

ENTRIES

A Float is defined as a decorated exhibit or scene mounted on a mobile platform and pulled or driven in a parade. All Floats must be at least 75% percent decorated!

SIZE

1. All floats and trailers used for a float must be within 6 inches in height from the street level or skirted completely, with a rigid material (such as plywood), to within 6 inches of the ground.
2. Floats shall not exceed 17 ½ feet in height and 16 feet in width. The telephone and electrical wires on the parade route make this requirement necessary. The length of the float should be governed by the proper proportion for the design and should be so constructed that it will be able to make the 90-degree turned at street intersections.
3. Maximum length will be 60 feet per unit, not including the pulling vehicle.

SAFETY

1. Towing Safety: Adequate primary and secondary connection devices shall be made between the towing vehicle and float. All connections shall comply with any and all applicable laws and standards. Primary and secondary connections shall be appropriate for the normal and anticipated loads.
2. NO decorations and or float construction material may protrude from the side of the float. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
3. **NO ONE MAY STEP ON OR OFF A VEHICLE OR ANY MOTORIZED ENTRY WHILE THE ENTRY IS IN THE PARADE ROUTE. CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE PLACED ON OR REMOVED FROM ANY FLOAT OR OTHER ENTRY WHILE THE FLOAT IS MOVING, EXCEPT FOR AN EMERGENCY.**
4. All floats and trailers accompanied by people must have adult walkers beside each tire.
5. An adult must be on floats where there are children. The ratio of adults to children is one adult to 10 children to adequately provide for the safety of children below the age of 16.
6. Floats transporting children more than thirty (30") inches from the ground must have side rails. Rails should measure a minimum of three feet from the floor of the unit.
7. To ensure the safety of riders, all children must be unloaded from floats/open units at the end of the parade route.
8. Parents, or other responsible adults (18 yrs. or older), must be at the end of the parade route to pick up their children.
9. Each pulled float must have a spotter in the cab, other than the driver. Viewing the back and communicating with the driver when there is a problem. If no cab is present, spotter must be present beside the float.
10. Fire Extinguishers & Open Flame Display- At least one all-class extinguisher shall be carried in the support or towing vehicle. All fire extinguishers shall be sealed, tagged, and dated within the previous 12-month period. Open flame displays are prohibited.
11. Decorations- All decorative material should be manufactured to be effectively fire retardant.
12. Generators: Where used, generators shall be securely mounted on the vehicle with no less than 12 inches of clearance separating it from any combustible material.
13. **PERFORMANCE AREAS:** The ONLY locations permissible for stopped performances are the following intersections: Buford, Floyd Baker Boulevard and Frederick. Stopped performances can last no longer than 60 seconds.
14. Floats shall maintain a minimum speed of 5 miles per hour under expected conditions.
15. Forward motion must be maintained by all units during the parade except when stopped for a performance.
16. Entries must maintain 20 to 30 feet between each entry.
17. Floats experiencing difficulties must move to the side of the street, so others may pass. If at any time a float holds up the parade due to mechanical or obstruction difficulty, the float will be asked to get out of line and to no longer participate.
18. All animals (including horses) must abide by The City of Gaffney Animal Control laws (**including immediate removal of waste**). Responsible person(s) of animal entries must have someone with the animal throughout the parade (from line-up to parade conclusion) with pooper scooping capabilities. **ALL WASTE MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.**
19. No throwing of any candy, favors or handouts of any kind.
Failure to comply will result in IMMEDIATE removal and suspension from future participation.

OTHER RULES

1. Your position will be assigned to you prior to the parade for all pre-registrants. Even numbers will be on the left side of Limestone St. facing northward, and the odd numbered entries will be on the right side.
2. You must tell us the total length of your entry including any tow vehicle(s) prior to the parade so we can make room for you.
3. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!** Enter the parade line-up from the South end of Limestone St. (off O'Neal St.) and pass our check point at the junction of Cory St. We anticipate that a portion of our line-up will be on Petty St., but you must first pass our checkpoint and be directed to the proper area. Please **DO NOT** plan to travel south down Limestone or Petty Street to line up as they will be barricaded, and you will be directed over to the next block.
4. Watch out for everyone, especially the children, and report any unruly or dangerous behavior to the staff (with identifying shirts/vests) or the Police at 911.
5. Those entrants arriving after **9AM** may be positioned at the end of the parade due to safety concerns (at discretion of Parade Committee Officials).
6. Restrooms will be available at Thompson Park as early as 7 AM with the help of the City of Gaffney.

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