

## Float Building Tips

Traditional floats are typically comprised of a wooden frame, chicken wire, and painted tissue paper. They are often placed on the back of a pick-up or flat bed. This is the most common type of float seen in MSU homecoming parades. However, there are other possibilities.

- A walking float, which an individual who dresses to show their school spirit.
- You can wear in-line skates.
- You can ride your bike.
- You can even drive your car! (It is relatively simple to dress up a bike or car, using just a few balloons, streamers, and signs).

## Float Building Resources

These are possible resources your organization may need when constructing a float: Wood, Chicken Wire, Tissue Paper, Streamers, Nails, Staples, Tape, Glue, Hammer,, Staple Gun, Hot Glue Gun, Drill, Scissors, Paint Supplies, Flat Bed, Pick-up, Variety of Fabrics, and a place to build. The Football stadium will be available for float building on Thursday, October 8th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday, October 9th from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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# MSU Homecoming Parade Resource Guide

October 5 – 10, 2009



“One Cat, Two Cats, Gold Cats,  
Blue Cats”

## The 2009 Parade

- Date:** Saturday, October 10, 2009, 10am
- Theme:** **One Cat, Two Cats, Gold Cats, Blue Cats!**
- Check-in:** Each applicant must check-in. Line-up order is first come, first serve.
- Location:** Line-up, beginning around 9:00 a.m., will take place between 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> streets, and the parade will proceed east.
- Prizes:** To be announced

## MSU Historical Factoids

On February 16, 1893, the Agriculture College of the State of Montana was established in Bozeman. The University of Montana was established the next day in Missoula.

Both the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of MSU occurred during world wars, so there was little or no celebration.

The Associated Students of Montana State College first met on May 26, 1911.

The first Homecoming celebration took place on June 14, 1921 for 425 graduates and alumni.

The first football season took place in 1897, with the first game being played in Butte. The average weight of a member of the football team at that time was 155 pounds.

The first Bobcat/Griz game took place on November 25, 1897, which marked the beginning of a long-standing rivalry. This game was so greatly celebrated each year that it took the place of a Bobcat Homecoming game for many years.

## Parade Regulations

ALL APPLICANTS must follow all MSU Homecoming Parade Rules and Regulations, as set forth below:

**ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS** Violators are subject to arrest by the Bozeman City Police. In addition, the open container law will be enforced heavily by the police, so there will be NO alcohol or drug possession by participants.

Entries must remain on parade route and remain in the middle of the street, following the pace set by the lead car.

Candy and other items cannot be thrown from entries. If candy is distributed, it must be handed out. This is an ordinance established by the City of Bozeman and the Bozeman Police Department. Violators will be fined.

Entries must be free of obscenities or themes that may be offensive to any nationality, race, group, organization, or sexual orientation.

Entry numbers will be distributed at the staging area (between 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> streets). The number should be placed on the front left-hand corner of the entry.

ALL laws and regulations must be followed. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to disqualify or remove any entry or participant for violation of the rules and regulations.