



August 2025

Dear Albany State University Homecoming Parade Participant,

Thank you for participating in past Albany State University Homecoming Parades. Planning for the 2025 Homecoming Parade is underway. The theme this year is "*Reigniting the Flame*". The parade will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 9 a.m. The parade route begins at Monroe Street and Pine Avenue; turns left at Washington Street and ends at Roosevelt Street in Downtown Albany.

Every year, the parade gets better and better. However, due to time constraints, a limited number of units will be accepted to participate. Please submit your parade application early to secure your spot. **The deadline for submitting a completed application is Friday, September 12, 2025.**

Schools, Community Organizations and Businesses: [Homecoming Parade Registration Form](#)

ASU Student or Department Organizations: [ASU Student Homecoming Parade Registration Form](#)

A separate application must be submitted for each different unit type. Schools are limited to 3 units. Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of the application and entry fee. We accept credit/debit cards, cash, checks, or money orders. Please make checks payable to the **ASU Foundation**, and mailed to:

ASU Homecoming Parade
Albany State University
Institutional Advancement
504 College Drive
Albany, GA 31705

All units are to attend the mandatory Parade Participants meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2024 at 6 p.m. on the ASU East Campus, James Pendergrast Library, Room 114. An invitation to the meeting will be sent to all registered participants. During the meeting, registered parade units will receive a parade packet containing the unit's parade spot number, Parade Rules and Regulations, the Parade Line-up and other information designed to make your parade experience enjoyable. A representative from each participating unit must check-in at 7a.m. the morning of the parade on Pine Avenue and Harding Street.

While we appreciate and encourage creativity, when planning and/or designing your unit, please be mindful that the Albany State Homecoming Parade is a family-friendly event. **Lewd, obscene, or vulgar dancing gestures or music will not be tolerated.** All participating units will be judged in the following categories:

- Walking Units
- Cheer Teams
- Dance Teams
- Decorated Cars/Trucks/Vans
- Decorated Floats
- Marching Bands

For additional information contact: Joslyn DiPasalegne, Homecoming Parade Coordinator at: 229-500-3288 or joslyn.dipasalegne@asurams.edu.

We look forward to your participation in the 2024 Albany State University Homecoming Parade.



Parade Rules

Reigniting the Flame

Albany State University invites you to be a part of the 2025 Homecoming Parade **on Saturday, October 18, 2025**. The parade will proceed as scheduled in the event of rain.

Parade registration closes **Friday, September 12, 2025**. Applicants will receive notification of application status on or before **Wednesday, October 1, 2025**.

A mandatory Homecoming Parade Participants Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6 p.m., Albany State University East Campus (504 College Drive) James Pendergrast Memorial Library Room 114**.

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 12, 2025**, 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, **"Reigniting the Flame"**
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.**



Parade Rules

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 and unit number will be distributed at the Parade Participants Meeting.
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. **Horses are not allowed in the ASU Homecoming Parade.**
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 90 second (1 minute 30 seconds) time limit will be disqualified from competition.**

ASU Golden Rams

Downtown
Albany, GA



Homecoming Parade Route

Legend

⊗ Road Blocks

Line Up Lane

S Start Point

Parade Route

F Finish

† Freedom Church Albany
(Drop off for buses)

Performance Area

Judging Area

1. Check-in for Walking Units
2. Check-in for Vehicles/Floats
3. Old Coca Cola Building
4. Reviewing Stand
5. APD Parking Lot (Buses only)
6. Albany Towers (parking for parade participants)

