

## 2023 Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade Rules and Regulations

Welcome Back Student Organizations!

It's the time of year to begin thinking about Homecoming. The Homecoming Committee has been working hard throughout the summer to plan events for each day of the week. In addition, the 2023-2024 Blue Key class is excited to be organizing the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade. As in past years, we would love to see your organization participate in the parade, which will be held on September 30th, 2023 at 10:00am. This year's theme is Heroes vs Villains!

If your organization has any additional questions, we would be happy to respond. If you feel your organization would benefit from an explanation of the rules, we would be glad to speak at one of your organization's meetings. Please contact committee members at the email address below. We would like this Homecoming Parade to have the most student participation ever! Thank you all in advance for all of your effort in making the 2023 Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade a success!

Sincerely, Blue Key

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1. Maximum Dimensions of Float Bed
  1. Width: 10 feet
  2. Length: 25 feet
  3. Height: 12 feet from float bed
    1. (This is to ensure that it does not hit the trees above while going through the parade route)
  
2. Decorated Floats
  1. Total maximum width of the float is to be 10 feet. Parts of the float may extend longer than the 25-foot length of the float bed. 10 point deduction for exceeding maximum dimensions
  2. Floats cannot contain any decorative materials other than pumping materials. 10 point deduction for each item that is not pumped.
  3. No float can travel under its own power source.

4. Motors are allowed on the float for the sole purpose of moving individual parts of the float.
5. No political endorsements are allowed on a float or in the vehicle pulling the float. This includes signage, clothing, flyers, etc.
6. FOOD IS PERMITTED before and during the parade, but a "Food Description Form" (found on InvoNet) must be filled out before the day of the parade with details about the type and amount of food you will be bringing.
7. NO ALCOHOL is permitted on the float or in the vehicle which is pulling it before, during or after the parade. (Immediate Disqualification)
8. NO OPEN CONTAINERS EXCEPT FOR WATER BOTTLES FILLED ONLY WITH WATER before or during the parade. This ban includes, but is not limited to soda cans, plastic bottles, hydroflasks, blender bottles, Etc. (3-point deduction for each non-water bottles)
9. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the building site during the construction of the float. (First Infraction: Warning, Second Infraction: 15-point deduction, Third Infraction: Disqualification.)
10. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO BE ON OR UNDER THE FLOAT BED IN ANY WAY AT ANY TIME DURING THE PARADE OR JUDGING. (3-point deduction for each individual on/under float)
11. A reasonable number of persons may ride inside the bed of the pickup truck. Blue Key reserves the right to limit such numbers for safety reasons at their discretion. All persons must be seated inside the truck bed. No one is to be sitting on the edges of the truck bed or on the tailgate. Tailgate must be closed at all times. (3-point deduction each incident)
12. Participants riding in vehicles pulling floats must be seated at all times. All vehicle doors are to be closed. All extremities are to be within the vehicle. (3-point deduction each incident)
13. NO standing on running boards while the vehicle is moving.(3-point deduction each incident)
14. NO disrespectful behavior to any faculty/staff member, member of Blue Key, or anyone else in the parade or along the parade route. Blue Key reserves the right to prevent any participant from walking in the parade if they are deemed to be highly intoxicated.(5-point deduction each incident)
15. NO cursing before or during the parade. (1-point deduction each incident)
16. Absolutely NO damage to other organization's floats and/or cars. (First Infraction: 10-point deduction and Warning, Second Infraction: Disqualification.)
17. Limit of three organizations per float.
18. Failure to pay fines by the start of the 2024 spring semester will result in a one year suspension

### 3. Decorated Cars/Trucks

1. Cars/Pick-ups will be judged using the same categories as floats.
2. There are no construction restrictions for decorated cars.

3. The car itself must be safe to drive, and must be able to clear any overhead obstruction of 12 feet
  4. No political endorsements are allowed on or in the vehicle pulling the float. This includes signage, clothing, flyers, give-aways, etc.
  5. NO ALCOHOL is permitted in the vehicle at any time before, during or after the parade. (Immediate Disqualification)
  6. NO OPEN CONTAINERS EXCEPT FOR WATER BOTTLES FILLED ONLY WITH WATER before or during the parade. This ban includes, but is not limited to soda cans, plastic bottles, hydroflasks, blender bottles, Etc. (3-point deduction for each non-water bottles)
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  8. Participants riding in vehicles pulling floats must be seated at all times. All vehicle doors are to be closed. All extremities are to be within the vehicle. (3-point deduction each incident)
  9. NO standing on running boards while the vehicle is moving.(3-point deduction each incident)
  10. NO disrespectful behavior to any faculty/staff member, member of Blue Key, or anyone else in the parade or along the parade route. (5-point deduction each incident)
  11. NO cursing before or during the parade. (1-point deduction each incident)
  12. Absolutely NO damage to other organization's floats and/or trucks/cars. (Any act will result in Disqualification.)
  13. Limit of three organizations per vehicle
4. Judging of the 2023 Homecoming Floats and Cars/Trucks
1. Floats will be judged by the following categories:
    1. Relevance to Theme ("Heroes vs Villains")
    2. Originality
    3. Mechanics and Structure
    4. Overall Appearance
    5. School Spirit
  2. Five Members per organization may present their float to the Judges.
  3. Organizations are encouraged to have members present to show school spirit.
5. Tallying the Scores
1. There will be five individual judges.
  2. Each judge will award points in all five categories.

3. Each of the five categories will be judged on a scale of 1 to 10 (50 possible points).
  4. After judging each float, the scores from each category will be totaled by the judges and given to the float co-chairs (250 possible points).
  5. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place floats. There will also be separate trophies for first and second place cars/trucks.
  6. In the event of a tie, the lowest three category scores will be added together for each participant involved in the tie. The one with the greatest three category point total will be the winner.
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Failure to comply with these rules will result in a one-year suspension from participation in the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade.