

Washington Parish Fair Parade Rules and Guidelines 2011

The dates of our fair this year are October 19-22, 2011. On October 19th, we will officially begin with a parade at 10:00AM that flows through the middle of town and into the fair grounds.

The Washington Parish Fair Association has established a set of rules to govern its parade. Please read these rules carefully before entering the parade. These rules are designed to protect parade entrants and the Fair Association. The rules are as follows:

1. The parade will consist of marching groups, floats, automobiles, trucks, horses, and tractors, all dedicated to promoting the goodwill of the Washington Parish Free Fair. All entries must be decorated, including cars and trucks (except antique vehicles), to participate in the parade. Tractors do not need to turn in an application, as they will congregate and ride just prior to the parade (9:45AM).
2. The parade will begin at the corner of Washington Street and 15th Avenue.
3. All entries must be in line as specified by **8:30AM** on the morning of the parade.
4. Judging of the bands and marching groups will begin at **8:00AM** in front of Jack Brown's grocery store. All other entries will be judged in their line-up position in East Acres subdivision. (Maximum performance time is 4 minutes).
5. Parade entrants must register with a member of the parade committee **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011 AT 5:00PM. FAILURE TO MEET THIS DEADLINE FORFEITS YOUR ABILITY TO PUT AN ENTRY IN THE PARADE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
6. All float entries must be decorated to reflect the fair's theme. This year's theme is: "100 Years of Family Fun".
7. Automobile and truck entries will be limited to antique vehicles (20 years or older) and groups sponsored by school or civic organizations.
8. Each school will be limited to 3 float entries and marching groups. Homecoming Queens and/or other school royalty will be allowed one additional float, if needed. The parade committee requests that only the assigned contact from each school call with questions. This will eliminate duplicate answers and misinformation. Any calls regarding school entries that are not from the assigned school contact will not be addressed. There will be stakes placed with numbers in the order that they need to line up.
9. Groups performing without a band must provide their own music. **The Parade Committee will not provide music.**
10. Groups participating in the parade will be allowed one support vehicle to follow their group along the parade route.

11. Golf carts, four wheelers, ATV's, go-carts, and 18-wheelers WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the parade. An exception will be made for the Shriners.
12. Queens and royalty from other Parish and Statewide Fairs, Festivals or Pageants may ride in a car or on a float. The Parade Committee WILL NOT provide these cars or floats, and only one car or float is allowed per fair/festival/pageant.
13. Individuals seeking public office will not be allowed to enter campaign entries in the parade.
14. Elected public officials representing Washington Parish residents will be invited to participate in the parade as a representative of their current office.
15. Business and commercial entries are prohibited as a means of advertising.
16. All participants riding horses will be required to REGISTER BEFORE 9AM BY THE CHEVRON the morning of the parade with their horse and proof of coggins in hand. Once registered, participants should proceed to the empty lot by POPEYES. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian's signature. **Any riders wishing to be judged MUST pre-register no later than October 3, providing the rider's name. Children under the age of 12 must also provide their age and sex.** The pace of the horse ridden must be a slow walk. Any pace other than a walk at any time prior to, or during the parade will result in immediate expulsion of the horse and rider. Additionally, riders may not purposely STOP their horses or lag more than 5 yards behind the riders ahead.
17. Community entries are limited to 2 entries (churches, athletic association, etc.).
18. When lining up prior to the parade, the entrants are held responsible for the cleanliness of nearby homeowner's yards. No music will be played prior to reaching the start of the parade route.
19. The parade route will continue through the fairgrounds. All unloading/dismantling must be conducted at the end of the parade in Knight Field.
20. All entries must be pre-registered. Entries that arrive on the morning of the parade without prior registration WILL NOT be allowed to participate.
21. It is at the Parade Committee's discretion to determine whether or not entries are appropriate for participation. Entries must check-in on the morning of the parade with decorations and theme complete. Any behavior not in keeping with a family atmosphere before or during the parade will result in immediate expulsion.
22. Adequate port-a-potties will be available throughout the area.

Any questions or situations not explained in the rules listed above will be answered or handled at the discretion of the parade committee.

See attached for information on judged categories and associated prizes.

JUDGED CATEGORIES AND PRIZES (Excluding Floats)

Prize Structure: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards (Trophy)

1. **BANDS**
 - a. High School
 - b. Junior High School
2. **SCHOOL DANCE TEAMS/COLOR GUARDS** (Live or Recorded Music)
 - a. High School
 - b. Junior High School
3. **SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS**
 - a. High School
 - b. Junior High School
4. **DANCE ACADEMIES**
5. **HORSES**

a. Boys	c. Men (1 st place only)	e. Group (1 st place only)
b. Girls	d. Women (1 st place only)	f. Wagon/Carriage (1 st place only)
6. **CARS**
7. **TRUCKS**

JUDGED CATEGORIES AND PRIZES (Floats)

- **OVERALL THEME** \$150.00
- **ORIGINALITY**
 - 1st Place \$100.00
 - 2nd Place \$ 75.00
 - 3rd Place \$ 50.00
- **BEAUTY**
 - 1st Place \$100.00
 - 2nd Place \$ 75.00
 - 3rd Place \$ 50.00
- **SCHOOLS**
 - 1st Place \$100.00
 - 2nd Place \$ 75.00
 - 3rd Place \$ 50.00