



**October 31<sup>st</sup>  
10:00am**

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. All entries must pay the appropriate entry fee (see application) and submit the application to the Independence Chamber of Commerce office no later than Friday, October 16, 2015 to be included in the official parade line-up. Entries accepted after this date will be placed at the end of the parade, if space is available, and will not be eligible for judging.
2. All floats, including political entries, must have a Halloween theme. A description/summary of each float must be presented to the Independence Chamber of Commerce for committee approval no later than October 16, 2015.
3. The date of the parade is Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
4. The parade route is shown on the reverse side of these rules and regulations.
5. All entries must have at least one adult present at all times. This adult is responsible for the conduct and safekeeping of individuals participating.
6. Judging will be completed at the reviewing stand. It is imperative that all entries remain in their assigned line-up positions.
7. **No commercial vehicles without Halloween decorations will be permitted** except when transporting floats or costumed groups.
8. The Halloween Parade is held **RAIN OR SHINE!**
9. **Parade participants shall not distribute printed material.**
10. All entries are required to stay in the parade until the finish point is reached.
11. **No vehicles** (3-Wheelers, 4-Wheelers, Quadrunners and Dune Buggies) **will be allowed to drive recklessly** -- including wheelies. Anyone creating a safety hazard will be removed from the parade without a refund and will not be invited back.
12. **Do not throw anything (including candy) from vehicles.** Entries may walk along route and pass/hand out candy. Anyone creating a safety hazard will be removed from the parade.
13. Equestrian entries must utilize diapers and must clean up their line-up and loading/unloading areas. Any equestrian entry failing to do so on the day of the parade will not be allowed to participate. The wearing of rubber shoes on all horses is highly recommended. Horses and horse-drawn entries cannot be left unattended at any time. No horses with a kicking habit are permitted in the parade. Equestrian units may be judged in costumed groups or individually. Equestrian units will be placed at the end of the parade.
14. All decisions of the judges shall be final.
15. Marching units should maintain forward motion at all times keeping 40 feet between entries.
16. One trophy per category and one Best Overall trophy will be awarded upon completion of the parade.
17. Entries are to be in the line-up area no later than 8:00 a.m. All other entries should be in the line-up area by 9:00 a.m.

*The Chamber reserves the right to accept or reject any application deemed to be in the best interest of this family oriented event -- including on-site the day of the event.*

