Happy Homecoming Pokes! As we get into the swing of Fall, remember that this year’s UWYO Homecoming will be held the week of October 17th, 2022, culminating in the Homecoming Parade and Football Game against the Utah State Aggies on October 22nd.

This year, the traditional UWYO Homecoming Golden Boot Challenge has been the subject of significant overhaul and expansion, with the intention of placing more focus on involvement from student organizations. We are strongly encouraging all student and other campus organizations, as well as organizations from around the Laramie community, to compete in the Golden Boot Challenge this year.

The Golden Boot Challenge will consist of a range of events that competing teams can enter to score points. Teams are not required to participate in every event, and for any team wishing to participate in this year’s Golden Boot Challenge, a member from their group should email uwalumni@uwyo.edu by the end of the day, October 7th. In this email, please include the organization/group and a team name. The organization/team member who sends this email should also be the only one to submit completed challenges like the Space Decoration and Social Media challenges to the Alumni Association email.

This year’s challenge will produce 2 winners – one UWYO campus team, and one Laramie community team. The campus winner will receive a $250 prize for their department or organization, as well as $250 to be donated to a charitable organization of their choice. The community winner will receive $250 to be donated to a campus department or organization, as well as $250 to be donated to a charitable organization of their choice.

Below is a list of this year’s Golden Boot Challenge events and brief descriptions, more in-depth descriptions can be found at https://www.uwyo.edu/alumni/homecoming/golden-boot.html. Additionally, if you or your organization has any questions, you can reach out to Colter Anderson at cander99@uwyo.edu.

- **Homecoming Space Decoration:** This traditional Golden Boot fixture is back for 2022. Teams should decorate a space of their choosing in accordance with this year’s theme (Dancing in the Dirt) while incorporating UW Spirit. Picture/video submissions are due to uwalumni@uwyo.edu by Monday, October 17th at 5PM. Subject line should be: “[Team Name], Space Decoration Competition.” We encourage you to keep your decorations up for the duration of Homecoming week!

- **Cowboy Hat Decoration:** This event is intended to serve as a substitute for teams who do not have access to a space to decorate. For this event, teams should decorate a cowboy hat (provided) in accordance with this year’s Homecoming theme while also incorporating UW Spirit. Teams that intend to participate in this event must indicate this to the UW Alumni Association by no later than October 7th. Picture/video submissions
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*Note: The Space Decoration and Cowboy Hat Decoration Competitions are mutually exclusive; teams may participate in one or the other, but not both. This rule also applies to the combination of the Community Service Event and participation in UWYO Giving Day.

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