

Belton 4th of July Parade Rules & Regulations

Please read and check each box below.

Notification: The parade committee will review your application upon receipt, and if you are accepted you will receive notification AFTER June 11th but before June 15th.

Acceptance: Your acceptance into the parade is based upon your application. The committee reserves the right to dismiss your unit from the parade route if it differs greatly from the original description in the application. All participating organizations (sponsors, co-sponsors, partners, supporters, etc.) must be listed on the unit application. If you plan to partner with a commercial business or organization in any way (i.e. hanging banners, etc.) you must include that information in your application. Applications will not be accepted for any crusading movement of a general controversial nature. Please do not advocate social, ethnic, or political change.

Line Up: Line up order is determined by the parade committee to establish variety and to insure even flow of the parade. Adequate description of your group/float is important on the application. This helps distribute the various types of units.

Commentary: Participants must provide current and accurate publicity information concerning their unit for the parade announcer by June 11th. Information received after that may not be included in the parade script.

Safety: Belton Police Officers, Belton Fire Department members, and Parade Officials will be monitoring unit behavior and actions throughout the parade. Failure to comply with rules will result in your removal from the parade. Parade officials will be wearing orange safety vests.

Good Taste: Each entry shall be in good taste and contribute to the entertainment value of the current theme with participants in uniforms/costumes or decorated vehicles/floats. Red, White, and Blue decorations are a must.

Movement of Parade Flow: All units must keep moving forward. Units must not stop on the parade route at any time. Intentional delay or stopping will not be allowed and could be cause for non-acceptance in future parades. Performances by bands, dance groups, clowns, go-cart groups, and motorcycle groups etc. must be accomplished while maintaining the constant movement with the flow of the parade. Performances must be performed on the move. Please keep up the pace and keep moving.

Cancellation Policy: The parade will take place rain or shine. No refunds will be issued because of weather. In case of inclement weather, decisions will be made by Belton Police Department and the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Assembly Time: Non-judged units should arrive in their designated staging area no later than 9:00 a.m. Judged units see section for "Float Judging" below. Registration instructions for entry to the staging areas will be given at one of the pre-parade meetings.

Alcoholic Beverages: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED at any time or under any circumstances during line-up or during parade appearance!

___Water guns and Projectiles: WATERGUNS & PROJECTILES ARE PROHIBITED. Units may not employ squirt guns, super-soakers, or any other device to spray any liquid or toss any sort of object to the crowd or on the parade route.

___Sirens / Horns: No sirens or horns are to be used along the parade route. Lights are acceptable.

___Distribution of Materials: No materials may be distributed along the route during the parade. The prohibitions on throwing and distributing material will be strictly enforced by parade officials and the Belton Police Department.

___Float Judging: Judging of floats will take place in the line-up. Judged entries must arrive and be ready for judging by 8:30 a.m.

___Display of Name & Number: All units shall bear the name of the community, organization, company, or individual responsible for its entrance in the parade. The letters should be at least 8" in height and visible. The parade number must be visible on both sides of float/vehicle to insure the announcers can identify your float and announce your information. Announcers are on both sides of the parade route.

___Music: Playing of music with vulgar lyrics and profanity is not allowed. Music must be suited for a family audience.

___Multiple Vehicle Entries: No more than three titled vehicles per entry.

Contact person: _____

Representing: _____

Date: _____

By submitting this form you are acknowledging you have read and agree to the Rules & Regulations above.