



## **2017 Official Parade Participation**

### **Homecoming Parade: Saturday, November 4th**

**Homecoming Week:**  
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**Link for participation:** [go.fiu.edu/hcapps](http://go.fiu.edu/hcapps)

## General Information

### Homecoming Mission Statement:

The purpose of Homecoming is to bring together the administration, alumni, faculty, staff, and students of Florida International University, along with the local community, in an effort to promote school spirit and pride.

Participants may participate with a float, spirit car, and/or walking (dance) brigade. We encourage EVERYONE to participate - students, organizations, and faculty members. You can collaborate with different groups in order to form a team. Be advised that partaking in the parade will give you the chance to be the winner for this year's best homecoming float, best homecoming walking brigade, or best homecoming spirit car. The winning teams will be recognized at this year's Homecoming Game.

Not only will participating in the Parade be an enjoyable experience, but an opportunity to showcase your business/organization. FIU consists of a student body of about 50,000 students as well as 165,000 alumni making a potential 215,000 spectators. This is an incredible opportunity to take part in and join in our Panther Pride!

Registration forms for FIU participants will be due September 29th, 2017 . For any questions, feel free to contact any of the enclosed Homecoming Council members. You may also visit us at [hc.fiu.edu](http://hc.fiu.edu), Facebook at FIU Homecoming, follow us on Instagram @fiuhc or follow us via Twitter @FIUHC for updates.

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This year's Homecoming Parade Theme: Legends

## Dates and Obligations

Parade Application Opens: August 21st  
Parade Application Closes: September 29th  
Registration & Rosters Due: October 16th  
Parade Banner Due: October 16th  
Homecoming Game: November 4th

The Administration Team will conduct a series of meetings closer to the time of Homecoming. These meetings will provide an overview of the Homecoming festivities. Failure to complete this task will result in the disqualification of your team/organization.

Day September 22nd, 2017 <b>Location: GC 316</b>	MMC General Rules meeting at 1:00 PM (Mandatory for Team Captains)
Day September 29th, 2017 <b>Location: WUC 155</b>	BBC General Rules meeting at 11:00 AM (Mandatory for Team Captains)
Day October 16th, 2017 <b>Location: PC 211</b>	MMC General Rules meeting at 7:00 PM (Mandatory for Team Captains)

**Please Note: Team Captains only need to attend ONE meeting.**

**General Rules Meetings serve to inform the teams and their participants of upcoming dates and events they need to be aware of. All team captains must attend ONE of the three informational meetings listed above. Community Teams are NOT required to attend a meeting, all information will be shared via email.**

**IF WAIVERS/REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOT TURNED IN BY DEADLINE, YOU WILL BE DISMISSED IN THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PARADE.**

If participants are replaced; please notify the parade chair via e-mail  
[hcp paradechair@gmail.com](mailto:hcp paradechair@gmail.com)

You will be able to find the homecoming float registration form in the following link:  
[go.fiu.edu/hcapps](http://go.fiu.edu/hcapps)

**Float Rules:**  
**Check in begins at 11 AM & check in ends at 12 PM**

- Driver's information must be provided such as driver's name and license number.
- A float is a decorated platform, either built on a vehicle or towed behind one. Your department may build a float, have a spirit car and participate in the walking brigade.
- Floats should be ready before check-in
- Floats must arrive at their designated time to check-in (instructions will be given on a later date for check-in as well as times to check-in)
- Items prohibited on the float include but are not limited to: fire, fireworks, confetti, live animals, and smoke machines.
- Dimensions may not exceed 8 ft. wide x 45 ft. long x 15 ft. high. This **DOES NOT** include the vehicle towing the float.
- **NO OBJECTS** are allowed to be thrown from the float unless permission granted by Homecoming Council.
- Floats must be towed by a motor vehicle. Any float deemed unsafe or inappropriate by the Parade Chair, AD of Administration, Overall Director or FIU Police will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.
- If music is to be played, music must be clean (children will be present).
- Floats cannot make stops or change route until the parade is completed, unless instructed by the Homecoming Council or the police.
- Each tow vehicle must contain a working portable 5 lb. fire extinguisher with the rating 2A, 10B:C and be readily available to the operator. The fire extinguisher will be checked during check-in. If there is no fire extinguisher, the float will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.
- Generators may be used but must be placed on the tow vehicle and must be capable of providing the needed electrical service. Each generator must contain a minimum of two electrical outlets
- Please make sure to clean the area before the float departs. The maximum amount of people allowed on the float is 10, excluding a driver and 1 passenger.
- Please indicate the participants on the Team Registration Form at the end of the packet

**Spirit Car Rules:**  
**Check in begins at 12 PM & check in ends at 1 PM**

- Driver's information must be provided such as driver's name and license number.
- A Spirit Car is any type of car/golf cart altered or decorated that embodies FIU's pride and/ or community engagement.
- Spirit Cars should be ready for check-in
- Spirit Cars must arrive at their designated time to check-in.
- Each spirit car cannot have more passengers than available seat belts.
- **NO OBJECTS** are allowed to be thrown from the car unless permission granted by Homecoming Council.
- A maximum of 5 people may ride on the bed of trucks and must stay seated at all times.
- Any Spirit Car deemed unsafe or inappropriate by the Parade Chair, AD of Administration, Overall Director or FIU Police will not be allowed to participate.
- If music is to be played, music must be clean (children will be present).
- Spirit cars cannot make stops or change route until the parade is completed, unless instructed by the Homecoming Council or the police.
- Please make sure to leave the area clean before leaving in the spirit car.
- Indicate the participants on the Team Registration Form at the end of the packet.

**Walking Brigade Rules:**  
**Check in begins at 1 PM & check in ends at 2 PM**

- Walking Brigade is a group of people coming together and walking in the parade. You may use costumes or any type of uniform or apparel of choice. The purpose of a walking brigade is to engage the community and provide a way to showcase their pride and enthusiasm for FIU and their community.
- Your organization/department may build a float, have a spirit car and participate in the walking brigade (we encourage you to participate in all activities).
- Walking Brigade participants should be ready before check-in at the designated time.
- **NO OBJECTS** are allowed to be thrown from the brigade unless permission granted by Homecoming Council.
- Walking Brigade participants must arrive at their designated time to check-in.

- Walking Brigade participants may not change route until the parade is completed, unless instructed by the Homecoming council or the Police.
- Once the parade has begun; no members may leave, switch or join the brigade.
- Please make sure to clean area before participating in the Parade.
- The maximum number of participants in the Walking Brigade is 50 members.
- Indicate the participants on the Team Registration Form at the end of the packet.

### **Points:**

Partaking in the parade will give your team points that will help your team be the winner of our Homecoming plaque. The winning team will be recognized at this year's Homecoming Game. Here is how your team will be score:

- Innovation
- Team spirit & enthusiasm
- Participation of entire team

### **All members present and on time for check-in**

Bonus points for the following:

- Teams that have matching attire
- If teams are partaking in the Walking Brigade, then you can receive a bonus points for having a team stroll or having a choreographed dance routine that DOES NOT STOP.
- Points will be based on creativity and originality.
- It must be a continuous number that flows with the parade speed. No flips, carrying, or extreme amounts of acrobatics allowed.

This year's parade is heavily weighted in the overall Homecoming point total. We encourage everyone to get creative and enjoy the spirit of Homecoming by following the rules.

### **Registration and Waiver Forms:**

- Both the registration and waiver forms need to be turned in at specified check-in
- Make sure each volunteer that is going to partake in that particular section of homecoming has their information on the proper form.
- Registration forms are due by October 16th NO EXCEPTIONS.

**RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**  
*(Student)*

I, the undersigned, as a student of Florida International University, do hereby agree and promise the following for and in consideration of my being allowed to participate in the Homecoming Parade event held on November 4, 2017 and all activities related thereto.

My participation in the Event is voluntary and is not a requirement of my curriculum at FIU. I have chosen to participate in the Event because of the cultural, social and educational experiences I will gain. I acknowledge that I am neither an agent nor representative of FIU and may not look to the University or the State of Florida for reimbursement of expenses. I accept full responsibility for all costs and expenses associated with my participation in the Event.

I further acknowledge that, in the course of the performance of any activities which I have voluntarily assumed to perform during this Event, I expose myself to risks, known and unknown, of property damage or loss, as well as personal injury that could be painful, permanently disfiguring or debilitating, including broken bones, partial and/or total paralysis, other ailments that could cause serious disability, and/or and death.

I further expressly agree that this Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement is intended to be broad and as inclusive as the laws of the State of Florida will allow, and that if any portion thereof is held to be invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding the invalid portions, will continue in full legal force and effect.

I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives and assigns voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge and relinquish and to indemnify and hold harmless FIU, from and against all claims, suits, or causes of action for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise from my participation in the Event and its related activities or from personal unrelated activities whether the same should arise by reason of negligence of anyone organizing or participating in the Event or otherwise. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging, and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the FIU. I agree that, under no circumstances, will I or anyone claiming through me, prosecute or present any claims for personal or bodily injury property damage or loss, or wrongful death against FIU.

I, for myself and any others claiming through me, accept full responsibility for safety and expenses and assume the complete risk of any injury to myself or my property which may arise out of or in the course of my participation in this Event.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND, BY SIGNING IT, AGREE THAT IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE FIU FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION.

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*Signature Date*

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*Print Name*

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*Signature – Parent/Guardian Print Name – Parent/Guardian*

(Required if under 18 years of age)

### **Tips for Building a Float**

●Where to Start

- Brainstorm ideas
- Draw up plans

- Make a list of items needed

●What Can I Build a Float on?

- Hay wagons
- Trailers
- Flat beds

●Where can you get power tools?

- Home depot will rent out items such as generators, finishing nailers, and other building supplies

● How to Make the Frame:

- Cardboard
- Paper Mache

- Chicken wire

●Decorating your float:

- Spray paint

- Festooning / garland



- String light (will need a power source- small generator or will need to plug into the cars cigarette lighter power source)
- Can add revolving props or a

●Some items that could possibly help:

- Generator
- Fire extinguishers
- Table saw
- Circular saw
- Saber saw
- Handsaw
- Hammer

- turntable
- Music may be used as long as it has been approved by the parade chair and AD of
- Administration

- Staple guns
- Glue/ hot glue gun or Screwdrivers
- Pliers
- Wrenches
- Utility knife
- Duct tape