



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Student Involvement  
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Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

## 2015 Northern Lights Homecoming Parade Overview

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**Participate in NIU's Northern Lights Homecoming Parade and show your group's Huskie Spirit to the entire campus and surrounding communities!**

The Northern Lights Homecoming Parade will take place on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7pm.** Parade entry registration is anticipated to open on **Monday, September 14** (subject to change).

On September 14, you can access the online parade application on the following website:

<http://www.niu.edu/cab/>

*Fill out the application form completely. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.*

The following rules and guidelines are to be met by all parade entries. Any violations of the stated guidelines will result in forfeiture of participation in the parade.

#### Rules/Guidelines

- A \$10 entry fee is required of each entry. All checks must be made payable to Northern Illinois University. Drop off all payments to the Campus Activities Board, Campus Life Building, room 160 by **Thursday, October 15 at 4:00pm** (if you do not attend class/work on campus, you can park in the Campus Life Building's metered or 15-minute parking spots to drop off your payment).
- Registration will close on **Thursday, October 15 at 4:00pm.**
- Entries may consist of decorated vehicles, on-foot entries, equestrian groups, and floats. Other categories may be considered upon request.
- This year, NIU's Homecoming theme is "Huskies Light the Way," and our parade theme is "Northern Lights." **As a result, all entries must have some form of lights clearly displayed with their entry.** For example, you can have clear/colored lights on your entry, participants holding flashlights, glow in the dark items, and much more.
- Be creative! Think outside the box in regard to your entry, and particularly your lights display. All entries have the opportunity to participate in an Entry Competition, and this is where your creative lights display will really come into play!
- Entries' decorations must be respectful and in good taste. Any entries' decor not in alignment with this request will be disqualified. Entries may not display advertisement for alcohol or tobacco on their float.
- NO alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be allowed on or near the entries prior to or during the parade.
- **A MANDATORY parade meeting will be held for all entries on Tuesday, October 20 at 7pm in the Holmes Student Center Illinois Room.** At this time, a representative from your entry **MUST** be present. The position of each entry and parade logistics will be discussed at this time.

After the parade, NIU students and alumni are invited to stay in the downtown area for various food, drink, and shopping specials at our local businesses and restaurants! Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow Huskies and community members!

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