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Quick Facts

- Winthrop's Homecoming 2009 Nov. 9-15 will include a week-long diverse lineup of events and activities.
- This year, Homecoming has been moved to November to kick off basketball season and ensure milder weather.



ROCK HILL, S.C. - From a Paradise Pool Party and a "Gilligan's Island"-esque dinner to a luau-styled student talent show and a Tropical Paradise Party in **McBryde Hall**, Winthrop's campus will be transformed into tropical destination filled with Eagle spirit during **Homecoming** festivities Nov. 9-15.

The week-long celebration will feature a wide variety of activities, including sporting events (like the Nov. 13 dodgeball tournament); tailgating for the men's basketball vs. Limestone College game on Nov. 14 (when

Homecoming King and Queen will be announced); the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show on Nov. 14; and tropical paradise-themed events. Homecoming festivities will conclude Nov. 15 with two musical concerts: the Ebonite Gospel Choir Reunion Concert: "Restoring the Years" and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra's "Changing Places, Changing Tunes" concert.

This year, activities have been moved from February to November to celebrate the start of basketball season and guarantee milder, more predictable weather for Homecoming. The change will be a positive one that will allow Winthrop faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to take advantage of better weather as well as offer early-season support for Winthrop's basketball teams, said Debbie Garrick, executive director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

"It is incredibly difficult to build momentum for a team when your biggest push for alumni attendance is during the last game of the season," said Garrick. To generate more Eagle support, Friday, Nov. 13, during Homecoming 2009 will be Garnet and Gold Friday, and faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends are encouraged to wear garnet and gold. Garnet and Gold Fridays will continue to be a part of the fall '09 sporting season.

For a full schedule of Homecoming events, click [here](#).

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