



# Homecoming PARADE

## Parade Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures

### Back to the Yard, They Not Like Us

Albany State University invites you to be a part of the 2024 Homecoming Parade **on Saturday, October 19, 2024**. The parade will proceed as scheduled in the event of rain.

Parade registration closes **Friday, September 27, 2024**. Applicants will receive notification of application status on or before **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**.

A mandatory Homecoming Parade Participants Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6 p.m., Albany State University West Campus (2400 Gillionville Road) Building J Room 171**.

1. **THE HOMECOMING PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9 A.M.**
2. **All units must be in place by 8:45 a.m. Late units will be placed in the line-up at the discretion of the lead parade official.**
3. Only organizations that have returned a completed parade application and payment by the **registration deadline, Friday, September 27, 2024**, will be allowed to participate in the parade.
4. Parade officials will be stationed in the line-up area and along the parade route. They will also be available to assist units as needed. ALL parade participants are expected to obey all rules and cooperate fully with parade officials. Failure to comply will result in the organization being removed from the parade immediately and banned from future homecoming parades.
5. All organizations are strongly encouraged to enter a decorated float in the parade. Moreover, all units **MUST** be completely decorated.
6. All floats **MUST** have handrails for individuals who will be standing or sitting on the float.
7. All units **MUST** have the name of their organization, business, or campus group displayed.
8. Drivers of all units **MUST** have a valid driver's license and insurance policy.
9. Any driver presumed to be under the influence of alcohol or other mind-altering substance will not be allowed to drive in the parade.
10. Individuals will not be allowed to ride on the hoods, trunks or roofs of any vehicle.
11. Participants **are not allowed** to throw or distribute candy or any other items to parade onlookers. This rule applies to motorized and walking units. It is a matter of safety for everyone.
12. Each unit **MUST** bear the Albany State University Homecoming Theme, **Back to the Yard, They Not Like Us**
13. All floats are to begin lining up by 7 a.m. on the day of the parade. There must be someone who remains physically with the float at all times.
14. **A UNIT THAT PULLS A FLOAT OR IS WITH A WALKING UNIT MUST ALSO BE DECORATED.** A pulling unit should be made as much a part of the float as possible.
15. **All entries must send a representative to the check-in table located in front of the WESCO building at 724 Pine Avenue, the morning of the parade to check-in and pick up their parade spot number beginning at 7 a.m.**
16. **Only Floats and vehicles in the Homecoming Parade will be allowed to enter the staging area from the check-in area.**

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17. No vehicles will be permitted to cross through the staging area on Pine Avenue between Davis Street and Monroe Street.
18. Parade participants must follow the directions of the parade officials and will not be allowed to move to a different line-up position without approval of the lead parade official. Entries not following the rules and regulations of the parade are subject to removal from the parade and forfeiture of entry fee.
19. Parade permits will be issued to those units approved to participate in the parade. **It is MANDATORY that you have your parade permit to participate in the Homecoming Parade.** The parade permit will be distributed at the Parade Participants Meeting. You will receive your unit number the day of the parade at the unit check-in table.
20. All marching bands **MUST** play music or perform a cadence throughout the entire parade.
21. **NO political entries will be accepted for participation in the Homecoming Parade. NO political signs, posters, bumper stickers and hand-outs are permitted in the parade.**
22. Albany State's Homecoming parade is a premier family event. **No "LEWD", obscene, vulgar, or suggestive music or dancing gestures by any unit is allowed.**
23. **All horses must be equipped with diaper buckets and will be positioned at the end of the parade. Street sweepers are not a suitable alternative.**
24. Motorcycle Clubs and Car Clubs will be allowed up to 10 per unit. **Revvng of engines and showboating is not allowed. No burnouts, tire spinning or unsafe driving will be permitted.**
25. **A 90 SECOND PERFORMANCE will be allowed at the Viewing Stand on Pine Avenue and Washington Street. A Parade Official with a Stop/Go sign will enforce the time limit. Units that do not adhere to the ninety second (1 minute 30 seconds) time limit will not be judged.**