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### **Celebrate tradition at IU Kokomo Homecoming**

**KOKOMO, Ind.** — Cheer for the Indiana University Kokomo Cougars, as they take on the Titans of IU South Bend Saturday, November 22, in the annual Homecoming game.

Homecoming festivities kick off Monday, November 17, and continue up to the game at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Cougar Gym, 507 E. Superior St., Kokomo.



Students look forward to Homecoming as part of the traditional college experience, said student Josselin Schafer, Kokomo, who helped plan the week's activities, with the theme "TearinUpTheTitans."

"Homecoming is a good way for student groups to get together and support our teams and our campus," she said. "This year's game is especially exciting because it's against another IU regional campus, so there is a natural rivalry there. The students' energy will give the team an extra boost."

Cristin Clark, who served on the Homecoming planning committee, said she's pleased that many student organizations are participating, and have already completed their entries for Monday's sheet banner competition.

"It's a great way to be involved in our school, and to get IU Kokomo's name out in the public eye," she said. "I expect the points competition among student organizations to be fierce."

Each activity during the week provides a chance for the organizations to earn points. The top three will be announced at the basketball game, and the winning organization's name will be included on a plaque, which will be displayed in the Kelley Student Center.

The student organization banners go on display in the Kelley Student Center Commons Monday. Each one will have a texting code, so voters may support their favorite.

Tuesday, Homecoming focuses on the issue of hunger and homelessness, with the Hunger Banquet, at 5 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

"This week is also hunger and homelessness awareness week, and we wanted to include that," said Schafer, who is vice president of event sponsor Cougar Advocates for Diversity. Admission is two canned goods.

Those attending will be randomly assigned a social class — lower class, middle class, or upper class — which determines where or if they have a seat for the meal. Abbie Smith, president of the United Way of Howard County, will speak about food insecurity in north central Indiana, as part of an effort to focus on the needs in the community.

Student organizations will collect canned goods through 4 p.m. Thursday, to earn additional Homecoming points. The food will go to Kokomo Urban Outreach, which runs food pantries throughout Kokomo.

"We can have fun with Homecoming, but also give back to the community with this program," Schafer said.

Wednesday includes another opportunity to give back, with a blood drive from noon to 5 p.m., sponsored by Ribbon Warriors. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Also Wednesday, IU Kokomo intramurals hosts a single elimination dodge ball tournament at 6:30 p.m. in Cougar Gym. Teams of students, faculty, and staff may register on [IMLeagues](#).

Student Union Board offers a free movie, *22 Jump Street* at 7 p.m. Thursday in Kresge Auditorium.

Friday, the Student Union Board hosts the annual semiformal Homecoming Dance, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Elite Banquet and Conference Center. Cost is \$10 per person, or \$15 per couple. It is open to IU Kokomo students, who may each bring one non-IU Kokomo guest. Tickets are available in the Student Activities Office, or at

the door. The campus radio station, Radio Free Kokomo, will serve as DJs for the event.

Saturday's events kick off by honoring graduates, at the annual Alumni Hall of Fame Lunch. Dr. Kathleen Golightly, John Hughey, George Plotner, and Tom Sugar are the inductees for 2014.

The basketball game against the IU South Bend Titans kicks off at 1 p.m. Admission is free to IU Kokomo students, faculty, and staff, with your Cougar Card. General admission is \$5. Children 10 and younger are admitted free.

*Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.*

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