



# Homecoming Cup Competition 2011

*Sponsored by: Alumni Relations, Student Activities Office, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, SocComm, Class Board 2013, Colleges Against Cancer, Student Government Association, Student Alumni Society, Alpha Chi Rho, Residence Hall Council, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma*

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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 third Annual 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 coveted Homecoming Cup. Winners will have their group name engraved on the cup, which will continue to be displayed in the Campus Center, continuing this recent 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 that will be checking your group in at each 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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*SocComm, 2009 Winner  
Lambda Chi Alpha, 2010 Winner*

# Homecoming Week 2011 Organization Registration Form

Thank you for registering to take part in the 2011 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 **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your team/organization participated in this tradition before (please circle): YES      NO

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. A **minimum of ten people are needed** to create a team. Please attach an additional sheet if needed.

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# Homecoming Week Schedule 2011

## Reoccurring Events

**Where's Gompei?**

*Sponsored by: Student Alumni Society*

*Location: Via Campus Email*

*Time: All Day*

### DESCRIPTION:

- There will be a series of 5 emails sent to all team captains (one every day Monday-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 from the captain or designated team member
- 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Campus Center)*

*Time: 8am-5pm*

### DESCRIPTION:

- Each day will be dedicated to students wearing a particular item to express school spirit
  1. Monday – Connection Day (Something associated with theme)
  2. Tuesday – WPI Day (something that says WPI on it)
  3. Wednesday – Appropriate Funny Shirt Day
  4. Thursday – Goat Day (wear something with a Goat on it)
  5. Friday – Crimson and Gray Day

### RULES:

- Participants must stop by the Student Activities Office between 8am and 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

## **Pep Rally Chant Competition**

*Sponsored by: Student Government Association*

*Location: Video Submission*

*Time: By 5 p.m. Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>*

### DESCRIPTION:

- During the Pep Rally we will have a chant competition by the Homecoming teams. Each team shall prepare a chant for WPI and submit a copy of the chant to the SGA office. Then, the team shall record the chant on a video and submit the clip to [sgapr@wpi.edu](mailto:sgapr@wpi.edu) by Wednesday at 5 p.m. These chants do not need to be edited. A group from the Homecoming Committee will pick the top 5 teams to perform their chants LIVE at the Pep Rally. Here they will be judged by the attending public and a winner will be selected. The top chants will be posted online by the SGA.

### RULES:

- Chants will last no longer than 60 seconds
- Chants must pertain to WPI and no foul language is permitted
- At least 80% of the team shall appear in the video performing the chant
- Same amount of members as above shall show up at Pep Rally to perform if the chant makes it to this final round.

### POINTS:

1<sup>st</sup> Place (at the Pep Rally) – 40 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (at the Pep Rally) – 30 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (at the Pep Rally) – 25 points  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Place (made it to Pep Rally) — 15 points  
Participation: 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. **Cups must be started by 4:30pm on the 29<sup>th</sup>!**
- 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 points at the end of the week

- Groups must have a cup started by the end of Wednesday

**POINTS:**

Participation: 5 points for starting a cup

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 40 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 30 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 20 points



**Banner Contest**

*Sponsored by: Student Activities and Alumni Relations*

*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 (Tech Connects), Creativity, and Overall Best Presentation
- Alumni members will judge the banner at the football game on Saturday

**RULES:**

- Banners are due to the Student Activities Office by Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 40 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 30 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 20 points

**Scheduled Main Events**

**Saturday, September 17th**

**Work on Worcester**

*Sponsored by: Community Service Center, IFC, and Panhel*

*Location: Campus Center Back Patio*

*Time: 9-12pm and 1-4pm*

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Help clean up Worcester and construct a better community!

**RULES:**

- Participants ***must register*** to participate in Work on Worcester online at <http://www.wpi.edu/webapps/regi/commserv.html>

## POINTS:

Participation: 5 points for every hour of service per team member

## **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Colleges Against Cancer Triathlon**

*Sponsored by: Colleges Against Cancer*

*Location: WPI Campus*

*Time: 8am- Registration; 10am event begins*

## DESCRIPTION

- Opportunity for students to compete, as well as raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life.
- Triathlon will consist of: Swimming- 0.3 miles in the WPI pool; Biking- 10 miles throughout WPI Campus; Running- 5k throughout WPI Campus
- BBQ will be available for all participants and volunteers.
- Contact us at [cactriathlon@wpi.edu](mailto:cactriathlon@wpi.edu) and check out our Facebook event "Colleges Against Cancer Triathlon!" for more information.

## RULES

- Participants must fill out a Registration Form and sign a Liability Form.
  - Currently located on the Google doc:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PA2HoQKt6gb0SZoPraTwoTeC851IlyFiSb4XJvO4T38/edit?hl=en\\_US](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PA2HoQKt6gb0SZoPraTwoTeC851IlyFiSb4XJvO4T38/edit?hl=en_US)
- On September 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Homecoming table NEXT to the Registration table where people participating will sign their name and what Homecoming team they are on.
- Participants may compete in a team of 3 (\$30 or \$10/person) or individually (\$20) [\$5 more per person if registering on the day of the Triathlon]
  - Participants on the same Homecoming team do not necessarily have to be on the same Triathlon team.
- There will be points available for people who are able to volunteer. There will be a sign up sheet for 4 different time slots.
  - This will be on a first come first sign up system. There will be a GoogleDoc sent out to the Captain about a week prior to the Triathlon.
- You must sign in at the Homecoming table to receive your points after your tasks are accomplished the day of the Triathlon.

## POINTS

- Participation: 10 points per person
  - Maximum 5 participants in the race per Homecoming team
  - All can participate but points will be capped after 5 participants; max 50 points
- Volunteer Work: 5 points
  - Maximum of 7 volunteers per Homecoming team; max of 35 points
- The top 3 people for each leg of the race will receive points for their team as well.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 20 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 15 points

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 10 points
- ‘Showing Up’ participation: 2 points for every 10% of team
  - Come cheer on your Homecoming team or support the Triathlon!
  - Sign in will be at the Homecoming Table.

## **Monday, September 19th**

### **Block Party**

*Sponsored by: IFC, Panhellenic Council and Greek Life*

*Location: Quad*

*Time: 12-5pm*

#### DESCRIPTION:

- Come join IFC, Panhellenic Council, and Greek Life for a Block Party on campus on the Quad! Your team can compete in activities and enjoy some BBQ!

#### RULES:

- There will be several events taking place on the Quad for participants to enjoy.
- Team members must check in for participation points at the event check in table.

#### POINTS:

5 Points for every 10% of team participation.

## **Tuesday, September 20th**

### **Rock-a-Thon**

*Sponsored by: Phi Sigma Sigma*

*Location: Riley Commons*

*Time: 3-11pm*

#### DESCRIPTION:

- Attend the Rock-a-Thon and win points for your team

#### RULES:

- Students should check in with a representative from Phi Sigma Sigma
- Each participant will need to provide their team name to gain points

#### POINTS:

Participation: 2 Points for every 10% of team participation

### **Women's Volleyball vs. Babson**

*Sponsored by: Student Alumni Society and the Herd*

*Location: Harrington Auditorium*

*Time: 7pm*

#### DESCRIPTION:

- Attend the Women's Volleyball 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.

### **Quad-Sized Musical Chairs**

*Sponsored by: Residence Hall Council*

*Rain Date: Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Location: Quad*

*Time: 5pm*

#### DESCRIPTION:

- You've never played this childhood favorite on such a large scale before! Enjoy time with friends and popular music as you strive to avoid being the last student standing.

#### RULES:

- The competition will include three games.
- At the beginning of each game, each student takes a chair and places it in the circle where the game will take place. Each game will begin with 100 students and 100 chairs.
- Once the music begins playing, students will stand and begin walking in a circle approximately three feet from the chairs. Five chairs will be removed from the circle. When the music stops, students must attempt to find an entire seat for themselves. The last five students standing will be out of this game and can return to the competition during the beginning of a future game.
- Progressively fewer chairs will be removed after each round as the number of students left in the game diminishes. Once only ten students remain, only one chair will be removed during each round.
- The winners from each game will participate in a three-person "final" to determine the ultimate musical chairs champion for Homecoming!

### POINTS:

Participation: 10 points for participation per group

1<sup>st</sup> Place (in final game) – 40 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (in final game) – 30 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (in final game) – 20 points

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for first 3 games – 10 points each

### **Trivia Night**

*Sponsored by: Campus Center and Student Activities*

*Location: Goat's Head Restaurant*

*Time: 9pm*

### DESCRIPTION:

Come out to the Goat's Head every Tuesday night at 9:00 PM for Tuesday Night Trivia!!!

### RULES:

- Each team gets an answer sheet at the start of the game.
- Rounds will have five questions worth one point each.
- The last question is usually the hardest and answering it correctly will give you two extra points!
- If you answer all questions correctly in one round you will also get extra points.
- After each round your answer sheet is collected and scored by the facilitator.
- The facilitator will then return your sheet to you, so you can continue playing.
- The team with the most points at the end of all rounds will win! Prizes vary from Goat's Head Certificates to Bookstore Gift Cards!!! Join in on the fun!

### Additional Rules\*\* -

- No I-Pods, I-Phones, Laptops or Internet in general.
- No hovering other teams to see their answers.
- Teams may discuss answers together but are advised to whisper so their ideas aren't heard by other teams.
- Teams must turn in their answer sheets at the end of each round.
- Teams are not allowed to change the points on their answer sheet.
- Any team that does not follow the rules will be disqualified from the game.

### POINTS:

#### General Point System\*\* -

1 Point for every correct question.

3 points for correct bonus question.

Extra Point for a perfect round!

The number of rounds is subject to change for different sponsoring organizations.

All players will know the number of rounds before game play begins.

\*\*The facilitator(s) will carefully explain the rules and point system every Tuesday just in case anything has changed.

## **Wednesday, September 21st**

### **Dodge ball Tournament**

*Sponsored by: The Junior Class Board*

*Date: Extends through September 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Location: Racquet ball court in Harrington Gym*

*Time: 12-8pm*

#### DESCRIPTION:

- Do you love the movie Dodge ball: A true Underdog Story? Do people say that you don't have what it takes to be an **ENGINEERD!** Well here is the opportunity prove yourself, **DODGEBALL STYLE**. WPI 1<sup>st</sup> Homecoming Dodge ball Competition tests strength and diligence of a character. Come on and sign up, and grab life by the **GOAT!**

#### RULES:

- Teams will be made up of 10-15 players. Ten (10) players will compete on a side; others will be available as substitutes. Substitutes may enter the game only during timeouts or in the case of injury.
- The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT". This may be done by:
  - Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders.
  - Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.
  - *Definition: LIVE: A ball that has been thrown and has not touched anything, including the floor/ground, another ball, another player, official or other item outside of the playing field (wall, ceiling, etc)*
- During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries through their end-line only to retrieve stray balls. They must also return through their end-line.

#### POINTS:

- 1st Place: 50 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 30 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 20 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 15 Points
- Participation/Entry Per Group: 5 Points
- MVP-5 Points for Team

## **Open Mic Night**

*Sponsored by: SocComm*

*Location: Goat's Head Restaurant*

*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, September 22nd**

### **Best Structure Contest**

*Sponsored by: SocComm and Phi Sigma Sigma*

*Location: Wedge*

*Time: 11am-2pm*

### DESCRIPTION:

- Build a structure that will be judged on its appearance. Judges will be individuals who are not on a homecoming team and will not see the names of the teams associated with the structure.

### RULES:

- Only supplies that are provided may be used. You will have the entire time of the competition to build your structure and it does not matter how many team members help build it. Only one structure per team may be submitted for the contest.

### POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for each 10% of the team that signs in

- First Place – 40 points
- Second Place – 30 points
- Third Place – 20 points

## **Jail and Bail**

*Sponsored by: Sigma Phi Epsilon*

*Location: Quad (Campus Center – rain location)*

*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.

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 40 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 30 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 20 points



**Friday, September 23rd**

**Pep Rally**

*Sponsored by: Student Government Association*

*Location: Quad (Riley Commons, Rain Location)*

*Time: 6-8pm*

### DESCRIPTION:

- Come and join the rest of the student body at the Pep Rally and show off your school spirit. Learn new WPI cheers, get free food and superfan shirts, participate on fun events and get pumped for the Homecoming game!

### RULES:

- Participants simply need to show up to the Pep Rally and check in with the designated SGA representative at the end of the Rally.
- If your team made it to the final five of the chant contest: report at the beginning of the Pep Rally to Jean Paul Miralda (Chair of PR) for further instructions. See rules and point system under "Pep Rally Chant Competition."

### POINTS:

Participation: 2 points for every 10% of team participation.

## Saturday, September 24th

### Parade

*Sponsored by: Student Activities and Alumni Relations*

*Location: Quad*

*Time: Noon*

#### DESCRIPTION

- Theme: Tech Connects – entries will be judged use of theme, creativity and school spirit and all entries must be appropriate for audiences of all ages. The theme was created to illustrate the connections that people make and have as a WPI student and Alumni.
- 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- 40 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- 30 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- 20 points

Participation-10 points per entry

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

**When:** Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**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, September 19th, 2011.**

• **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, Director of Student Activities, at eperlow@wpi.edu or 508.831.5961.