoming 2022 Team Competition packet.

Throughout Homecoming, there will be different ways for teams to earn points. There will be some events that will have specific awards for winning teams, and others will have points awarded that will be tallied together at the end for overall winners. All registered student organizations, departmental organizations, Greek organizations, and residential housing groups are invited to participate.

Please use this packet as a reference to ensure the competition is a success. Also, please make sure everyone on your team is aware of the guidelines and rules set forth in this packet. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Alayah McIntosh, President of the Patriot Activities Council at amcinto@gmu.edu, or by stopping by the Student Involvement office front desk located in the HUB, Suite 2300.

Thank you participating to make Mason Homecoming 2022 as huge as a success as possible.

Sincerely,

Alayah McIntosh
Patriot Activities Council
2022 Homecoming Programming Committee

Important Dates

Team Competition Packets available Monday, November 29, 2021

Team Competition Packets are due on Mason360 on Monday, December 13, 2021

Lip Sync Battle music is due to bklosky@gmu.edu by 12pm Sunday, January 30, 2022

Banners are due to Student Involvement (SI) on Friday, January 28, 2022 by 3:00pm

Homecoming Celebration

Event Highlights

February 4 – 12, 2022

All dates and events may be subject to change due to changing COVID-19 regulations.

Tip-Off Party | Friday, Feb 4, 4pm-7pm, Hub Ballroom

Get your Homecoming T-shirt here as we get the celebration started!

Lip Sync Battle | Saturday, Feb 5, 7pm, Hub Ballroom

Compete with your team in this annual tradition, as you dance and lip sync!

Paint The City | Friday, Feb 4 - Sunday, Feb 6, locations TBD

Decorate businesses in the City of Fairfax with window paint to show our Patriot Pride! (teams will be assigned to a business as we near the painting timeframe)

SI2GO: HOCO Edition | Tuesday, Feb 8, 12pm-2pm, location TBD

Stop by our SI2GO Truck event for some Mason Swag!

Day of Service: Blood Drive | Wednesday, Feb 9, 12pm–6 pm, Hub Ballroom

Day of Service: Food Donation Drive | Wednesday, Feb 9, 10am-6 pm, Hub Ballroom

NPHC Step Show | Friday, Feb 11, location and time TBD

Support and cheer on the members of the Divine Nine at the annual NPHC Step Show

Homecoming Tailgate and Festival | Saturday, Feb 12, 12pm–3:30pm

Tailgate before the big game, and visit our festival area with food, activities, vendors, and school spirit giveaways

Men's Basketball Game | Saturday, Feb 12, 4pm, EagleBank Arena (doors open at 3:30 pm)

Show your Mason spirit at the Homecoming basketball game!

Athletic Events

Saturday, Feb 5 MBB vs. La Salle University, 2 pm (Away)

Saturday, Feb 5 WBB vs. Dayton University, 2 pm (Away)

Wednesday, Feb 9 MBB vs. University of Richmond, 7 pm (Home)

Saturday, Feb 12 MBB vs Virginia Commonwealth University, 4pm (Home: HOCO game)

Sunday, Feb 13 WBB vs Saint Joseph's University, 3 pm (Home)

Points Breakdown

Event	Breakdown	Max Points
Guess How Many ____ In a Jar Challenge (Tip Off Party)	1 st place: 100 points 2 nd place: 50 points 3 rd place: 25 points Everyone else: 10 points	100 points
Banner Competition	1 st place: 100 points 2 nd place: 50 points 3 rd place: 25 points Everyone else: 10 points	100 points
Attending Homecoming Events (Tip Off Party, Lip Sync Battle, SI2GO, Day of Service, NPHC Step Show)	1 point per team member/representative per event. Must check-in with a designated official at the event.	Max 100 points total (20 points per event, 20 members/representatives per event max for points earnings)
Paint the City	Scored out of 200	200 points
Day of Service: Donation Drive	1 st place: 100 points 2 nd place: 50 points 3 rd place: 25 points Everyone else: 10 points	Max of 100 points
Lip Sync Battle	1 st place: 200 points 2 nd place: 125 points 3 rd place: 75 points Everyone else: 50 points	200 points
Photo Scavenger Hunt (Feb. 4- Feb 13)	Max of 20 points a day	200 points
Total		1000 points

Prizes

Overall Points Winners

1st Place: \$500

2nd Place: \$350

3rd Place: \$250

Announcement of Winners:

Paint the City, Banner Contest, Overall Points Winners - Announced and awarded at the Homecoming Basketball Game on Saturday, Feb. 12

Lip Sync Battle – Announced and awarded the night of the event

Day of Service –Announced via Instagram on Thursday, Feb. 10 on @gmu_pac and @masonpatriots

Guess How Many? --Announced via Instagram on Friday, Feb. 4 on @gmu_pac and @masonpatriots

Homecoming Competition: Rules and Regulations

- Homecoming teams must be made up of current George Mason University full-time undergraduate or graduate students.
- Teams may represent the following organizations:
 - Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
 - Residential Communities/Buildings
 - Departmental Organizations
 - Schools (Nursing, COMM, Business, etc.)
 - NPHC Organizations
 - Panhellenic Organizations
 - MGC Organizations
 - IFC Organizations
- No more than two student organizations may combine into one team.
- Each student may only represent one team during the entire competition.
- The Team Captain is responsible for giving out all information from the Homecoming Committee to the team.
- The Homecoming Committee has the right to determine if the Homecoming team name is appropriate to the Homecoming guidelines.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate disqualification of a team or an individual at the sole discretion of the Homecoming Committee and/or the judge(s) or other officials affiliated with George Mason University. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to:
 - visible intoxication and disorderly behavior
 - vandalism of any kind
 - harassment or intimidation of other teams
 - Racist, sexist, homophobic, or other offensive behaviors or comments
- At least one member of each team needs to be at the Homecoming Basketball game on Saturday, Feb 12 in order to be apart of the award ceremony

Please Note: The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team or individual(s) from the competition for violating these rules and regulations.

Official Team Registration

The team registration form can be found on Mason360 at: <https://cglink.me/2d7/r1376513>

To register, you will need:

- Your team name
- Your organization name(s) (if different from team name)
- Your organization's Instagram handle(s)
- Captain and co-captain's name, cell phone numbers, and Mason email addresses
- Your team design idea for Paint the City emailed to Marguerite Godwin at mgodwin2@gmu.edu

Please note that anyone checking in and representing your team at an event will be subject to the rules and regulation of the Team Competition. Please share the below Participant Agreement with anyone representing your team:

Participant Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read and completely understand the contests of the Homecoming Team Competition Packet. I understand that I must abide by the Homecoming rules and regulations for team competitions and must meet all deadlines set by the Homecoming Committee in order to participate. I am fully aware that if I violate the rules and regulations outlined, my team can automatically be disqualified. I also understand the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team for misconduct during the week of Homecoming. I also allow the Homecoming committee and Patriot Activities Council to use any photographs and/or videos taken during events and performances on their promotional materials and website.

Attending Homecoming Events

Friday, February 4 – Saturday, February 12, 2022

Rules and Guidelines:

- Teams will earn points for each member who attends Homecoming events.
- To earn one (1) point, a member must check in to one Homecoming event on Mason360.
- Each team can earn up to 20 points per event for attendance.
- Check-in may be accomplished by tapping your Mason ID card or scanning the appropriate QR code at the designated check in point at each event.

Scoring:

One point will be awarded for each member per event. Each team can earn a maximum of 20 points per event (20 team members attending for points earnings). There will be a maximum of 100 points awarded to teams who have a maximum of 20 team members at each event listed below.

Events that count as points for attendance

Tip Off Party (Friday, Feb. 4)

Lip Sync Battle (Saturday, Feb. 5)

SI2GO: HOCO Edition (Tuesday, Feb. 8)

Day of Service (Wednesday, Feb. 9)

NPHC Step Show (Friday, Feb. 11)

Banner Competition

Banners Due to SI by 3:00pm on Friday, January 28, 2022

Each year, teams paint a school spirit banner which represents our Patriot pride! It can be a way to showcase your team and who makes it up, it can be a depiction of the basketball teams that will be competing, or anything that is a positive representation of Mason!

Rules and Guidelines:

- Banners must be created on a queen bedsheet, or light weight fabric of the same size. Sheets must be a flat sheet (not fitted).
- Profanity or obscenities on the banner will result in disqualification, as determined by the Homecoming Committee. (If you are using the opponent's logo, please do so in good taste).
- The required design components are:
 - Name of the organization or team must be clearly seen and spelled out on the banner.
 - "Homecoming Celebration 2022" and "Patriots Brave and Bold" must be somewhere on the banner at least once.
- The banner must be accompanied by an index card with team name and banner description.
- If your group would like their banner back after Homecoming, please indicate on the index card by writing "WOULD LIKE TO KEEP BANNER". Banners without a request will be disposed of at the conclusion of Homecoming.
- Banners are due to Student Involvement in The Hub Friday January 28, 2022 by 3:00 pm.
- Banners will be available for pick up in the Office of Student Involvement starting on Tuesday, February 15th, 2022. Please make arrangements to have someone retrieve your banner within a week of this date. If your banner is not retrieved after one week, it will be discarded.

Scoring:

Banner will be judged by a panel of judges. There will be a first, second, and third place winner.

- 1st place: 100 points
- 2nd place: 50 points
- 3rd place: 25 points
- All other participants: 10 points

Paint the City

Friday, February 4 – Sunday, February 6

Paint the City is an event where Team Competition teams will go into Fairfax City and paint the storefront windows of an assigned business.

Rules and Guidelines:

- Each team will be paired with a business by the Homecoming Committee. Teams may be assigned windows of campus buildings depending on availability.
- Each team must **submit painting designs with their team registration** for approval. Your team design for Paint the City can be emailed to Marguerite Godwin at mgodwin2@gmu.edu.
- The designs must be Homecoming themed and follow the Homecoming rules and regulations.
- Once designs have been approved, **windows must be painted between Friday, February 4- Sunday, February 6.**
- The windows will stay painted from Sunday, February 4 until approximately Monday, February 14.
- Teams will **not** be responsible for cleaning the windows.
- The Homecoming Committee will provide all materials for painting the windows.

Supplies:

Teams can pick up a packet of painting supplies from the Student Involvement office starting Friday, January 28. If you choose to use your own paints on the windows, please note that you **MUST** use water-based tempera paints, and **NOT** acrylic or latex paints or anything oil-based.

Scoring:

Window designs will be scored by a panel of individuals designated by the City of Fairfax. Designs may earn up to 200 points.

There will be first, second and third place winner:

- 1st place: 200 points
- 2nd place: 125 points
- 3rd place: 75 points
- All other participants: 50 points

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, February 3 – Saturday, February 12, 2022

We are excited for this year's "Pick Your Adventure" photo scavenger hunt! You can pick which one your team would like to do each day based on whatever is most convenient. Get creative and have fun with it! This is not a required contest but a great way for your team to earn extra points.

Rules and Guidelines:

- Only ONE list item can be submitted per day!
- Team captains will receive an email of the scavenger hunt items on the morning of Feb. 3.
- See Team Competition Rules and Regulations for guidance on appropriate behavior in pictures.

Submitting:

Teams will post their submissions on an Instagram account and tag @gmu_pac. Submissions will be received and scored from Feb 3 to Feb 12 at noon.

Scoring:

Each team can receive 20 points per day based on creativity and at the discretion of the judges

Guess How Many- Jar Challenge: Tip Off Party

Tip Off Party
Friday, February 4, 2022

Rules and Guidelines:

- This challenge will take place during the Tip Off Party (Friday, February 4, from 4 to 7pm)
- You can have up to THREE of your team members guess the number of items in a jar

Scoring:

Points will be awarded based on the teams that are closest to the actual number without going over.

- 1st closest without going over will get 100 points
- 2nd closest team will get 50 points
- 3rd closest team will get 25 points
- All other teams guessing – 10 points

Lip Sync Battle

Saturday, February 5, 2022

On **Saturday, February 5, 2022** starting at **7 pm**, the teams will show off their lip sync and dances on the stage in front of an audience and the judges. Invite friends of your team to come and cheer you on. Points will be awarded based on the judges scores.

Rules and Guidelines:

- All participants must adhere Mason's COVID-19 regulations.
- Groups are responsible for their own props or other supplies.
- Team leaders must submit their actual music files no later than **12pm** on **Sunday, January 30** by emailing Ben Klosky bklosky@gmu.edu .
- All songs and performances must be in good taste (radio edits). Rude, lewd, or obscene dance moves will not be permitted. No suggestive acts, props, or attire will be allowed. See rules and regulations above for further guidance.
- We reserve the right to disqualify any act that is not performed within the guidelines explained above or in the rules and regulations.
- Dances must be between 2 - 4 minutes in length.

BONUS ROUND: Song Association Word Game

During the live event, each team will have the opportunity to send a representative to play in our live song association word game. Representatives will participate in a head-to-head battle where they are given a word and must sing a song with the word in it. The audience will judge the winner of each round by applause. The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams participating. The words will be announced at the time of the game! Get excited!

Scoring:

Teams will be judged by a panel of judges on:

- Dance Moves (20 points)
- Originality and creativity (30 points)
- Appearance, including costumes and props (20 points)
- Crowd response – so bring your friends and keep your cameras on! (20 points)
- Time Restrictions, meaning the group stayed in the required time limit (10 points)

Based on this rubric, there will be first, second and third place winners:

- 1st place: 200 points
- 2nd place: 125 points
- 3rd place: 75 points
- All other participants: 50 points

Homecoming Day of Service

Wednesday, February 9

INOVA Blood Services Blood Drive:

Did you know that just 1 blood donation can save up to 3 lives and that the average red blood cell transfusion is 3 pints (or 3 whole-blood donations)? More than 1 million people every year are diagnosed with cancer for the first time, and many of them will need blood—sometimes daily—during chemotherapy. More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day, and while 38% of the American population is eligible, only 2% actually donates.

On the Homecoming Day of Service, Wednesday, February 9, there will be a blood drive in HUB Ballroom from 12:00pm-6:00pm. Participating in the blood drive is not mandatory, however, each team can get additional points for participating. Each person who gives blood can earn one point for their team. 20 people maximum can donate for a team, therefore each team may earn a total of 20 points. If you arrive, check-in for your appointment, and are unable to donate based on INOVA's screening, you will still receive points for your attempt to participate in the blood drive. Appointment no-shows will not receive credit for donations.

To receive credit: There will be a Team Comp check in table, and each person participating must sign in with their name and their team name.

Stuff-a-Truck Donation Drive:

On the Day of Service, from 10am to 6pm, the SI2Go mobile Student Involvement truck will be parked outside the HUB to accept food and supply donations for our chosen charities.

This year, items will be donated to the **Patriot Pantry**, Mason's own food pantry for students experiencing food insecurity, or to **Food for Others**, a food pantry serving individuals and families in Fairfax County. The list of donated items eligible for points will be announced at a later date.

Teams can donate by bringing eligible items to the donation truck or by purchasing from the Amazon wish list for Patriot Pantry or Food for Others and shipping directly to the associated charity. Online donations will be scored by each team emailing their purchase receipt to the event manager, noted below. Online donations are scored by the amount spent on the order – for every \$15 purchased, teams will earn points equal to one box of donated items in-person.

Ways to donate:

Donations must be received in the standard-sized boxes provided. Each team can pick up their boxes from Student Involvement starting Friday, Jan 28 and through Wednesday, February 9. There is no limit to the number of boxes you can take. However, if you do not fill the boxes you take, that number of boxes will be deducted for those that are not returned. To avoid this penalty, return all unused boxes with your donations on the Day of Service.

Your donations will be scored as a full box with the lid on. Items or cases that do not fit into the standard-sized box will be scored as one box per the discretion of the team competition managers.

To receive credit: In-person donations will be counted as they are received on the Day of Service only. For donations from the Amazon wish list, email the Amazon receipt of the wish list purchase(s) to Natalie Ledesma, nledesma@gmu.edu, by 6pm on Wednesday, February 9. The team name must be referenced in the email.

Scoring:

To win the Donation Drive, your team must donate the most filled boxes.

First, second and third place winners will be awarded the following points:

- 1st place: 100 points
- 2nd place: 50 points
- 3rd place: 25 points
- All other participants donating items: 10 points

