

Pep rally kicks off UIS homecoming week

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Homecoming activities kick off today at the University of Illinois Springfield and later in the week include a parade, a barbecue and varsity soccer games.

UIS Family Weekend also coincides with homecoming events on Saturday and Sunday.

The theme of the 2009 event is "There's No Place Like Homecoming."

The schedule of events:

Today

*Homecoming Pep Rally at 9:30 p.m. at The Recreation and Athletic Center (TRAC). The first 200 students with ID through the door will get a free Homecoming T-shirt.

Tuesday

*Homecoming Court voting and mashed potato sculpting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Public Affairs Center (PAC) Food Emporium Patio (rain location: PAC Concourse).

*Make Your Own Spirit Wear at 9:30 p.m. in the Food Emporium. Paints, poster board and blank T-shirts are provided.

Wednesday

*Homecoming Court voting and Over the Rainbow Relay Race from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the UIS Quad.

*Neo-Futurists performance at 9:30 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium. The Neo-Futurists are a collective of writers/directors/performers who create theater that is a fusion of sport, poetry and living newspaper.

Thursday

*Homecoming Court voting and Come on 6s dice game from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the PAC Main Concourse.

*Homecoming dance at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Life Building gym. Dress is semi-formal.

Friday

*Volunteer service event from 1 to 5 p.m.

*UIS women's soccer game vs. Bellarmine University at 5 p.m. at Kiwanis Stadium.

*Student cookout at 6:30 p.m. on the east side of Kiwanis Stadium.

*Movie "The Wizard of Oz" at 7 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium.

*UIS men's soccer game vs. Bellarmine at 7:30 p.m. at Kiwanis Stadium. A firework display will be held immediately following the game.

Saturday

*Yellow Brick Road 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. at TRAC. Cost is \$20 the day of the event.

*Family Weekend Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in PAC rooms C and D. Reservations are required.

*UIS Homecoming Parade at 5 p.m. on the UIS Campus.

*Homecoming BBQ & Lawn Party from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the east side of Kiwanis Stadium.

*UIS Students vs. UIS Alumni/Faculty/Staff basketball game at 7 p.m. at TRAC.

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