

Vandals Go for the Gold for Homecoming Week, Sept. 25-Oct. 1

MOSCOW, — The University of Idaho is celebrating its 108th Homecoming Week Sunday, Sept. 25, through Saturday, Oct. 1.

UI and the Moscow community will welcome back hundreds of alumni for this annual celebration. This year's theme, Joe for the Gold, honors the traditions of the Olympics and draws from the values of the Olympic creed — that the most important thing is not winning, but rather taking part and performing at the best of one's ability.

The week begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, with Olympic Trials, a scavenger hunt-like event. The trials will be played through the GooseChase app, which allows teams to finish missions and earn points by uploading photos of completed tasks. The hunt begins in front of the VandalStore.

Other events include:

- **Sunday:** Homecoming week officially begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pitman Center International Ballroom with the opening ceremonies. This will include the annual Yell like Hell and announcement of homecoming royalty candidates.
- **Monday:** Downtown businesses display their Vandal pride with window painting and UI hosts the 67th annual Vandal Blood Drive, the first collegiate blood drive in the nation.
- **Tuesday:** Campus departments display their Vandal pride, the annual blood drive continues and a variety of events will be held at the Olympic Village (i.e. Commons Plaza). Capture your Olympic moments in the photo booth or test your Olympian skills in an inflatable obstacle course.
- **Wednesday:** The Anthems (formerly Vandal Jingles) competition promises a night of hilarity as student teams perform homecoming-themed singing and dancing skits at 6:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom.
- **Thursday:** Be the Match Bone Marrow Drive will be held throughout the day in the TLC lounge. Donations to the annual homecoming food drive will be collected.
- **Friday:** The weekend kicks-off with the Vandal Spirit Chili Feed hosted by Gritman Medical Center, the Moscow Block Party, and the Vandal serpentine and bonfire rally. The bonfire, which begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome parking lot, will include the medal ceremony announcing royalty and followed by a fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Don't miss the TowerLights LED light show at Theophilus Tower lawn at 9:45 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 108th annual homecoming parade will travel down Main Street beginning at 10 a.m. Alumni and community members are welcome to tour living group houses before cheering on Vandal football as they take on Troy University at 2 p.m. The free Idaho Fan Zone opens for fan enjoyment on the UI SprinTurf at 11 a.m. Following the game, make your way to Memorial Gym for Vandal volleyball at 7 p.m.

UI invites all alumni and the Moscow community to join us in these festivities. For a complete schedule of events homecoming events, go to www.uidaho.edu/homecoming.