



**University Union Board**  
**Homecoming Rulebook**  
**2024**

## **University Union Board 2024-2025:**

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*UUB serves as the largest and broadest programming unit of Western Illinois University by providing social, cultural, recreational, and educational activities for the campus community. UUB members are active in the conception, planning and implementation of these programs.*

## **Schedule of Events:**

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*\*Rain dates will be determined within each individual event.\**

**Rocky's Battleships**  
Monday, October, 7th  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Campus Rec Pool

**Homecoming Parade:**  
Saturday, October, 12th  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Downtown Macomb Square

**Paint the Paws:**  
Tuesday, October, 8th  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Western Hall

**Homecoming Football Game:**  
Saturday, October, 14th  
3:00 PM  
Hanson Field

**Paint the Town:**  
Wednesday, October, 9th  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Downtown Macomb Square

**Rocky Dog Hunt:**  
Thursday, October, 10th  
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM  
Campus Wide

**WIU Spirit Game: Women's  
Volleyball vs EIU**  
Thursday, October, 10th  
6:00 PM  
Western Hall

## **HOMECOMING GENERAL RULES:**

Homecoming competitions are held to encourage all students to show their school spirit during Homecoming week. Homecoming is an event that's goal is to bring the Western Illinois University community and Macomb community together.

### **Details:**

1. It is mandatory that all teams fill out the Leatherneck Link Form to sign-up to participate in Homecoming 2024 events. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to participate in Homecoming 2024. All Google Form responses must be submitted **BEFORE** Friday, October 4th at 4:30 PM.
2. Each event will have its own winners and events are not connected to each other.
3. Any violation of the rules or regulations will result in the loss of points to the sponsoring team, and possible disqualification from the event and / or remaining Homecoming events. Each event has specific rules for participation. **Please read each event page carefully.**
4. Each event has specific participant requirements. As long as your team meets these participation guidelines and completes the form, you are free to assemble your group with any eligible members.
5. **Good sportsmanship is required.** Inappropriate or derogatory comments or actions made about other teams, the Homecoming committee members and/or judges may result in the **DISQUALIFICATION** of the team from the competition.
6. Alcohol and all other drugs are strictly **prohibited** from all Homecoming events. Evidence, including, but not limited to: appearing inebriated, smelling of alcohol or drugs, empty alcohol bottles in assigned sections during cleanup, etc. will result in point deductions and may result in disqualification from the event and all remaining Homecoming events.
7. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to add, omit, and revise any and all rules governing the Homecoming Week competition, without advance notice. Updated rule books will be released through the UUB Homecoming website.
8. For any questions, please contact the Office of Student Engagement at (309) 298-3232 or email [wihomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:wihomecoming@wiu.edu).

## **ROCKY'S BATTLESHIP:**

In this event, each team will have four buckets and two paddles. Teams will attempt to fill their opponent's canoe with water while shielding water from coming into their own canoes.

### **Details:**

1. Each team is required to have four people participate in this event.
2. Participants must wear proper swimwear. T-shirts and other athletic clothing may be worn over, or in place of swimwear.
3. Goggles are strongly recommended but are not provided by UUB/Campus Rec.
4. Each player must have one bucket inside the canoe (buckets are provided).
6. Teams may not stand at the edge of the canoe, cross beams, or floor of canoe at any time.
7. Participants may not jump out of the boat at any time during the battle.
8. Participants may not have any physical contact with any member or equipment from another team.
9. Once your canoe has sunk you are eliminated and you may not do anything to hinder the remaining teams.

## **PAINT THE TOWN:**

The purpose of this event is to generate excitement in the community for WIU Homecoming by painting the windows of businesses located in the Macomb Square. This event allows the community to see the many talents the WIU campus brings to the community, and helps showcase Western's school spirit throughout Homecoming week.

### **Details:**

1. The Homecoming Committee will assign each team a window pane on the Macomb Square at this meeting.
2. **10** team members may participate in this event.
3. **Only tempera paints can be used for the window designs!** No glitter may be used, but glitter tempera paint is permitted. **Failure to comply will result in immediate DISQUALIFICATION.**
4. One representative from each team must report to Citizens National Bank entrance on **Wednesday, October 9th at 12:00 pm** where all of your paint **WILL BE INSPECTED** before you are allowed to begin painting.
5. Window panes must be painted between **1:00 PM and 5:00 PM.**
6. The window pane must be painted in good taste and **must** incorporate Western Illinois University, the 125th anniversary of WIU, and team name or image in the design. If the design is inappropriate or violates any above rules, the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to remove the painting.
7. Teams must supply their own materials including, but not limited to: paint, stencils, brushes, and a drop cloth. A drop cloth should be provided by the team and must be used when painting the window pane. **Please do not drip paint on the sidewalks or grass.**
8. If teams are unable to provide their own materials, teams can request a small starter kit for their organization by emailing [uubhomecoming@wiu.edu](mailto:uubhomecoming@wiu.edu). This is a **starter kit only** and will not be enough for a full entire window.
9. Each team will be responsible for having their window cleaned properly by **5:00 PM** on **Sunday, October 13th**. If the window is not cleaned properly by this deadline, the team responsible for cleaning the window will be charged a **\$250 fine**, and **DISQUALIFIED from this year's event.**

## **ROCKY HUNT:**

There will be 20 - 25 total Rocky statues hidden at campus offices, outside and inside buildings all around campus on **Thursday, October 10th.**

### Details:

1. Teams must arrive at 10:30 AM to the purple couches outside of the Office of Student Engagement.
2. **10** team members are allowed to participate in this event.
3. Teams are expected to arrive **ON TIME** so that the Homecoming Committee can hide the statues.
4. The statues will be spread around campus inside academic and resource offices. Please be respectful and mindful when searching for a Rocky statue in the buildings. **Any disruptive behavior reported back to the Homecoming Committee will result in DISQUALIFICATION.**
5. A list of clues will be given to the participants once all the statues have been hidden.
6. Each statue card must be brought back to the Office of Student Engagement. Once all the statue cards have been returned, the hunt is over.
7. Each Rocky Dog will have three cards which will have a different amount of points, depending on when you found the dog. Example: 1st person (100 points), 2nd person (75 points), 3 person (50 points)

## **PARADE GENERAL RULES:**

The Homecoming Parade is a time when the Macomb community, WIU students, and WIU Alumni can all come together to celebrate Western Illinois University. All teams are strongly encouraged to enter a float in the parade.

### **Details:**

1. The parade event also requires a separate Google form which can be found on the Homecoming website, [2024 Homecoming Parade Form](#).
2. Float chairpersons must adhere to specific safety regulations when building their float. Float safety guidelines are located on the next page. Failure to adhere to these details may result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.
3. **Teams have until 8:00 AM, the morning of the parade, to submit a photo of the float that will be used by judging in case of destruction or severe weather.** For points to be counted teams are still required to walk in the parade.
4. If the photo is insufficient, the Homecoming Committee reserves the right to request an in-person check.
5. In case of inclement weather, your contact person will be called between **4:00 - 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 12th**, announcing any changes to the start time. Please make sure your parade contact person provides the proper contact information.
6. Floats must be in their starting line-up locations by the start of the parade (**10:30 AM**).
7. While items such as candy, beads, small toys, flyers, etc. may be handed out during the parade, **no items may be thrown from any float.** Entrants may have members of their organizations walk beside their float and hand out giveaway items.
8. All drivers of motor vehicles in the parade must have a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance that can be validated by the Homecoming Committee.
9. If you are caught driving under the influence, you will be subject to punishment by the University, and Macomb Police Department.



## FLOAT SAFETY STANDARDS:

### Construction and Materials:

1. Floats, displays, and decorations should be structurally sound and designed to withstand adverse weather conditions without collapse.
2. Areas where individuals will be riding on floats shall be of substantial construction to support the weight of the riders. Areas for riders **must** allow for the rider to ride in a natural position without undo chance of injury. Riders are **NOT** allowed to lean or hang off the sides of a float. Riders who are standing must have some type of support mechanism to hold them in place or brace themselves.
3. No devices employing flames or heating devices (i.e. candles, kerosene or gasoline lanterns, torches, space heaters, heat blowers, etc.) will be permitted on floats.
4. There shall be no open contacts, exposed wires, or unprotected, and/or exposed bulbs on the float.
5. Float height **may not** exceed **13** feet, as measured from the ground/street to the highest point on the float.

### Fire Safety:

1. A fully charged and **not** expired, all-purpose ABC fire extinguisher (5 lb. minimum) is required on each Homecoming parade float. At least one float passenger must be responsible for, and familiar with the proper operation of the extinguisher.
2. When choosing materials for and constructing a float, we suggest:
  - a. Using materials that are flame resistant or flame retardant whenever possible.
  - b. Using non-flammable finishes such as latex and watercolor paints. Oil-based paints, lacquers, and enamels are much more flammable.
  - c. Using tag board or poster board instead of materials containing inner voids such as corrugated cardboard, cornstalks, and straw.
3. No part of the float should drag or touch the ground or street which could result in items getting entangled in the wheels and/or potential fire hazards. All parts of the float should be a reasonable and safe distance from the ground, wheels, and/or any other part of the float that could entangle them.

### Towing Unit:

1. Float height and the height of the towing vehicle **must not** exceed **13** feet as measured from the ground to the highest point on the float and/or towing vehicle.
2. The float unit must be securely hitched to the towing unit; the attachment will include an approved hitch, or safety pin which is to be secured to assure that it cannot fall out or become loose.
3. Ball hitches should be secured by at least 2 welded link safety chains and attached in a manner that will prevent accidental release.
4. Pin hitches should be secured by the pin and a retaining clip to prevent its accidental release.
5. No one is permitted to stand or ride on the float tongue, tractor bars, or hitch assembly.
6. The windshields of any vehicle being used as a towing unit must be clear and unobstructed.
7. The driver of the towing unit must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance coverage at the time of float inspection on the day of the parade.