

August 23, 2006

This letter will serve as your official invitation for participation in the 2007 Washington Parish Free Fair.

The date of our fair this year is October 17-20, 2007. October 17 we will officially start with a parade at 9:00 a.m., which flows through the middle of town and into the fair grounds. I have included an application as well as the rules for participation. We have changed the format for the competition of the marching bands, cheerleaders, dance teams, color guards, etc. In prior years we have competed prior to the start of the parade. This year we will be judged during the parade. Each group will stop and perform for the judges for two minutes during the parade. The judges' stand will be located just outside of the fair grounds entrance. So, please have your groups ready for perform during the parade. We will line up in the same staging area, near Jack Brown's Grocery Store. We will have stakes with the names of the schools in the order that they need to line up. We will also have port-a-potties in the area, which I have been told were lacking in the past.

There will be no throws of any kind allowed in the parade this year. Any item which leaves any vehicle or person will result in immediate removal from the parade by an officer of the law. I realize this is a disappointment, but the Fair Association has been unable to procure insurance which allows throws.

Please be advised that the Parade Committee has assigned you as the sole person that will be in charge of contacting us with any questions or concerns you may have. You are also responsible for getting copies of this letter, application, and rules to each group in your school interested in participating in the parade. We will not be accepting phone calls from any parents and they will be directed back to you. This is an effort to eliminate misinformation and repetitive questions which have occurred in the past. You may either mail the application back to me, or fax it to the number listed below.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,

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