



# Homecoming PARADE

August 2024

Dear Albany State University Homecoming Parade Participant,

Thank you for participating in past Albany State University Homecoming Parades. Planning for the 2024 Homecoming Parade is underway. The theme this year is "*Not Like the Rest... We Are ASU*". The parade will be held on Saturday, October 19, at 9 a.m. The parade route begins at Monroe Street and Pine Avenue; turns left at Washington Street and ends at Roosevelt Street in Downtown Albany.

Every year, the parade gets better and better. However, due to time constraints, a limited number of units will be accepted to participate. Please plan to submit your parade application early to secure your spot. **The deadline for submitting a completed application is Friday, September 27, 2024.**

### [2024 ASU Homecoming Parade Application](#)

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

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

All units are to attend the mandatory Parade Participants meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6 p.m. on the ASU West Campus, J Building Room 171. An invitation to the meeting will be sent to all registered participants. During the meeting, registered parade units will receive a parade packet containing the unit's parade spot number, Parade Rules and Regulations, the Parade Line-up and other information designed to make your parade experience enjoyable. A representative from each participating unit must check-in at 7a.m. the morning of the parade on Pine Avenue and Harding Street.

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

#### Walking Units

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

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

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



## Parade Rules

### *Not Like the Rest... We Are ASU*

Albany State University invites you to be a part of the 2024 Homecoming Parade **on Saturday, October 19, 2024**. The parade will proceed as scheduled in the event of rain.

Parade registration closes **Friday, September 27, 2024**. Applicants will receive notification of application status on or before **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**.

A mandatory Homecoming Parade Participants Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6 p.m., Albany State University West Campus (2400 Gillionville Road) Building J Room 171**.

1. **THE HOMECOMING PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9 A.M.**
2. **All units must be in place by 8:45 a.m. Late units will be placed in the line-up at the discretion of the lead parade official.**
3. Only organizations that have returned a completed parade application and payment by the **registration deadline, Friday, September 27, 2024**, will be allowed to participate in the parade.
4. Parade officials will be stationed in the line-up area and along the parade route. They will also be available to assist units as needed. ALL parade participants are expected to obey all rules and cooperate fully with parade officials. Failure to comply will result in the organization being removed from the parade immediately and banned from future homecoming parades.
5. All organizations are strongly encouraged to enter a decorated float in the parade. Moreover, all units **MUST** be completely decorated.
6. All floats **MUST** have handrails for individuals who will be standing or sitting on the float.
7. All units **MUST** have the name of their organization, business, or campus group displayed.
8. Drivers of all units **MUST** have a valid driver's license and insurance policy.
9. Any driver presumed to be under the influence of alcohol or other mind-altering substance will not be allowed to drive in the parade.
10. Individuals will not be allowed to ride on the hoods, trunks or roofs of any vehicle.
11. Participants **are not allowed** to throw or distribute candy or any other items to parade onlookers. This rule applies to motorized and walking units. It is a matter of safety for everyone.
12. Each unit **MUST** bear the Albany State University Homecoming Theme, **"Not Like the Rest... We Are ASU"**
13. All floats are to begin lining up by 7 a.m. on the day of the parade. There must be someone who remains physically with the float at all times.
14. **A UNIT THAT PULLS A FLOAT OR IS WITH A WALKING UNIT MUST ALSO BE DECORATED.** A pulling unit should be made as much a part of the float as possible.
15. **All entries must send a representative to the check-in table located in front of the WESCO building at 724 Pine Avenue, the morning of the parade to check-in and pick up their parade spot number beginning at 7 a.m.**
16. **Only Floats and vehicles in the Homecoming Parade will be allowed to enter the staging area from the check-in area.**



## Parade Rules

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17. No vehicles will be permitted to cross through the staging area on Pine Avenue between Davis Street and Monroe Street.
18. Parade participants must follow the directions of the parade officials and will not be allowed to move to a different line-up position without approval of the lead parade official. Entries not following the rules and regulations of the parade are subject to removal from the parade and forfeiture of entry fee.
19. Parade permits will be issued to those units approved to participate in the parade. **It is MANDATORY that you have your parade permit to participate in the Homecoming Parade.** The parade permit and unit number will be distributed at the Parade Participants Meeting.
20. All marching bands **MUST** play music or perform a cadence throughout the entire parade.
21. **NO political entries will be accepted for participation in the Homecoming Parade. NO political signs, posters, bumper stickers and hand-outs are permitted in the parade.**
22. Albany State's Homecoming parade is a premier family event. **No "LEWD", obscene, vulgar, or suggestive music or dancing gestures by any unit is allowed.**
23. **All horses must be equipped with diaper buckets and will be positioned at the end of the parade. Street sweepers are not a suitable alternative.**
24. Motorcycle Clubs and Car Clubs will be allowed up to 10 per unit. **Revvng of engines and showboating is not allowed. No burnouts, tire spinning or unsafe driving will be permitted.**
25. **A 90 SECOND PERFORMANCE will be allowed at the Viewing Stand on Pine Avenue and Washington Street. A Parade Official with a Stop/Go sign will enforce the time limit. Units that do not adhere to the 90 second (1 minute 30 seconds) time limit will be disqualified.**

# ASU Golden Rams Homecoming Parade Route

Downtown  
Albany, GA



## Legend

- ⊗ Road Blocks
  - ▭ Line Up Lane
  - S** Start Point
  - ▭ Parade Route
  - F** Finish
  - † Freedom Church/Albany (Drop off for buses)
  - ▭ Performance Area/Judging
  - ▭ Viewing Area
1. Check-in for Walking Units
  2. Check-in for Vehicles/Floats
  3. Old Coca Cola Building
  4. Reviewing Stand
  5. APD Parking Lot (Buses only)
  6. Albany Towers (parking for parade participants)

