

North Dakota State University Homecoming 2026

Residence Halls Official Spirit Point Packet



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**Residence Life and the Residence Hall Association are
excited for Hall Governments to participate in the
Homecoming Spirit Point Competition!**

We look forward to a fun Homecoming Week!

For questions about Homecoming please contact the following individuals:

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Note: Homecoming is a university wide initiative. Please remember you are representing your hall community, Hall Government, Residence Life, North Dakota State University and the greater Fargo/Moorhead community. We wish you a week full of fun and friendly competition. Best of luck!

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Homecoming 2026 Schedule of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, September 28		
Homecoming Medallion Hunt	8:00 am	University Campus
Homecoming Boards Due	9:00am	--
Homecoming Kick-Off	11:30am-1:30pm	Churchill Field
Tuesday, September 29		
Homecoming Medallion Hunt	8:00 am	University Campus
<i>Serve with the Herd*</i>	12:00pm – 6:00pm	<i>Student Engagement Lounge</i>
Gems of Gratitude	5:00pm-7:00pm	Grassy Area between Sevrinson & Thompson
Wednesday, September 30		
Homecoming Medallion Hunt	8:00 am	University Campus
Roll Herd Race	5:00pm	Churchill Field
<i>Homecoming Show</i>	7:30pm	Festival Concert Hall
Thursday, October 1		
Homecoming Medallion Hunt	8:00 am	University Campus
Blood Drive	10:30am-5:00pm	Cater Hall
Bison Trivia	7:30pm	Oċeŋi Šakowiŋ Ballroom
Friday, October 2		
Homecoming Medallion Hunt	8:00 am	University Campus
Homecoming Parade	5:00pm-7:30pm	Meeting at the FargoDome
Wild West Wars	9:00pm-11:00pm	Memorial Union Ballroom
Saturday, October 3		
Student Tailgate	9:30am-12:30pm	FargoDome
NDSU v. Wyoming	Kickoff at 2:30 pm	FargoDome

**High or Extremely High Points*

Homecoming Competition Scoring Information

The Homecoming Competition is composed of 10 separate categories. *All scores will be updated daily and posted on the RHA homecoming website! (www.ndsu.edu/residence-life/rhahomecoming)*

The following trophies will be awarded for the Homecoming Competition:

1ST, 2ND, 3RD HOMECOMING TROPHYOVERALL WINNERS

1st Place winner will receive a pizza party for the hall with President Stewart & Jan Stewart

RHA Float Assistance

50 Points per person who comes each day

Homecoming Boards

1 st Place	200 Points
2 nd Place	150 Points
3 rd Place	100 Points
Participation by hall	50 Points

Homecoming Medallion

100 Points for the hall who finds it

Homecoming Kick-Off

1 st Place	100 Points
2 nd Place	75 Points
3 rd Place	50 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

Serve with the Herd (HIGH POINTS)

1 st Place	300 Points
2 nd Place	200 Points
3 rd Place	100 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

Gems for Gratitude

1 st Place	100 Points
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3 rd Place	50 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
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Homecoming Show (HIGH POINTS)

1 st Place	300 Points
2 nd Place	200 Points
3 rd Place	100 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

Roll Herd Race

1 st Place	100 Points
2 nd Place	75 Points
3 rd Place	50 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

Winning Team receives an additional 100 Points for their hall

Bison Trivia

1 st Place	100 Points
2 nd Place	75 Points
3 rd Place	50 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

Winning Team receives an additional 100 Points for their hall

Homecoming Parade Attendance

1 st Place	100 Points
2 nd Place	75 Points
3 rd Place	50 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

RHA Event

1 st Place	100 Points
2 nd Place	75 Points
3 rd Place	50 Points
Participation by hall	25 Points
Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends	

Student Tailgate

1 st Place	100 Points
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Tie Breakers - Ties in daily events will be broken by a judge's vote.

Spirit Points Guidelines

1. All Homecoming participants must be currently enrolled as a North Dakota State University student.
2. In accordance with federal, state, and local laws and policies set by North Dakota State University all Homecoming events will be alcohol free events.
3. Arrive early to all events, as they will all start on time!
4. Have safe FUN this week, create memories, and meet some new people!
5. Decisions made by the University and Homecoming Committee are final.

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RHA Float Assistance

Assistance from September 24-27

1. Come help make the RHA Float!
2. Float location will be located at the Auxiliary Building on the east side by the big garage doors. This is the same building the University Police and Safety are located in.



- a.
3. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Every individual who comes to help will receive 50 points per day
 4. Dates & Times for Float Building:
 - a. September 24 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - b. September 25 from 9:00am-12:00pm
 - c. September 26 from 10:00am-1:00pm
 - d. September 27 from 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Homecoming Boards

Due Monday, September 28 at 9am

1. RHA will provide every hall with a plywood board to decorate and show your hall spirit for Homecoming Week.
2. Boards are due on **Monday, September 28 at 9am**. Facilities staff will come around and add stands and place them outside your hall for everyone to see.
3. The expectations for the boards are:
 - a. Must represent your hall
 - b. Show Bison Pride
 - c. Showcase Homecoming Spirit
4. These boards are a representation of your hall, please ensure that your design is appropriate for the NDSU community.
5. Important Information:
 - a. Please do not spray paint or paint on cement or the buildings
 - b. Boards must be painted on a tarp
 - c. Please use the back of the plywood or blank side
6. Supplies:
 - a. Jen will be sending a list of what paint each hall has in storage on Tuesday, September 15.
 - b. Please discuss the boards during training on September 16 and vote on what supplies you need.
 - c. Paint orders for what you will need is due no later than Thursday, September 17 by 12noon to Jen.
7. Homecoming Committee Members will judge the boards on the following criteria:
 - a. Incorporation of Homecoming Theme (Plains to Peaks: Climb as One)
 - i. Oregon Trail/Early Settlers
 - ii. Mountaineering/Adventure/Hiking
 - iii. Transition from Old Conference to New Conference
 - b. Bison Pride
 - c. Overall creativity and attention to detail
8. Points will be awarded as follows:

a. 1st Place	200 Points
b. 2nd Place	150 Points
c. 3rd Place	100 Points
d. Participation by hall	50 Points

Homecoming Medallion Hunt

Begins Monday, September 28-Friday, October 2

1. Monday-Thursday of Homecoming a clue for where the medallion is hidden will be posted on the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Instagram Page @ndsurha
2. The team who finds the medallion first must turn it into the Residence Life Office in West Bison Court upon finding it.
 - a. Please make sure at least two members of your team turn in the medallion and take a photo before you leave.
3. Do not deface the medallion. Any team who defaces the medallion will get disqualified from the remainder of the medallion hunts and will not be allotted their winning points for finding the medallion.
4. The team that finds the Medallion each day will receive:
 - a. 100 Points

Notes:

- There will be four hints per day until the Medallion is found!
- Hints start at 8:00am and given every 2 hours until 2:00pm.
- Medallion will be located somewhere everyone can get to. Can be inside or outside. Can be anywhere on the main campus.

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Homecoming Kick Off

Monday, September 28 from 11:30am-1:30pm

1. Sponsored by the Office of Student Engagement and Wellness Center
2. Start out Homecoming Week with your fellow Bison as we gather for yard games, ice cream treats and photos with Thundar! Special guests - NDSU Pep Band!
3. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 100 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points

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Serve with the Herd

Tuesday, September 29:

12:00pm-2:00pm

2:00pm-4:00pm

4:00pm-6:00pm

1. ***This is an extremely high point opportunity.***
2. Participants must sign up with the Volunteer Network in advance to participate.
 - a. [The link to sign up is in myNDSU located here.](#)
3. Check in at the Memorial Union in the Student Activities Office.
4. Arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
5. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 300 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 200 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 100 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points

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Gems of Gratitude

Tuesday, September 29 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

4. Sponsored by the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)
5. A rock painting experience where students can spread positivity and appreciation through art. Paint a rock with a kind message or image, then place it around campus to brighten someone's day and help create a culture of gratitude.
6. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - e. 1st Place 100 Points
 - f. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - g. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - h. Participation by hall 25 Points

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Roll Herd Race

Wednesday, September 30 at 5:00pm

1. Sponsored by RHA
2. Think you've got Bison spirit and speed? Team up with a buddy and join the Roll Herd Race—a roller scooter relay where you'll compete for Homecoming spirit points and ultimate bragging rights! Plus some Bison Swag for those who participate!
3. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 100 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points
 - e. Winning Team receives an additional 100 Points for their hall

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Homecoming Show

Wednesday, September 30 at 7:30pm

4. *This is a high point opportunity.*
5. Sponsored by Blue Key
6. Event at Festival Concert Hall and free for NDSU Students with ID
7. Have some laughs and enjoy some dances/skits by various NDSU student organizations.
8. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 300 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 200 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 100 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points

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Bison Trivia

Thursday, October 1 at 7:30pm

1. The event will start at 7:30pm, please be there at least 15 minutes early (7:15pm) to sign in.
2. Sit in your teams when it is trivia time, your team can work together to answer the questions.
3. Appoint a team captain to answer the questions using the virtual form given at the event.
7. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 100 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points
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Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 2 at 5:00pm-7:30pm

1. The 2026 parade begins on the corner of University and 17th Ave. N., heading south before turning west on 12th Ave.
2. Assist RHA & NRHH with handing out candy and earn points!
3. Meet the RHA & NRHH Executive Board with the float the Fargo Dome North West Parking Lot
4. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 100 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points

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RHA Event

Friday, October 2 at 8:30pm-11:00pm

1. Sponsored by RHA
2. Grab your friends, throw on your Western gear and get ready for games, laughs, snacks and frontier adventure! Play to earn tickets for a chance to win prizes, drawn at 10:30p.m.
3. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 100 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points

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Student Tailgate

Saturday, October 3 at 11:30am-2:00pm

1. Sponsored by Student Government and Residence Life
2. Get ready to kick off game day in true Bison Football style! Join us for a Student Tailgate packed with free food, music, and fun]
3. Points divided by the highest percentage of individuals from a hall that attends and points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 1st Place 100 Points
 - b. 2nd Place 75 Points
 - c. 3rd Place 50 Points
 - d. Participation by hall 25 Points

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