



Parade Float Application

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Organization/Participant: _____

Type of Entry (walkers, float, band, etc.): _____

Size & Length of entry (include car & trailer): _____

Walkers: Yes or No If Yes, how many? _____ Horses: Yes or No If Yes, how many? _____

Circle One: Commercial Non-Profit Religious Government Schools Performing Group/Marching Bands

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

For safety reasons, candy and/or any other items are NOT PERMITTED TO BE THROWN. Candy and/or other items MUST be HANDED out by the walking crew. Throwing candy may result in the removal of the entry from the parade and future parades

PARADE RELEASE of LIABILITY

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and will abide by all of the rules governing the Main Street Laurens Parade. I further understand that any violation of the rules before or during the parade will result in the removal of my unit from the parade.

I/we understand that I am participating in the Main Street Laurens Parade of my own free will. I understand that I am responsible for my actions before, during, and after the Laurens Parade. My signature below indicates that I hereby release the City of Laurens, Main Street Laurens USA, or any other volunteer/sponsor involved in the parade from being held liable for my participation or actions. I further give unrestricted permission for my image to be used in print, video, and digital media by Main Street Laurens or any local media outlet for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

I/we understand that it is my/our responsibility to inform all members of the group of my/our official entry name, number, line-up instructions, pick-up instructions, and rules.

FOR QUESTIONS OR IDEAS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN STREET LAURENS OFFICE.

Responsible Party Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parade Float Guidelines

In order to provide a safe and well-organized parade, Main Street Laurens has set forth and strictly adheres to the following rules:

GENERAL RULES:

- ✿ All participants (unit members, escorts, staff, etc.) must be in some type of uniform, holiday dress, or color-coordinated attire.
- ✿ It is unlawful to throw **ANYTHING** from any moving entry, including candy. This rule must and will be enforced for the safety of small children who might be tempted to run out into the street. Any participant caught throwing candy from their entry will be immediately removed from the parade and disqualified.
 - ✿ **NOTE:** You may have walkers with your float to hand out candy, items, etc to parade attendees, but please do not throw anything.
- ✿ No one is allowed on or off moving floats. Staff or escort changes should only be made when the float has come to a complete stop.
- ✿ Each float is requested to have a walking crew of at least *4 persons* to walk curbside.
- ✿ Any child participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult who will assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of that child. Due to the length of the parade route, children walking in the parade must be 6 years of age or older.
- ✿ Any and all music **MUST BE** family-friendly.

PARADE LINE-UP:

- ✿ Entry numbers will be assigned one week before the parade. The contact person will be notified, and it will be their responsibility to pass on the line-up information to the participants with their entry.
- ✿ Entry numbers must be visible on the passenger side of each entry for judging.
- ✿ Vehicles pulling floats **MUST** be at the assigned number at the parade site by 3:00 PM. Walking until and riders of floats should assemble at assigned numbers **NO LATER THAN 3:30 PM.**
- ✿ The parade will start promptly at 4 PM.

VEHICLES

- ✿ No ATVs, mopeds, or tractor-trailers will be allowed.
- ✿ Tractors are allowed as part of the parade but must be decorated to the parade theme.
- ✿ All motorized vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver 18 years of age or older.

BANDS, PERFORMING GROUPS, WALKERS & MARCHING UNITS

- ✿ All walkers must be in uniform, holiday dress, or color-coordinated attire. The dress for walkers, staff or escorts should coordinate with the individual float theme which should be in accordance with the overall parade theme.
- ✿ Walking units not associated with a float must carry a banner/sign with their organization name at the front of their unit.
- ✿ Entries must maintain a consistent speed to avoid gaps & prevent accidents. Performances are limited to 45 seconds.
- ✿ Stationary performances are only allowed for the judges. All other performances should be conducted while moving in a forward motion.

FLOATS

- ✿ Floats must be a fully decorated trailer, flatbed truck, or other platforms on wheels that is self-propelled or pulled by a tow vehicle. All floats **MUST INCLUDE** skirting and be decorated in accordance with the overall theme of the parade.
- ✿ Floats must not exceed a height of 14 feet.
- ✿ All floats must display a sign/banner with their organization name on **BOTH** sides of the entry.
- ✿ Adult supervision is required for any riders under 13 years of age.