



2017 - Hometown Parade Application

Theme – Great Nation - Bright Future

Granbury's Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration
Parade Date: **Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

*All entries must arrive at the Parade Staging Area
(GISD High School front parking lot on West Pearl Street) between 7 and 8:30 a.m. No exceptions.*

*Please review the guidelines and rules when planning and organizing your entry. They are enforced for safety purposes and to maintain the integrity of the event. Judged entries must be ready to be judged by 8:00 AM - Judged **equine** entries must be ready to be judged by 9:00 AM.*

Fees: Commercial - \$75 Non-Commercial - \$35

Deadline: June 2, 2017 or when 80 entries have been received, *whichever comes first.*

Guidelines for ALL Participants

1. All entries must provide an application to the Chamber with payment. No late entries will be allowed.
2. **All entries must be decorated in concert with the theme.**
3. Only one entry per commercial, household or organization. A commercial vehicle will be defined as any vehicle, truck or float promoting a business, municipality, or commercial entity.
4. All vehicles in the parade must have current and adequate insurance coverage, and must sign waiver (page 4).
5. Any entries deemed unsafe will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave without refund.
6. Music must be suitable for a family audience and noted on the application.
7. Confirmation packet with float number and parking/staging information will be emailed in June. Each entry must have a confirmation postcard and line up number to enter the staging area. Line up numbers must be displayed in the dashboard and on the right front of float or vehicle during parade.
8. Parade participants are required to follow the entire parade route AND return back to the Staging Area. Do not cross West Pearl Street after the parade OR unload after passing City Hall on Bridge Street.
9. Two-wheel riders must adhere to state and local laws regarding helmets and safety devices.
10. Parade route may be altered due to street construction around the square.

Prohibited Items

1. **NO FIREWORKS, SIRENS or LOUD HORNS** are allowed, especially near the square.
2. **NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN OR LAUNCHED DURING THE PARADE. This includes candy.** Throwing items from floats creates a safety risk for both spectators and parade participants.
3. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised by an Adult. Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and must be riding or carried – no walking.
4. Water guns, water balloons or similar water devices are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
5. **In order to avoid large gaps, no entries will be allowed to stop and perform a routine on the route. This includes cheerleaders. One short cheer (less than 15 seconds) will be allowed once entry has arrived at the square.**
6. Participants are **NOT** allowed to distribute bottled water, soft drinks or sports drinks.
7. Unauthorized vehicles or vehicles not participating in the parade will not be allowed in the float staging area.

Equine Entries

1. Equine entries will be staged at Granbury Church of Christ across from the High School.
2. Equine entries must provide their own clean-up crew immediately following their unit.
3. All equestrian riders under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Riders under the age of 10 must have a lead rope on their mount.
4. **Warning: Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), a livestock show sponsor is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in a livestock show resulting from the inherent risks of livestock show activities.**
5. Equine judging time: 9:00 - 9:30 AM

Judged Entries

Entry judging will be based primarily on the execution of the parade theme, originality of design and spectator appeal. Judging will take place prior to the parade and entries will be notified of their judging time. Winners will be recognized by the announcers as they enter the square.

Trophy Categories

- Best of Parade
- Best Float
- Grand Marshal's Award
- Best Commercial
- Best Community

Judging Rules

- Each entry may win only one trophy.
- Your entry must be manned and ready to be judged. You may provide "snippets" of talent during judging to give an overall presentation of your entry.

Points System Used for Judging

- Execution of Theme30 points
- Originality of Design.....20 points
- Spectator Appeal20 points
- Special Effects30 points

PARADE APPLICATION

Please fill out the application and return with fee. Please print or type. The entry fee must accompany the entry form to be considered a valid application. No application is considered unless accompanied by the fee.

Do you want your entry judged: Yes _____ No _____

Name of Group or Business: _____

Sponsor or Contact Person: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: (Main) _____ (Cell) _____

Announcement Description: (**what do you want the announcer to say about your entry?**)

Entry Classification: (Check only one)

Commercial _____ **\$75 Application Fee** Non-Commercial _____ **\$35 Application Fee**

A commercial vehicle is any vehicle or truck advertising a business.

Please check the category listed below that best describes your entry:

_____ Commercial _____ Non-commercial _____ Float
_____ Equine _____ Vehicle Group (limit 6 per club entry) _____ Walking or Marching

ABOUT YOUR ENTRY (must be completed)

Approximate number of participants: _____ Animals: Yes _____ No _____

Type of Vehicle or Float: _____

Length of Unit: _____ Height of Unit: _____ Music: None ___ Recorded ___ Live ___
(all parts) (14' maximum height)

Entries cannot be taller than 14'. All floats and tow vehicles must be able to safely maneuver a 90 degree turn on a normal two lane city street without backing up.

Car Club Entries

Name of car club: _____ Number of vehicles: _____
(Limited to 6 vehicles)

LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce is not liable for any accidents before, during or after the parade. You must confirm that the vehicle being driven in the parade is insured.

Year, Make, Model and Type of Vehicle: _____

Name of Insured & Insurance Company: _____

Policy # _____ Exp. Date _____

REMINDERS

- Date of Parade: Tuesday, July 4. **No entries will be allowed to enter the staging area after 8:30am.**
- You must be in your designated staging area 30 minutes prior to your assigned judging time.
- Non judged entries must be in their staging area no later than 8:30 a.m. at Granbury High School
- Only parade entries that have a confirmation postcard will be admitted to the staging area. All others must park in designated areas.

WAIVER:

By participating in the Granbury Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Parade, I do hereby release, hold harmless and forever discharge the Granbury Chamber of Commerce, Inc., the City of Granbury, Hood County, and the Granbury Independent School District from all demands, claims or actions for damages in any manner arising out of my participation in this event and will indemnify them from any damages or injuries arising or occurring from my participation in the parade. I understand that this release is binding upon myself and all participants of my group, float or organization, and I have informed each member of my group, float or organization of this waiver and release, by their participation in the Granbury Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Hometown Parade, they too have agreed to the terms of this waiver and release as though individually signed by each member. The parade committee accepts NO responsibility for false statements made by applicants or participants.

Your signature attests that you have read the parade rules and will abide by them.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Return application and entry fee to:

**Granbury Chamber of Commerce • Attn: Kim Vezo
3408 East Highway 377 • Granbury, TX 76049
Fax: 817.573.0805**

For questions, please call 817.573.1622 • Email: kim@granburychamber.com

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