



Nest Fest Spirit Competition

November 8-14, 2009

**Please fill in and print all entry forms and return to
The Department of Student Life by October 30th
Carmichael Student Center Room 274
Phone: (770) 423-6280
www.ksustudent.com**

NEST FEST Homecoming Packet 2009

Dear Homecoming Participant,

The success of Homecoming Week depends on the involvement of you and your organization. Enclosed in this packet, you will find the following: a schedule of all Homecoming events, registration forms for Student Life's Nest Fest Spirit activities, Homecoming Court Info, and a copy of the rules and regulations for the week's activities.

In addition to the items above, please note that the Homecoming Participant Contract must be signed and returned with the event registration forms in order for a group to be eligible for participation in the Homecoming Week events. Any student organization NOT registered with the Department of Student Life for 2009-2010 is ineligible to participate in Nest Fest or the Homecoming Court nomination process.

All Homecoming registration forms MUST be filled out and returned to the Department of Student Life no later than Friday, October 30th. If you have any questions, please feel free to come by the Student Involvement Office in the Cubicle Area (Rm 338) on the 3rd Floor of the Student Center or email me at nepps1@kennesaw.edu.

The 2009 Homecoming theme is "Medieval Magic; Return to Kennesaw Kastle".

We are looking forward to the festivities and hope that you will help us make this year's Homecoming magical and memorable!

Sincerely,



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Competition Categories for Nest Fest 2009

Beyond the campus-wide celebration, Kennesaw State University's Nest Fest involves a series of contests sponsored by the Department of Student Life to foster school spirit. All KSU students are welcome to join the festivities. More specifically registered organizations and departmental units are encouraged to participate in and compete in the events. The three competitive divisions of Nest Fest that students may participate in are:

Greek organizations

Any Greek organization that is registered with the Department of Student Life, advised by the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and in good standing with the University may enter into the Greek Organizations division.

Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs)/Open Division

Any Recognized Student Organization (RSO) that is in good standing with the University, or any group of KSU students who wish to form their own team with 10 or more members may enter into the RSO/Open Division.

Residence Halls

All residence hall students have the opportunity to participate in the Homecoming Competition by competing on teams for their building, complex, floor, wing, or community. Resident Assistants and Building Coordinators will play a key role informing and involving students in events through promotion on their floor and complex. Residence Hall students should be encouraged to sign up for teams in a central location within their complex.

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Nest Fest Prize Winnings

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in the **GREEK or RSO** category as outlined below:

1st Place: \$150.00 in Special Activity Funds & Papa John's Pizza Party for 1 Meeting

2nd Place: \$75.00 in Special Activity Funds

3rd Place: \$50 in Special Activity Funds

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in the **Residence Hall or Open** category as outlined below:

1st Place: Free Bowling Party at US PLAY for team all participants

2nd Place: Papa John's Pizza Party for all team participants

3rd Place: AMC movie passes for all team participants

Over-All Nest Fest Champion

There will be an ALL-SPIRIT Award that will be awarded to the team with the highest over-all point total regardless of entry category. This team will receive an Official 2009 NEST FEST Champion Plaque, as well as \$250.00 in special activity funds to host an event of their choosing on campus. (Please note that use of prize winnings must adhere to all Student Life & KSU policy for student fees.)

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Nest Fest Rules & Guidelines

1. A group may not participate if they do not turn in ALL required entry forms and applications by the scheduled date and time of 5:00 pm, Friday, October 30, 2009. All forms must be turned in to the Department of Student Life – Student Center Rm 274.
2. There will be no application fee to participate.
3. All rules and regulations MUST be followed to avoid risk of point deductions or disqualifications. Point deductions will be based on minor (-50 points) and major (-100 points) rule violations.
4. If a group signs up to participate in an event and does not attend the event, they will automatically lose 200 competition points.
5. Any group questioning the judging and subsequent point distribution for any event should personally submit a typed letter to the Assistant Director for Student Involvement within 24 hours following the event in question.
6. Groups must have one designated Homecoming Representative with his/her phone number and e-mail address on the application.
7. All applications and entry forms must have all required signature on the forms verifying that all rules and regulations have been read and will be followed.
8. The Homecoming Executive Committee shall consist of the Assistant Director for Student Involvement and other KSU Staff & Faculty volunteers. There will NOT

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be any student member on the Homecoming Executive Committee. Student Coordinators from KAB are responsible for event programming ONLY and will not assist with scoring and or selection of the Homecoming Court. This process will be overseen by the Student Life Student Involvement Team.

9. The Assistant Director for Student Involvement will inform groups of duplicate submissions for creative competitive events. This refers to the Banner Contest, Cookie Decorating Contest, Parade Float Themes, and Lip Sync Song Choice. Submissions will be approved on a first come first served basis.
10. The Homecoming Executive Committee reserves the right to disqualify any group proven guilty of violating the Homecoming rules and regulations. Any group disqualified from any one event will forfeit all spirit points awarded for said event. Repeated offenses will result in disqualification from the entire competition.
11. Groups who submit a Homecoming Court nominee must participate in at least 3 homecoming competitions and attend a minimum of 2 KAB sponsored events.
12. The reigning Homecoming King and Queen may not be the successor to themselves.
13. Winners of each Homecoming event will be announced at the Men's Basketball Game Half-Time Show on Saturday, November 14th @ 7:30 p.m.



Homecoming King and Queen Candidate Rules and Regulation

Candidate Qualifications

- A. All king candidates must be male in sex; likewise, all queen candidates must be female in sex
- B. All candidates must currently be enrolled at Kennesaw State University and be in good academic standing within their respective discipline.
- C. All candidates must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- D. Candidates must be sponsored by a recognized student organization (RSO). Each sponsoring organization may have no more than one (1) male and one (1) female candidate for each class category. Please note: The candidates do not have to be a member of the sponsoring organization.
- E. Residence halls at Kennesaw State University may sponsor one (1) male and one (1) female candidate per community. This includes all housing properties managed by the KSU Foundation and the Department of Residence Life. The selection of court candidates from Residence Life is at the discretion of the Director of Residence Life or his designee.
- F. All sponsoring organizations must be registered and in good standing with the Department of Student Life. Any organization not registered for the 2009-2010 academic year will be ineligible to participate in Nest Fest or nominate a candidate for the Homecoming Court. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
- G. The candidate and sponsoring organization are responsible for making all necessary arrangements to complete and submit the court application, ensure participation in all required meetings and events, and for complying with applicant rules and guidelines.

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Homecoming Court Composition:

The 2009 Homecoming Court will consist of one female and male class representative as follows:

First Year Male & Female Finalists Named: Lord & Lady

Sophomore Male & Female Finalists Named: Duke & Duchess

Junior Male & Female Finalist Named: Prince & Princess

Senior Male & Female Finalist Named: King & Queen

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Application Deadline

Applications must be downloaded, typed, and printed from the Department of Student Life website www.ksustudent.com . **TYPED applications must be returned to the Department of Student Life no later than Friday, October 30, 2009 by 5:00 pm.**

Applications will not be taken after this time. Once applications have been submitted, the appropriate persons will be notified of receipt. Please be sure to print a copy of the application for your records.

Homecoming Court Campaign Rules

****Please read all campaign rules carefully. It is important to ask any questions you may have prior to the commencement of the campaign. Lack of understanding or a failure to read the campaign rules fully will not be a valid reason or excuse for the candidate or the sponsoring organization. It is recommended that the entire organization be aware of the campaign rules and consequences.****

A. Campaigning will not be allowed prior to Monday, November 9th, and will officially begin at 8:00 am on Monday, November 9, 2009. Campaigning must end by 12:00 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2009.

C. All posted campaign material must follow all KSU and Department of Student Life posting policies available at www.ksustudent.com. It will be the candidate's responsibility to request approval from the appropriate building authorities should they wish to post campaigning materials in academic or administrative buildings.

D. Displaying of campaign flyers and/or posters on campus is permitted only on approved bulletin boards. The posted material cannot exceed eleven inches by



seventeen inches (11" X 17"). Each candidate may only be represented once on any bulletin board or posting area. Further, candidates are not guaranteed space on campus bulletin boards. Displacing, altering, or removing another candidate's flyer(s) is strictly prohibited and grounds for disqualification.

E. Campaigning inside university buildings is allowed as long as it does not disrupt routine University activity or classroom instruction. Complaints from instructors or campus employees will be taken seriously and may result in a major violation point deduction.

G. Any and all campaigning in Residence Halls must be approved by the Director of Residence Life or his designee. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Violators will be subject to standard proceedings by the Department of Residence Life and Kennesaw State University. **This is a major offense.**

H. The use of staked signs by any candidate or sponsoring organization is strictly prohibited.

I. No campaign material may be taped to the ground.

J. Chalking is permissible during the campaigning period. All chalking must adhere to the regulations as outlined by the Department of Student Life in the KSU Handbook at www.ksustudent.com. Chalking is permitted on sidewalks only using light colored chalk and in open, horizontal areas to allow for eventual removal by rainfall. **Chalking is not permitted on the sidewalks near the Residential Villages or Communities – period. Residence Life reserves the right to proceed with standard processes for handling such violations.**

The use of chalk on buildings or structures is prohibited campus wide.

K. One-to-one e-mail communication and e-mailing across listservs to which students have voluntarily joined is permitted.

L. Electronic campaigning is permitted through means of instant messenger programs, (e.g. facebook.com, myspace.com, ning, google groups, ETC) as long as these campaigns do not begin before the approved campaign period.

M. Personal computers and laptops may not be set up as polling stations by any individual or organization during the election window. Any candidate found guilty of this violation will be automatically disqualified.

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N. All grievances for campaign violations must be submitted in writing to Nu'Nicka Epps at nepps1@kennesaw.edu within twenty-four (24) hours of the violation. The grievance must include the following: your name, e-mail, and phone number, the name of the violator, time, date and a detailed description of the violation. Strong, physical evidence is highly recommended when submitting a grievance. Decisions concerning violations will be made by the Homecoming Executive and decisions will be final.

Grievances will not be accepted after 12:00am November 12, 2009.

O. Any violation of the above stated rules or failure to comply with the regulations may result in vote deductions or disqualification from the 2009 Homecoming Court process. All decisions will be made by the Executive Homecoming Committee and all decisions will be final.

P. Minor violations will result in 15 votes deducted per violation. Three or more minor violations will result in 25 votes deducted per violation. Minor violations include but are not limited to posting multiple posters on one board, removing other candidate's posters, etc. Major violations may result in disqualification. Major violations include but are not limited to sending mass emails on non-voluntary listservs, defacing or destroying other candidate items, chalking in restricted locations, campaigning in residential areas without prior written approval, campaigning too close to the election area, or setting up a polling sight.

Election Dates

Elections for the 2009 Homecoming Court will be held online in Owl Express and accessed only during the designated voting period. Only currently enrolled KSU students are eligible to vote. Voting dates are as follows:

- Ballots Open Tuesday, November 10, 2009; 9:00 am
- Ballots Close Thursday, November 12, 2009; 1:00 pm

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Voting Eligibility

Voting is open to all students at Kennesaw State University that have a valid KSU ID Number and KSU Student Email Account. Voting is limited to one (1) vote per student ID. Once a vote has been placed it may not be changed for any reason. Voting will only be available on the dates mentioned above.

Voting Instructions

Students will be able to access the Homecoming Court Ballot by logging onto Owl Express with a valid Net ID & Password. Once logged on, students will see a link for "Voting". Clicking this link will open a ballot for you to cast your vote. Students will be allowed to cast one vote for each male/female category. Once selections have been made, students will click the Submit button to cast their Homecoming vote. Once votes have been cast a confirmation page will appear and students may then exit the ballot and/or Owl Express.

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Interview Guidelines, Selection Methodology, and Responsibilities

A. All potential candidates must participate in a 7-10 minute preliminary interview. Interviews will be held from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd in Student Center Rm. 301, and Wednesday, November 4th Student Center Rm. 372. Please note: Interview times may be flexible, but dates are firm.

B. Candidates must sign up in the Department of Student Life (ST Rm. 274) for an interview time after submitting an application for court no later than 5:00pm on October 30th. Any candidate not signed up for an interview time by the application Deadline of Friday, October 30th will not be able to participate in the Homecoming Court process.

C. Candidates will be judged on the following criteria and weighted on the following percentages:

- Leadership and Extracurricular Activities 20%
- Academic Achievements 20%
- Community Engagement 20%
- Poise and Speaking Ability 20%
- School Spirit 20%

D. The top five nominee scores in each category will be notified via email on Friday, November 6th and introduced to campus at a brief showcase on Tuesday, November 10th from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Candidates should be prepared to make a short, 2 minute pitch to the campus outlining why they should be elected. Professional attire is required.

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Selection Methodology

The 2009 Court will be chosen by combining 50% of the interview points and 50% of the student body popular vote cast via the electronic ballot.

The following formula is used for this calculation:

$$(Total\ Popular\ Votes * 50\%) + (Total\ Interview\ Score * 50\%) = Total\ Election\ Points$$

The students receiving the highest combined score will be selected as the categorical finalist and Homecoming Court representative for the KSU Homecoming parade and Homecoming game halftime presentation on Saturday, November 14th at 7:30 pm. All finalists will also be recognized formally during the Homecoming Dance on November 12th. In the event of a point tie, the candidate with the highest popular vote will be selected.

Men's Basketball Game Requirements

It is mandatory that the homecoming court attend the Kennesaw State University Homecoming Men's Basketball Game on Saturday, November 14, 2009 for the announcement of the 2009 King and Queen. All members of the court will receive two complimentary tickets to the game for guests.

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HOMECOMING 2009: Medieval Magic; The Return to Kennesaw Kastle Schedule of Events

*** Indicates Event Eligibility for Nest Fest Spirit Competition Points*

“The Cherubic Hymn: Yell Like Hell Competition”

Sunday, November 8th

4:00p – 6:00p

Legacy Gazebo

****Description:** That’s Right! The ancient spirit event has arrived at KSU so come out and be part of an evolving KSU tradition that is destined to become more electrifying each year! Come and be blown away as your peers and friends “Yell Like Hell” for spirit points at this exciting chant/cheer competition. Participants will be judged on lyrics, theme, performance style, costumes, volume, energy, and oh-yes... stunts!!! Be a part of history in the making... This event is FREE!

This event is sponsored the Department of Student Life

“Medieval Renaissance: Live Concert & Fashion Show”

Sunday, November 8th

7:00p – 9:00p

KSU Recreation & Wellness Center Old Gym

****Description:** Ignite your owl spirit. For the first time in KSU history, music and fashion will collide like never before seen on campus! Come out and see who will be rockin’ & struttin’ down this year’s dramatic runway. Each scene will feature live musical performances from up and coming hip hop and rock bands SafteySuit, Young Dro, Young LA, & Rich Kids. You DO NOT want to find out what you missed on facebook, so be sure to get your tickets fast! Ticket details are available by contacting KAB.

www.ksukab.com or by calling (770) 423-6279.

This event is sponsored by your Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB) and in part by Intramural & Recreation Services.

“Medieval Renaissance II: The After Party”

Sunday, November 8th

10:00p – 12:00a

Student Center University Rooms

****Description:** The fun continues in the Student Center and some guest appearances are scheduled. CD’s and signed posters will be available for the event performers and your very own KSU feature models will be on site for photo ops! This event is FREE!

This event is sponsored by your Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB)



“The Copper Duel – Penny War Contest”:

Monday, November 9th – Thursday, November 12th

10:00a – 4:00p Daily

Student Center 3rd Floor Den Area (Cubicle Lounge Area)

Description: Pennies added to the one (1) gallon milk jug will count as a positive number. Any silver coins or dollar bills added to the jug count as negative points to the total. Participants must provide one (1) gallon milk jug decorated with the organization/team name and a medieval themed design. Jugs must be turned into Student Life by 2:00 pm on Sunday November 8th to qualify for the competition.

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life.

“Kastle Fair -RSO Carnival Booth Explosion”

Monday, November 9th

11:00a – 2:00p

Student Center Atrium

**Description: Registered Student Organizations/Teams may participate in a Carnival Booth Competition for Nest Fest spirit points. This event is designed to have organizations compete for the best carnival game offering at their respective tables. Games will be judged by faculty, staff, and student patrons who circulate the explosion and cast votes for the best, most creative, and most enjoyable booth game! Step Right Up and Compete for up to 300 spirit points! Carnival Snacks will be provided.

This event is sponsored the Department of Student Life.

“Artisan Chronicles - Nest Fest Banner Competition”

Monday, November 9th

1:00p Judging

Student Center Display Locations

**Description: Registered Student Organizations/Teams submit Homecoming themed spirit banners for judging. Banners entered in to the Nest Fest spirit competition may be showcased at the Homecoming Parade in downtown Kennesaw. RSOs with the best banners may also be asked to display their submissions during the Women & Men’s Basketball games on Saturday, November 14th for public viewing.

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life.

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KAB Presents: "Night with a Joking Jester"

Featuring Comedian Iliza Shlesinger from Last Comic Standing

Monday, November 9th

8:00p - 9:30p

Student Center University Rooms

****Description:** Come and laugh out loud with one of the funniest women around! Iliza Shlesinger is an American Jewish comedienne from Dallas, Texas. Shlesinger became the first female and the also youngest winner of NBC's Last Comic Standing in the series' sixth season and he is currently appearing in The Last Comic Standing Tour. This event is 100% FREE so arrive early for the best seats!

This event is sponsored by the Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB).

"The Musketeer Burn - Spirit Shirt SWAP"

Tuesday, November 10th

Booth Opens 10:30a

Student Center Atrium Desk near the Leaning Man

Description: You say YOU have Owl SPIRIT? Then PROVE IT! Come and trade in your non KSU collegiate apparel for the 2009 KSU Homecoming T-Shirt to show your support for Kennesaw State University. All items traded will be donated to a local charity. Limited supplies available so arrive early! Only one shirt per person will be issued.

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life.

"The Unveiling – Homecoming Court Candidate Showcase"

Tuesday, November 10th

12:30p – 2:00 p

Student Center University Rooms

****Description:** 2009 Homecoming Court Ballot Finalist will introduce themselves to the KSU campus and present mini speeches to earn your vote. Stop by to meet the candidates and support the various campaigns for your class representative.

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life.



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KAB Presents: "Manuscripts of a Poet – Featuring Carlos Andres Gomez

Tuesday, November 10th

6:30p – 8:00 p

Student Center University Rooms

****Description:** Carlos Andrés Gómez is an award winning poet and actor from New York City and a former teacher and social worker. He has toured all across the country and is the 2006 Toronto International Poetry Slam Champion. His work draws attention to challenging and often ignored social issues and delivers an empowering message built on the belief that everyone is "distinctly beautiful." Simply put, his poems will leave you amazed. You do not want to miss this presentation of words! This event is FREE.

This event is sponsored by your Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB).

"Bread Cake Brawl -Owl Country Pastry Contest"

Wednesday, November 11th

11:00a – 2:00p

Student Center Atrium

****Description:** Registered Student Organizations/Teams may participate in a Cookie/Cupcake/Baked Pastry Decorating Contest for Nest Fest spirit points. This event is designed to have organizations compete for the best overall look, taste, and design technique at their respective tables. Cookies & pastries will be judged by faculty, staff, and student patrons who sample and cast votes for the best, most creative, most enjoyable goodie!

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life

"The Kastle Joust - Field Games Competition"

Wednesday, November 11th

4:00p -6:00p

KSU Main Campus Intramural Field

****Description:** Missed Summer Olympic Games?? Have no fear Field Games are here! Balls will be flying as organizations fight to the finish to become the Homecoming Dodge ball Champion and compete in a variety of field games on the intramural field. Come out and support your organization or just come watch the fun. *This event is sponsored by the Department Student Life and Intramural & Recreation Services.*

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“The Melodic Lute - Annual Lip Sync Competition”

Michael Jackson Tribute Edition

Wednesday, November 11th

8:00p -10:00p

Student Center University Rooms

****Description:** It’s Showtime! Come watch your peers get dolled up and give their best effort at a favorite Michael Jackson song. Groups are to provide their own music and/or props to give the performance of a lifetime. The winner will take home the title and the most Nest Fest spirit points. You won’t want to miss this hilarious tradition.

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life.

“Lunch & Live - Mini Concert & Food Sale”

Thursday, November 12th

12:00p – 2:00p

Legacy Gazebo

****Description:** This mid-day event will surely get you into the dancing Spirit!

There will be musical entertainment and notable food vendors on site as you navigate your way through to attend class.

This event is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs.

“An Enchanted Knight – Annual Homecoming Dance”

Thursday, November 12th

8:00p – 12:00a

Embassy Suites Town Center, Chastain Road, Kennesaw GA

Description: Imagine a magical night, a gorgeous ballroom decked out to perfection, a dance floor, live entertainment, a DJ, and the best food there is to offer at the brand new Embassy Suites – Kennesaw conveniently located less than 5 miles from campus. Well, there’s no need to imagine, your dream has come true! A formal evening awaits so pull out your best dress or pressed slacks and meet us there. Pictures, novelties, and the official announcement of the 2009 Homecoming Court will take place at the event so don’t miss it! Pre-sale discounted tickets will be available from KAB. Visit www.ksukab.com for ticket details or call (770) 423-6279.

This event is sponsored by your Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB).



“Mosaic Masterpieces - Sidewalk Chalk Competition”

Thursday, November 12th

12:00p Judging

Designated Chalking Areas

****Description:** Groups may sign up to have chalk-art masterpieces viewed by passersby and judged for Nest Fest spirit points. Artwork must include group’s name, and must represent a medieval theme or scene.

This event is sponsored by the Department of Student Life.

“War of the Robes - Scrappy’s Wardrobe Contest”

Friday, November 13th

2:00 Judging

Department of Student Life

****Description:** Tired of that same ol’ mascot uniform? Ever wanted to give our great mascot Scrappy a make-over? Well, your opportunity has finally arrived! Groups will be able to dress a mini replica of Scrappy in their organizational regalia. Whether it be a Greek shirt, or a lab coat, this event is destined to give scrappy the wardrobe he’s always wanted. *This event is sponsored by Department of Student Life.*

“KSU Common Wealth Promenade - Homecoming Parade”

Saturday, November 14th

12:00p – 1:30p

Downtown Kennesaw

****Description:** Represent your organization in the 2nd annual parade in downtown Kennesaw. Groups may enter as a decorated car, walking brigade, or float. Parade around town and showcase your school spirit and organizational charm at this outdoor event. ****Lady Owls Basketball @ 5:00 pm & Men’s Basketball @ 7:30 pm.** *This event is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs and in part by the Department of Student Life.*

KSU Basketball Games & Homecoming Court Crowning

Saturday, November 14th

Women’s 5:00p, Men’s 7:30p

KSU Convocation Center

****Description:** Cheer on the KSU Women’s & Men’s Basketball teams as they play for a homecoming victory on the KSU Convocation Center home court. At 7:30, witness the crowning of the 2009 KSU Homecoming King & Queen during the half-time show.

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Homecoming Parade Specifics

All units will line up at the far end of the Adams Park Parking Lot in Kennesaw at 10:30am on Saturday, November 14th.

General Parade Policies and Guidelines

1. Entries cannot exceed 12 feet in height and 10 feet in width. Please ensure that your entry will be able to negotiate turns in downtown Kennesaw.
2. All entries must reflect the 2009 Homecoming Theme, "Medieval Magic; The Return to Kennesaw Kastle"
3. Lights/Lighting will be permitted on entries.
4. All entries must adhere to standards of good taste. No obscene or perverse slogans, displays, or actions of riders/participants will be permitted. Any decision regarding acceptability will be made by Student Life and Alumni Affairs, and all decisions are final.
5. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ALLOWED.
6. People may ride on the floats, as long as it is safe and does not exceed the make and model seating capacity.
7. Make sure your parade entry leaves no trash behind on the route.
8. Open flames or grills are not allowed to be part of any entry.
9. The possession, presence, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or
10. drugs are strictly prohibited on the parade route, parade lineup area, parade Vehicles (including floats), float disbanding area, and all other designated Homecoming event areas.
11. Group contact persons and vehicle drivers must have a valid driver's license and KSU ID upon request at the parade.
12. Vehicle operators must be completely sober (not under the influence of alcohol or drugs). Entries in violation of this policy will be subject to removal from the parade and/or subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action by KSU. Organizations/Halls violating this policy will also face disqualification from the entire 2009 Homecoming competition.
13. Only officially recognized KSU departments, RSOs, and residence halls may have entries for points in the parade. All units must complete the parade route unless otherwise notified.



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14. Only registered Homecoming floats or decorated cars and official Homecoming vehicles will be allowed on the parade route. Floats and decorated cars must meet specifications outlined in this document.
15. One person must be walking alongside each vehicle or float to keep an eye out for children.
16. All entries must display at a safe distance from spectators standing or sitting along the parade route. **YOU MAY NOT THROW ANYTHING TOWARDS SPECTATORS, JUDGES, OR FELLOW PARADE.** Throwing items will not be tolerated.
17. All float and car entries must be appropriately decorated. No undecorated entries will be involved in the parade unless given special permission by the Department of Student Life and Office of Alumni Affairs.



Overall Point System for the 2009 Nest Fest Competition
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 2,450

Homecoming Court Candidate Sponsorship – 200 points possible

The 2009 Nest Fest Homecoming Court candidate process will have a new format this year. All court candidates will need to submit an application and participate in an interview process. Teams will receive 25 points for each candidate sponsored (maximum of two (2) candidates - 1 male/female per each class category), and 50 extra points will be received if a candidate is elected to be a part of the 2009 Homecoming Court. Points will be earned with the submission of the Homecoming Court Application/Typed Questionnaire Response.

Spirit Banner Contest- 100 points possible

The spirit banners will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality/Creativity 25 points
- Correlation to Homecoming theme 25 points
- Overall Impression/Quality 25 points
- Overall top three teams Bonus 25 points

Banners are must be hung by **Monday November 9th by 1:00pm.**

RSO Booth Explosion-150 points possible

RSO and Greek Organizations will earn 100 points for sponsoring a table during the entire duration of this event. Residence halls teams will have an opportunity to earn points by sending representatives to the KAB Fashion Show/Concert event on the Sunday, November 8th of Homecoming week as they will not have a chance to participate in the RSO fair. Residence hall teams will earn ten points per person up to 100 points. Open Division participants who also do not have a group to promote can attend the KAB Fashion Show/Concert and receive ten points per person up to 100 points. RSO Booth tables must be staffed by at least two people at all times. Any time a member of the homecoming judges committee notices a team without 2 members at the table, 10 points will be deducted from their total.

-Overall top three teams will be awarded as follows:

- First place 50 Bonus points
- Second place 30 Bonus points
- Third place 15 Bonus points



KAB Homecoming Fashion Show/Concert or After Party - 200 points possible

Each team will receive 100 points for attending Medieval Renaissance Events. A team must have half of its members or twenty members present; whichever is less, to receive points. There will be a sign in sheet at the Judges Station. Points will be awarded on an all or nothing basis. Each Member will have to sign in when they arrive and stay for at least half of the program or event .

KAB Field Games- 300 points possible

Each team will receive 200 points for entering a team of six (6) people. Only one team will be allowed to participate per event excluding residence halls which may represent multiple constituencies. Bonus Points will be given to the top two finishers.

-First Place 100 bonus points

Lip Sync Contest- 150 points possible

Each team will earn 100 points for participating in this event. The contest will be judged on overall performance, originality, creativity, teamwork, correlation to the homecoming theme, and knowledge of song lyrics. A minimum of eight people must participate in order for the team to accumulate any points. Additional points will be given to the top three teams. The theme this year for lip sync is "Michael Jackson Tributes".

-First Place 50 points

-Second Place 35 points

-Third Place 15 points

Yell Like Hell Chant/Cheer Competition - 150 points possible

Each Team will receive 100 points for participating. Teams may have no more than 20 performing for this competition. The entire cheer must not exceed 2 minutes. The team has approximately 1 minute to set up prior to the cheer presentation.

The Cheer must include:

1. Kennesaw State University
2. The Homecoming theme " Medieval Magic" (variations of enlighten OK)
3. The name of your organization
4. The use of Scrappy the Mascot
5. The use of "Owl Pride & Return to Kennesaw Kastle".

Teams will be judged on:

Uniformity, Volume Level, Creativity, Required elements, Synchronization, and Overall Performance. Vulgarity in the cheer WILL result in disqualification!



- 1st Place Team: 50 points
- 2nd Place Team: 35 points
- 3rd Place Team: 15 points

Homecoming Comedy Show - 100 points possible

Each team will receive 100 points for attending the Comedy Show. A team must have at least 5 members present to receive points. There will be a sign in sheet at the Check In table. Points will be awarded on an all or nothing basis. Each Member will have to sign in when they arrive and must attend for at least one hour.

Homecoming Spoken Word/ Poetry Event - 100 points possible

Each team will receive 100 points for attending the event. A team must have at least 5 members present to receive points. There will be a sign in sheet at the Check In table. Points will be awarded on an all or nothing basis. Each Member will have to sign in when they arrive and must attend for at 45 minutes.

Mini Concert & Food Sale - 100 points possible

Each team will receive 100 points for attending the event. A team must have at least 5 members present to receive points. There will be a sign in sheet at the Check In table. Points will be awarded on an all or nothing basis. Each Member will have to sign in when they arrive and must attend for at least 30 minutes.

Homecoming Parade – Possible Points 300

Each team will earn 100 points for entering a float, car, small vehicle, or marching/walking unit. The team entries will be judged on the following criteria:

Adherence to Medieval Magic Theme	20 points possible
Originality/Creativity	20 points possible
School Spirit	20 points possible
Appearance	40 points possible

First Place Float	100 points
Second Place Float	75 points
Third Place Float	50 points

**Teams will lose 200 points for turning in a Parade application and failing to enter a float or parade unit on the day of the Homecoming Parade.



Owl Country Pastry Contest – 100 Possible Points

Each team will receive 50 points for participating. Participants must choose to bake and decorate 10-20 cookies, 8-12 cupcakes, or 1 cake related to the OWL mascot for KSU. Baked goods will be on display in the Student Center from 11am – 2:00pm. Judges will be by to judge anytime during this window to taste and rate your goodies.

Three categories for judging:

1. Taste
2. Use of Mascot & School Colors
3. Creativity
4. Originality

- 1st Place Team: 50 points
- 2nd Place Team: 35 points
- 3rd Place Team: 15 points

Sidewalk Chalk Competition - 100 points possible

The chalk designs will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality/Creativity 25 points
- Correlation to Homecoming theme 25 points
- Overall Design/Neatness 25 points
- Overall top three teams Bonus 25 points

All submissions must be completely drawn by Friday, **November 13th by 12:00pm.**

Scrappy's Wardrobe War - 100 points possible

The stuffed owl attire will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality/Creativity 25 points
- Representation of the Organization 25 points
- Overall Appearance & Scheme 25 points
- Overall top three teams Bonus 25 points

All mascots must be turned in to Student Life by 5:00 pm on Friday, **November 13th by 1:30pm.**

Homecoming Game Attendance - 300 points possible

Each team will earn 50 points for every team member who attends the game with a maximum total of 300 points to be earned. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the game and at the 2:00 minute mark of the second quarter. The overall Homecoming team competition winners will be announced for all divisions during Half Time.

Homecoming Participant Contract

This packet is due in the Department of Student Life, Student Center 274 by 5:00pm on Friday, October 30, 2009.

Please check the division that you are entering your team in:

- Greek Division**
- RSO/Open Division**
- Residence Hall Division**

Organization/Residence Hall: _____

Homecoming Contact Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____

- I. By signing this form, the organization/residence hall participating in the Homecoming Week activities hereby agrees to cooperate with Student Life by:
 - a. Guaranteeing that the actions of all participants will be in good taste and not offensive to members of Kennesaw State University or the Kennesaw community.
 - b. Ensuring that all participants remain alcohol- and drug-free before and during all Homecoming events and competitions.
 - c. Ensuring that all members of the organization follow all Kennesaw State University standards as set forth in *Code of Conduct* of the student handbook.
- II. The above organization/residence hall agrees to abide by all other regulations for individual events and understands that if any member of the organization violates any of the standards as set forth by the Department of Student Life may initiate disciplinary proceedings against the organization.
- III. By entering into this contract, the signing organization/residence hall certifies that it is aware of the KSU policies on the use of alcoholic beverages and agrees to abide by these regulations or face action by both Student Life and the Office Student Conduct & Academic Integrity for violations of campus standards. An electronic copy of the Student Handbook may be found at www.kennesaw.edu/student_life. By entering into this contract, the signing organization/residence hall agrees to uphold all stated rules in this information packet. If any member of the organization/residence hall fails to comply with any of the stated rules, the organization/residence hall may be disqualified and removed from the event in which the violation occurred and/or all Homecoming events.
- IV. By entering into this contract, the signing organization/residence hall certifies that it has read, understands, and agrees to abide by all the rules pertaining to Homecoming events. Additionally, the members of the organization/residence hall agree to act in a safe manner during all scheduled Homecoming events.

Nest Fest Event Entry Form

Please place an "X" next to the events your organization/residence hall will be participating in.
Please Note: The events listed below are competitive events that require sign up ONLY. Groups attending other Homecoming Events are still eligible to earn spirit events for attendance.

Organization/ Team Name:

All Game Rules & Judging Criteria will be provided at the Homecoming Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009 in the Leadership Room at 2:00pm

- Yell Like Hell Chant Competition
- Carnival Booth Explosion
- Spirit Banner Competition
- Lip Synch Competition
- KAB Field Games Competition
- Owl Spirit Pastry Contest
- Side Walk Chalk Contest
- Homecoming Parade
- Scrappy's Wardrobe War
- Homecoming Court Sponsorship

Homecoming Royalty Candidate Sponsorship (must also submit Court application)

Notice: Only (1) one nominee per court position. Groups do not have to nominate for all court positions

Lady Candidate/KSU ID: _____
Lord Candidate/KSU ID: _____
Duchess Candidate/KSU ID: _____
Duke Candidate/KSU ID: _____
Princess Candidate/KSU ID: _____
Prince Candidate/KSU ID: _____
Queen Candidate/KSU ID: _____
King Candidate/KSU ID: _____

Court Candidates Must Attend Homecoming Meeting October 27, 2009 at 2:00pm in the Student Center Leadership Room.

2009 KSU Homecoming Parade Entry Form

This packet is due in the Department of Student Life, Student Center 274 by 5:00pm on Friday, October 30, 2009.

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009, 12:00pm
Parade entries must start lining up at 10:30am

Location: Downtown Kennesaw

Judging: Judging will be based on the following criteria:
appearance, adherence to theme, creativity, and demonstrated KSU spirit,

- Pick one Entry Type:**
- Decorated automobiles or trucks
 - Floats on Flatbeds pulled by automobiles
 - Walking Displays
 - Bikes, Golf Carts, or other Small Vehicles

Organization/Team Name: _____

Parade Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Additional Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Attach a sketch or provide a brief description of float design or entry below:

General Rules To Remember:

1. NO ALCOHOL is allowed on the floats/entries at any time.
2. Entries cannot exceed 12 feet in height and 10 feet in width. Please ensure that your entry will be able to navigate turns in downtown Kennesaw.
3. All entries must have identification of the sponsoring group.
4. All KSU entries must reflect the 2009 Homecoming Theme, "Medieval Magic: Return to Kennesaw Kastle."
5. Lights/Lighting will be permitted on entries.
6. All entries must adhere to standards of good taste. No obscene or perverse slogans, displays, or actions of riders/participants will be permitted. Any decision regarding acceptability will be made by Student Life and Alumni Affairs, and all decisions are final.
7. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ALLOWED.
8. People may ride on the floats, as long as it is safe.
9. One person must be walking alongside each vehicle or float to keep an eye out for children.
10. 10.Candy may be handed out or "gently tossed" to the crowd. Please don't pelt the crowd!
11. Make sure your parade entry leaves no trash behind on the route.
12. 12. Open flames or grills are not allowed to be part of any entry.

NESTFEST Homecoming Court Application 2009

****Please submit this application typed.****

Name of sponsoring team: _____

Name of Candidate: _____

Select One: _____ Male _____ Female

Select Court Interest: _____ Lord _____ Lady _____ Duke _____ Duchess

_____ Prince _____ Princess _____ King _____ Queen

Candidate's E-mail Address: _____

Candidate's Phone Number: _____

Candidate T-shirt Size: _____

Number of credits currently enrolled in at Kennesaw State University: _____

****Court candidates must have a current cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.**

Current cumulative GPA: _____ (confidential and will not be posted)

Major(s)/Minor(s): _____

List all academic honors/scholarships:

List all university involvement:

List other involvement/service:

Please type a minimum of one paragraph the answer to the following question and submit along with the application:

Why would you be the best person to represent Kennesaw State University?

By signing below, I understand that I am giving my permission for the Student Life staff to verify my grade point average to ensure that I am an eligible candidate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ KSU ID: _____ (include all numbers)

Any questions can be directed to Student Life by phone at (770) 423-6275 or email questions to nepps1@kennesaw.edu.

NESTFEST Homecoming Packet 2009

Important Homecoming Court Dates Remember:

- ✓ Applications are due Friday, October 30th, no later than 5:00PM to Student Life; Student Center Room 274.
- ✓ Candidate Interviews: 9:00am – 5:00 pm Tuesday & Wednesday November 3rd & 4th Student Center Room 301 & 372 respectively
- ✓ Announcement of Top 5 Candidates in Each Category by Friday, November 6th
- ✓ Campaigning allowed 8:00 am Monday, November 9th – 12:00 pm Thursday, November 12th
- ✓ Mandatory Homecoming Meeting Monday, October 26th Student Center Leadership Room 2:00-3:00 pm
- ✓ Campus Introduction to Homecoming Court Finalists Tuesday, November 10th 12:30pm – 2:00 pm
- ✓ Scheduled Voting on Owl Express: 9:00am Tuesday, November 10th – 12:00pm Thursday, November 12th
- ✓ Announcement of the 2009 Court: November 12th at the Homecoming Dance: Embassy Suites Town Center 11:00 pm

Packet Disclaimer

If there are any questions concerning the rules and regulations please contact the Executive Homecoming Chair for the Department of Student Life, NuNicka T. Epps, at nepps1@kennesaw.edu or through the Student Life Office at (770) 423-6275. Failure to read and understand all rules will not be an excuse to commit violations of these rules and regulations.

Please Note: Event times and dates are subject to change at anytime or due to inclement weather.