2015 Homecoming Rule Book

“Once Upon A Laker”

October 18-24, 2015

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Introduction to Competitive Homecoming Events

Thanks for your interest in Homecoming 2015 – Once Upon A Laker!

Let’s celebrate the most magical place on earth: Grand Valley! There are several events and competitions planned which incorporate the magical and exciting theme of *Once Upon A Laker* with GVSU! Our athletic opponent for the football game is the University of Findlay Oilers.

If there are any questions or concerns about the Homecoming Competition, do not hesitate to contact the Laker Traditions Team Coordinators (Caitlin Perlotto and Bethan Angell) or the Student Life Homecoming Advisor (Megan Ellinger)

**Theme**

“Once Upon A Laker”

**Team Rules**

- Teams can choose to participate in all events or just a few.
- Teams consist of groups of students from Living Centers, Registered Student Organizations (or groups of RSOs), off-campus apartments, or even just a group of students in a particular major.
- Similar to intramural teams, the only requirement is that all team members must be currently enrolled GVSU students, and they must complete the participation waiver agreement at each event in which they participate.
- Each team will have a captain who is responsible for attending informational meetings and reading informational messages sent via email and/or Orgsync.

Team registration is at [www.gvsu.edu/studentlife/homcoming](http://www.gvsu.edu/studentlife/homcoming) and complete registrations are due by October 13.
Homecoming Schedule

Monday, October 12
• Team Registrations and Regent Applications due

Tuesday, October 13
• Mandatory Team Captain Meeting and Spirit Sign Distribution - 9:15p.m. - Kirkhof Center 2270

Weeklong Events
• Louie’s Glass Slipper Hunt
• Student Senate T-Shirt Swap

Sunday, October 18
• Athletic Events (MUST DROP OFF SPIRIT SIGN) – 1p.m. – Kelly Family Sports Center

Monday, October 19
• Lipsync music due – 5p.m. – Office of Student Life (NO CDs – Flash Drives Only)
• Homecoming Study Tables – 7-9p.m. – Multi-Purpose Room of the Mary Idema Pew Library
• Regent Reveal and Serenade – 9:15p.m. – Kirkhof Center Grand River Room

Tuesday, October 20
• Homecoming Study Tables – 7-9p.m. – Multi-Purpose Room of the Mary Idema Pew Library
• Trivia Competition – 9:15p.m. – Kirkhof Center 2215/2216

Wednesday, October 21
• Bone Marrow Education Competition – 9-11a.m. – Kirkhof Lobby
• Lipsync Competition – 9:15p.m. – Fieldhouse

Thursday, October 22
• Bone Marrow Education Competition – 2-4p.m. – Kirkhof Lobby
• Spotlight Homecoming Comedy Show – 8p.m. – Fieldhouse

Friday, October 23
• Sculpt-It Competition – 3p.m. – Kirkhof Center 0072

Saturday, October 24
• Bone Marrow Drive
• Homecoming Football Game against the University of Findlay – 7p.m. – Lubber’s Stadium
Tuesday, October 13
Mandatory Team Captain Meeting and Spirit Sign Pick-Up

9:15 p.m. at Kirkhof Center 2270

- Participants will be given a 66 x 115 inch sheet to decorate.
- If a team captain is not present at the meeting and not able to pick up the Spirit Sign, the team is not eligible to participate in the Spirit Sign competition.
**Weeklong Events**

**Louie’s Glass Slipper Hunt**

- Three (3) of Cinderella’s slippers of differing colors (silver, blue, and black) will be hidden each day across either the Allendale or Pew Campus
  - Silver slipper - 15 points
  - Blue slipper - 10 points
  - Black slipper - 5 points

- Scavenger Hunt clues will be released each new day, through Student Life social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, etc.), beginning at 10a.m. and continuing every hour until the slippers are found.

- The slippers will be hidden in a new location each day.

- When a task is completed, take a photo of team members at the location or participating in the activity and e-mail it to lakertraditions@gvsu.edu with the team name and location the slipper was found. If the team name, slipper location, and photo of your team and the slipper are not included, points will not be awarded.

- Turn the slipper into the Office of Student Life after it is found. If a team finds it at a time when the office is closed, turn it in the next day when they reopen. Their hours are 8–6p.m. Give them your name, team name, and location of where you found it.

- When an activity is completed, the pictures will be posted to the Office of Student Life’s social channels.

- Participants who are not a part of a team can participate in this event.

- Make sure to follow the Office of Student Life on social media. (facebook.com/GVSUstudentlife, twitter.com/GVSUstudentlife) and use the hashtags #OnceUponALaker and #GVHomecoming

*By submitting a photo, teams are giving the Office of Student Life permission to post the photo and use the photo at their leisure.

**T-Shirt Swap**

- Presented by Student Senate
- Dates/Times TBD
**Sunday, October 18**

**Spirit Sign Drop-Off**

1-3 p.m., Kelly Family Sports Center *(Bring Spirit Signs to Athletic Games)*

- Team must use the sheet given to them and may not alter the shape of the sheet.
- The team’s name must appear on the Spirit Sign.
- Signs should utilize the Homecoming Theme: *Once Upon A Laker*
  - GVSU’s opponent for the Homecoming Football Game is the University of Findlay Oilers
- Spirit Sign will be judged on creativity, artistic merit, and overall quality.
- No wet signs will be accepted
- Teams will lose 20 points for every hour their spirit sign is late after 3 p.m on Sunday, October 18.

**Points:**

- First place- 75 points
- Second place- 70 points
- Third place- 65 points
- Fourth place- 60 points
- Fifth place- 55 points
- Participation- 30 points (unless placed)

**Winning teams and points will be announced on the Grand Valley State University Student Life Homecoming website.**

**Athletic Events**

1-3 p.m., at the Kelly Family Sports Center (West ⅓ End)

- The specific rules for this event will be updated closer to Homecoming.
- Team captains are responsible for assigning team members to events (some events will overlap, teams will need enough individual team members to cover various events).
- All events have some level of physical risk, which participants agree to review the level of risk and have acknowledged on the participant waiver.
- One non-physically based event will be part of the event for individuals who may need accommodation.

**Points:**

Each event is tracked by a bracket and scored by place:

- First Place- 65 points
- Second Place- 60 points
- Third Place- 55 points
- Fourth place- 45 points
- Participation- 30 points (unless placed)
• Winning teams and points will be announced on the Grand Valley State University Student Life Homecoming website.
Monday, October 19

Study Tables

7-9 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Mary Idema Library
- Check in with a Laker Traditions volunteer from 7-9 p.m. to earn points for your team while you study.
- Team members must stay a minimum of 30 minutes for points.
- Team members must check out with the Laker Traditions Team volunteer in order to receive points for their team.

Points:
- 30 or more - 35 points
- 20 members - 25 points
- 10 members - 15 points
- 5 members - 10 points
- Less than 5 members - 5 points

Regent Reveal and Serenades

8:30 p.m. (check-in) in the Grand River Room (Kirkhof Center)
- Check in from 8-9 p.m., with the program starting promptly at 9:15 p.m.
  - No late check-ins will occur.
  - Each organization that has nominated a candidate for Homecoming Regent will have an opportunity to serenade their Regent Candidate. At the end of the evening, the Homecoming Regent Court will be announced.
  - Two-thirds (up to 10) of the number of candidates nominated will make up the Homecoming Regent Court.
- Serenades must be kept to a four (4) minute maximum.
- Teams who do not have a regent nominated are still encouraged to attend the Regent Reveal.

Points:
*Points for this event will be determined by the number of individuals from each team who attend.
Attendance points for both teams who DO or DO NOT have a candidate nominated:
- 10 members - 20 points
- 5 members - 10 points
- Less than 5 members - 5 points
- There is a maximum capacity of 30 members per team in attendance
Tuesday, October 20

Study Tables

7-9p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Mary Idema Library
  • Check in with a Laker Traditions volunteer from 7-9p.m. to earn points for your team while you study.
  • Team members must stay a minimum of 30 minutes for points.
  • Team members must check out with the Laker Traditions Team volunteer in order to receive points for their team.

Points:
  • 30 or more- 35 points
  • 20 members- 25 points
  • 10 members- 15 points
  • 5 members- 10 points
  • Less than 5 members- 5 points

Trivia Competition

9:15p.m. in 2215/2216 (Kirkhof Center)
  • Each team is allowed four (4) participants in the trivia competition.
  • Teams are encouraged to bring additional team members to the event to watch and cheer on their team.

Points
  • First place- 40 points
  • Second place- 35 points
  • Third place- 30 points
  • Fourth place- 25 points
  • Fifth place- 20 points
  • Participation- 10 points (unless placed)
Wednesday, October 21
Bone Marrow Education Competition

9-11 a.m. in the Lobby of the Kirkhof Center
- Receive information regarding Bone Marrow Donation and sign in with the representative from Michigan Blood to earn points for your team.
- You are encouraged to attend in groups.

Points:
- 30 or more - 35 points
- 20 members - 25 points
- 10 members - 15 points
- 5 members - 10 points
- Less than 5 members - 5 points

Lipsync Competition

9:15 p.m. in the GVSU Fieldhouse
- Performances cannot exceed 5 minutes in length, including set-up and tear-down
- Team must utilize the music that is submitted on Monday, October 19 by 5 p.m.
- It is highly recommended that teams bring a backup copy of their music with them.
- Team lineup order will be randomly selected.
- Stage is 32’ by 30’, with access stairs on each side and a backdrop.
- Performances must use at least 5 participants on stage.
- Each performance must be kept tasteful (PG rating).
- No one can jump off the stage or hang over the edge of the stage.
- No original voice-overs on the music - only recorded samples already produced for music/film television.
- Stage must be left clean following the act (no liquid, glitter, sparkles, chalk, dust, etc. permitted).
- Lighting will not be able to be controlled by individual teams.
- Judges will include distinguished members of the GVSU and Allendale community.
- Admission is free and doors open at 8 p.m.

Performances will be judged on:
- Creativity
- Costumes/Props
- Use of Theme
- Dance Choreography
• Lipsync Ability/Accuracy
• At least one person lipsyncing the entire time
• When a group’s main chorus plays, all or most members are lipsyncing
• Overall Performance
• One team will be chosen through the live voting on the Homecoming website and be named the People’s Choice.

Penalties:
• Late music (past the 10/19, 5:00 p.m. deadline) will result in 25 points deducted per hour late against any Lipsync points earned during the performance.
• No items may be thrown off the stage - immediate disqualification
• No members may leave the state to perform in the audience or on/for the judges - immediate disqualification
• No team may use music other than what was submitted on Monday, October 19 - immediate disqualification
• Any members who appear under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs will be asked to leave and their team will be immediately disqualified. If the team has not already performed, they will not be permitted to do so.
• Teams that go over the 5-minute mark will lose points (10 points per 15 seconds over).

Points
• First place - 100 points
• Second place - 90 points
• Third place - 80 points
• Fourth place - 70 points
• Fifth place - 60 points
• Sixth place - 50 points
• Seventh place - 40 points
• Participation - 30 points (unless placed)

• People’s Choice - 55 points
Thursday, October 22
Bone Marrow Education Competition

2-4p.m. in the Lobby of the Kirkhof Center
- Receive information regarding Bone Marrow Donation and sign in with the representative from Michigan Blood to earn points for your team.
- You are encouraged to attend in groups.

Points:
- 30 or more- 35 points
- 20 members- 25 points
- 10 members- 15 points
- 5 members- 10 points
- Less than 5 members- 5 points

Homecoming Event

8p.m. in the GVSU Fieldhouse
- Presented by Spotlight Productions. Tickets available at the GVSU 2020 Desk or at startickets.com
Friday, October 23
Sculpt-It Competition

3-5p.m. in 0072 (Kirkhof Center)
*Any non-perishable food items are permitted for use.

- Each team will collect donation items for the GVSU food pantry (Restore) in order to create a sculpture that is inspired by the theme Once Upon A Laker.
- Each team will have a pallet to build their sculpture on.
- Teams have from 3-5 p.m. to build their sculptures.
- Following the event, Laker Traditions Team Volunteers will remove the sculptures and deliver them to the GVSU food pantry.
- Every item brought to be a part of the sculpture must look exactly the way it appears when it leaves the store. NO EMBELLISHMENTS.
- Additional sculpture construction can use tape, paper, and markers in addition to donated items. DO NOT DAMAGE EXPIRATION DATES ON PACKAGES.
- A Laker Traditions Team Volunteer will be monitoring the sculpture building at all times to ensure the rules are being followed.
- Not all donated items need to be used in the sculpture creation process.
- Each team is asked to have representatives on hand from 5-5:30 p.m. to greet judges and help prepare items for delivery.
- Distinguished GVSU judges will visit each sculpture and score based on creativity, best use of theme, and overall aesthetic.
- The Women’s Center has provided a list of preferred items:
  - Gluten Free items
  - Soup
  - Vegetables (fresh or frozen)
  - Rice
  - Fruit (fresh or frozen)
  - Tuna fish or chicken
  - Cookie/muffin mixes
  - Paper products
  - Cereal
  - Granola bars
  - Microwave popcorn
  - Pasta
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Laundry detergent
  - Personal care items
  - Peanut butter
  - Juice
  - Gift cards to local grocery stores
  - Campus Dining gift cards

Points:
- First place- 50 points plus 1 point for every 10 items collected
- Second place- 45 points plus 1 point for every 10 items collected
- Third place- 40 points plus 1 point for every 10 items collected
- Fourth place- 35 points plus 1 point for every 10 items collected
- Fifth place- 30 points plus 1 point for every 10 items collected
- Participation- 20 points plus 1 point for every 10 items collected (unless placed)
Saturday, October 24
Bone Marrow Drive

9-1 p.m. at the Outdoor Basketball Courts
No Points Awarded

Homecoming Football Game vs. the University of Findlay

7 p.m. Lubbers Stadium

All team members and Regent candidates are invited to participate in the Homecoming Celebration at Lubber’s Stadium (ticket required for admittance to game). The Regent Court and the Homecoming Regent will be announced at 6:50 p.m., as well as the Top 3 Homecoming Competition Teams.
*Tickets will be reserved for each member of the Regent Court and 3 guests