

Homecoming Week 2009

Theme: Back to Tech
October 27th-October 31st

Sponsored by: Alumni Relations, Student Activities Office, Residence Hall Council, IFC, Panhel, GDC, RHC, ISO and SocComm



October 1, 2009

Dear Students:

In an effort to boost school spirit the Office of Alumni Relations and the Student Activities Office is excited to assist in coordinating the first ever Homecoming Week at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The week will consist of several events which when attended by registered groups, earn points for the respective teams in a chance to receive the Homecoming Cup. Winners will have their group name engraved on the cup which will be displayed in the Campus Center, beginning a new tradition at WPI.

Contained within this document is the schedule, point summary, and detailed descriptions of all activities during Homecoming Week organized by the day on which the events are occurring. Please read through these events and share them with your group. These groups are sponsored by several student organizations on campus who will be checking your group in at the event and awarding points for that day.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please stop by or contact the Student Activities Office at 508-831-5291. The results will be released via email on Monday morning following Homecoming Weekend. Let us work together to make this one of the best Homecoming years ever!

Sincerely,
The Student Activities and Alumni Relations Staff

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Homecoming Week 2009 Organization Registration Form

Thank you for registering to take part in the 2009 Homecoming Week festivities! Please complete the form below to officially register your team in the week long competition for the Homecoming Cup! Please submit this form to the Student Activities Office by Friday, October 17th at 5pm.

Team Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Number of Team Members: _____

Please attach a roster of all team members with their signature below and verify that all members are only on one team. Most competitions are based off of a percentage of team participation. Please attach an additional sheet if needed.

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Homecoming Week Schedule 2009

Reoccurring Events

Where's Gompei?

Sponsored by: Student Alumni Society

Location: Via Campus Email

Time: All Day

DESCRIPTION:

- There will be a series of 4 emails sent to all team captains (one every day Tuesday-Friday)
- Emails will ask students a question connected to WPI history
- All team members are able to respond

RULES:

- Emails must be sent with an answer by 6pm the day that they were sent
- One email per team will be accepted
- Responders must provide their name and the team they represent
- Responders can only associate themselves with one team
- Points will only be awarded for correct answers

POINTS:

Participation: 10 Points per correct response per team

Daily Competitions

Sponsored by: Student Activities Office

Location: Student Activities Office

Time: 8am-5pm



DESCRIPTION:

- Each day will be dedicated to students wearing a particular item to express school spirit
 1. Tuesday – Crazy Hat Day
 2. Wednesday – WPI Day (something that says WPI on it)
 3. Thursday – Costume Day
 4. Friday – Crimson and Gray Day

RULES:

- Participants must stop by the Student Activities Office by 5pm each day and provide their name and team name (participants can only provide one team name)
- Participants can only stop by the office once per day

POINTS:

Participation: 2 Points for every 10% of team participation

Example) 10 people of a team of 20 come to the office, the team receives 10 points

Penny Wars

Sponsored by: Alpha Chi Rho

Location: Campus Center Lobby

Time: 9:30am-4:30pm

DESCRIPTION:

- Participants may stop by the Campus Center Lobby and start a cup or place coins in cups at any point from 9:30am to 4:30pm
- All money will be donated towards the chosen charity of the first place team
- To set up a cup, go to the Campus Center Lobby during the event and provide your team name and the charity your team would like the money to go to if your team wins.

RULES:

- Groups will win points for starting a cup for their team
- Pennies placed in a groups cup will be positive
- Dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels placed in a cup will be negative for the cup
- The purpose is to make sure your cup has the most money at the end of the week

POINTS:

Participation: 5 points for starting a cup

1st Place – 40 points

2nd Place – 30 points

3rd Place – 20 points



Banner Contest

Sponsored by: Student Activities and Alumni Affairs

Drop Off Location: Student Activities Office

DESCRIPTION:

- Create a banner with your group and be judged in four categories: School Spirit, Keeping of Homecoming Theme, Creativity and Overall Best Presentation
- Dr. Berkey and selected Alumni members will judge the banner at the football game on Saturday

RULES:

- Banners are due to the Student Activities Office by Thursday, October 29th at 5pm
- Banners must be no larger than 3feet by 5 feet
- Banners must be appropriate: no sexual references, drugs, alcohol, profanity, or slander to any other organization.
- All banners must be in good taste with the name of the group visible.
- Banners will be judged on Saturday and will be placed on the fence for the Football Game.

POINTS:

Participation: 10 points for providing a banner

1st Place – 40 points (Overall Best)

- 2nd Place – 30 points (Most School Spirit)
- 3rd Place – 20 points (Most Creative)

Fill the Bus! Food Drive

Sponsored by: Community Service Center

Location: Community Service Center

Time: 8am-5pm

DESCRIPTION:

- Non perishable goods will be accepted in the Community Service Center to be part of a “Fill the Bus” Event on Saturday. The goal will be to see if WPI students can generate enough canned food to fill a school bus.
- All goods turned in will be donated to a local food pantry in Worcester

RULES:

- All donated items must be non perishable
- All items must be brought to the Community Service Center and participants must provide the team name
- Items will be accepted in the Community Service Center until Friday, October 30th at 5pm. Goods will then be accepted on Saturday, October 31st until 1pm at the van near the Quad.

POINTS:

Participation: (# Canned Goods/# of team participants)*5 = team points awarded

Example) 50 canned goods were brought by a team of 10 participants would be 25 points

Trick or Treat for Diabetes

Sponsored by: Alpha Gamma Delta

Location: Campus Center Lobby/Quad

Time: Tuesday Oct 27th- Thursday Oct 29th 2pm-5pm

Friday Oct 30th 10am-3pm

Saturday Oct 31st 9am-3pm (Quad)

DESCRIPTION:

- Support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by playing the Halloween Candy Jar Guessing Game.
- Each bid or guess will cost \$2.00
- Winner will be announced on October 31st and will receive an email confirmation.

RULES:

- Guess how much candy you think is in the jar
- Participants who come closest to the correct number win prizes and points

POINTS:

- 2 points for every 10% of team participation
- 40 points – correct guess/closest guess
- 30 points – 2nd closest guess
- 20 points – 3rd closest guess

Scheduled Main Events

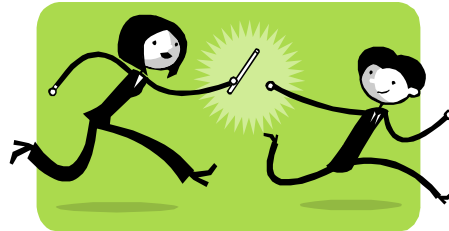
Tuesday, October 27th

Extreme Quad Relay

Sponsored by: IFC and Panhellenic Council

Location: Quad

Time: 2-4pm



DESCRIPTION:

- Complete in a series of events that will show school spirit and unite your team together

RULES:

- A series of races and challenges will be broken down into heats leading to the final challenge for the top ten teams
- Each group must have two participants
- Participants must bring one article of clothing with them that they are willing to donate

POINTS:

Participation: 10 points for participation per group

1st Place – 40 points

2nd Place – 30 points

3rd Place – 20 points

Final Round Points: 10 additional points

Women's Soccer Game

Sponsored by: Student Alumni Society and the Herd

Location: Alumni Field

Time: 7pm



DESCRIPTION:

- Attend the Women's Soccer Game vs. Babson and win points for your team

RULES:

- Students should check in with a representative with the Student Alumni Society
- Each participant will need to provide their team name to gain points
- Extra points will be provided to those who wear a WPI apparel item

POINTS:

Participation: 2 Points for every 10% of team participation and double points for people wearing WPI apparel

Wednesday, October 28th

Open Mic Night

Sponsored by: SocComm

Location: Goat's Head

Time: 6pm



DESCRIPTION:

- SocComm will host an open mic night for you to attend and perform if you dare!

RULES:

- Participants who attend should check in with a SocComm representative and provide their name and group name
- Participants who attend will gain points for their team
- Participants who choose to perform in some capacity will also win additional points for their team.
- Pre-registration is not necessary, simply come to the event and register on site

POINTS:

Participation: 2 Points for every 10% of team participation and 5 points for performing

Thursday, October 29th

Jail and Bail

Sponsored by: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Location: Quad (rain location: Campus Center)

Time: 11am-2pm



DESCRIPTION:

- This charity event will give your team the opportunity to “arrest” some of your teammates and send them to “jail” located on the Quad
- Those placed in jail will fundraise bail money to be released by asking for donations as people walk by, calling friends to donate to them, or posting bail themselves
- Groups may sign up the last three days of A Term and first two days of B Term in the Campus Center from 10am to 2pm
- A cookout will conclude the event on Thursday from 3-5pm

RULES:

- Participants placed in jail will need to fundraise \$10.00 to be released unless they have class or a meeting to attend
- Points will be awarded for participation as well as for the teams that raise the most money
- The top three teams that raise the most money will be awarded additional points
- All money raised will go towards the charity of the group's choice who raises the most money

POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation

Top Team Points based off of Fundraised Money

1st Place – 40 points

2nd Place - 30 points

3rd Place – 20 points

Friday, October 30th

Pep Rally

Sponsored by: Student Government Association

Location: Quad (rain location: Riley Commons)

Time: 7-9pm



DESCRIPTION:

- Come join the student body and show your school spirit!

RULES:

- Participants simply need to show up to the pep rally and check in with an SGA representative at the end of the Rally

POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation

Haunted Higgins House

Sponsored by: Student Alumni Society

Location: Higgins House

Time: 9pm-11pm

Join the Student Alumni Society for a ghoulish night and tour the Haunted Higgins House. Win points for going through and making it out alive!

DESCRIPTION:

- Join the Student Alumni Society for a night and tour of the Haunted Higgins House

RULES:

- Win points by attending the event and checking in with an SAS representative after going through the Haunted House
- Participants must provide their names and team name

POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Sponsored by: Panhellenic Council and IFC

Location: Higgins House

Time: 9pm



As a part of Haunted Higgins House, pumpkins will be judged and points will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners along with teams who participate.

DESCRIPTION:

- Carving is to take place beforehand; judging will only take place at Higgins House.
- One pumpkin per team
- Once submitted, the pumpkin is WPI property and will not be returned
- Pumpkins must be appropriate for audiences of all ages

RULES:

- Points will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners along with teams who participate.
- Pumpkins must be registered with a member of IFC and Panhellenic Council and the participant's name when checked in at the beginning of the event
- Pumpkins must be carved before the event and provided by the group
- Judging will be done by children and families who visit Haunted Higgins House
- Each attendee will receive one ticket to vote and be placed in a cup associated with individual pumpkins
- The winner will be the pumpkin with the most tickets

POINTS:

Participation: 10 points for registering a pumpkin

1st Place – 40 points

2nd Place – 30 points

3rd Place – 20 points

Mystery Contest

Sponsored by: SocComm

Location: Higgins House

Time: 9pm

For a goolish treat, stop by and meet members of SocComm. In conjunction with Haunted Higgins House, try to guess which mystery items you find in their bag of treats.

DESCRIPTION:

- Participants reach into a bag and attempt to guess what they believe is in the magic bag

RULES:

- Points are simply awarded upon participation

POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation

Saturday, October 31th

Parade

Sponsored by: Student Activities and Alumni Affairs

Location: Quad

Time: Noon



DESCRIPTION

- Theme: Spooky Tech – entries will be judged use of theme, creativity and school spirit and all entries must be appropriate for audiences of all ages
- Build a float, make a banner or simply walk in the Parade as a team. Participation will win you points as well as the top three spots.
- All groups must report to the Library parking lot by 11am to be ready to take part in the parade for noon
- Floats, banners and groups will be judged on creativity, best use of theme and school spirit!

RULES:

- If your team designs a float, the float must be either on the bed of a pickup truck, farm wagon, flat bed truck, or on a trailer pulled by pickup truck
- Nothing may be thrown from the parade into the crowd at any point in the parade
- Parade entry (Float, banner,etc) must be able to fit under bridge and must be as narrow enough to get around the quad without sideswiping parked cars
- **Participants must register to take part in the parade ahead of time via the registration form at the end of this packet**
- Floats, banners and groups must be appropriate: no sexual references, drugs, alcohol, profanity, or slander to any other organization
- There may not be any open flames on the float and no one may be hanging off floats

POINTS:

1st Place- 40 points

2nd Place- 30 points

3rd Place- 20 points

Participation-10 points per entry

Halloween in Morgan

Sponsored by: Residence Hall Council

Location: Morgan Hall (Wedge)

Time: 5-7pm

DESCRIPTION:

- Make your trip to Morgan a haunted one! Free candy and crafts will be in the Wedge, be sure to dress up too!

RULES:

- Participants simply need to show up to win points and check in with a member of RHC with their name and team name

POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation

Best Costume – 40 points

2nd Costume – 30 points

3rd Costume – 20 points



Halloween Costume! Dance! Party!

Sponsored by: Game Development Club

Location: Odeum, Campus Center

Time: 7pm-Midnight

Dance the night away in the Campus Center with the GDC for their annual Halloween Dance.

DESCRIPTION:

- Dance the night away with a Costume Party

RULES:

- Participants simply need to show up to get points

POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation. Points double when tickets are purchased before the event.

Costume Contest Points:

40- 1st Place

30 – 2nd Place

20 – 3rd Place

Showcase your organization and show your school spirit! Build a float for the annual Homecoming Parade!

When: Saturday, October 31st, 2009

Where: Line-up takes place in the library lot

When: Line-up at 11:00am. Parade starts at noon.

Register your organization today! Please send Emily Perlow (eperlow@wpi.edu) the following information:

Name of organization: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

The deadline to register is Monday, October 26th, 2009.

• **Guidelines for floats are as follows:**

Organization (s) name must appear on the entry.

- Each entry should communicate WPI spirit!
- All floats must be built in accordance with published University policies, procedures, and safety guidelines.
- Each float or banner theme must be tasteful, avoid sexual connotation, and may not include offensive language or behavior.
- Each float entry can be built on a pick-up truck, farm wagon, flat bed truck or other trailer. Organizations can walk alongside their floats as well.
- Float dimensions must NOT exceed 8ft wide and must be able to fit below the footbridge. The entry can not be taller than 13 feet, measured upward from ground level.
- Any entry deemed unsafe or inappropriate by the Parade Coordinator or any organizational participant who behaves in an inappropriate or unsafe manner will be removed from the parade.

Possible reasons for disqualification include violation of the expectations below:

No open flames.

No dangerous stunts.

No smoking on or near floats.

If individuals are intoxicated, they will *not* be allowed to participate.

No movement of members on or off moving floats during the parade.

Remember that dress, decorum, and other behavioral acts of parade participants will be on public display. Please represent WPI well!

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Emily Perlow, Associate Director of Student Activities, at eperlow@wpi.edu or 508.831.5961.