



# 2023 Parade Entry Form

**Parade Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at 9 a.m.

**Theme:** America! Our Classroom for Freedom

**Entry Deadline:** Monday, June 19, 2023 /\$50 late entry

**Parade Entry Fees:** \$150.00 Commercial/Business Entries      Non-Commercial Entry: \$25.00

*Entry fee must be submitted at the time of the entry application.*

## PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* One (1) organization per Entry. Each organization must submit an Entry form, even if part of a "Group".

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Night) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Designation: This is a (  ) Commercial/Business Entry (  ) Non-Commercial/Family/Non-Profit Entry

Are you part of a group? (  ) Yes (  ) No If yes, what order is your Entry with your group? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Five (5) vehicles and twenty-five (25) walkers per entry. Complete an additional Entry form with participants in excess for the limit. Your entries will be placed together in the Parade lineup.

Vehicles included in the Entry: (  ) Cars, (  ) Trucks, size \_\_\_\_\_ (  ) Trailers, size \_\_\_\_\_

(  ) Other Vehicles (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Will the Entry play music? (  ) Yes (  ) No How many walkers do you expect? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your Entry hand out items? (  ) Yes (  ) No If so, \$25.00 clean-up fee in addition to the entry fee.

Brief description of Entry (limited to 50 words) for PARADE ANNOUNCER: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail you Parade Entry Form, entry fee check (*Check made out to: South County 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee*) and signed waiver to the address below or enter online at [4thofjuly.org](http://4thofjuly.org)

\* Any updates to original submitted Entry Form or order of appearance in your group, Committee must be notified of changes by June 19, 2023 and submit an updated Entry Form

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# Parade Entry Rules

**PURPOSE** The South County 4th of July Committee, Inc. ("COMMITTEE") is a nonprofit, non-partisan, and non-political organization. It does not promote any individual, business, social, commercial, or political purpose. It is formed solely for the purpose of promoting a celebration of USA's Independence Day in a family-oriented environment. The Committee is an independent organization made up of volunteers.

## 1. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

- a. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry into the parade which does not make a good faith effort, as determined by the compliance team monitoring the staging areas, to depict the parade theme or does not adhere to the policies of the Committee as stated.
- b. Parade entrants agree to abide by all rules and decisions of the Committee. Any misrepresentation or failure to abide by Committee rules are grounds for removal from parade. Decisions of the Committee are final and not subject to review by any other body.
- c. No entry will be allowed to enter the parade which did not meet the application deadline or fails to provide proof of approval by the Committee at the line-up area on Parade Day.
- d. Although an entrant chooses the category they wish to enter, the Committee makes the final decision as to the correct category for each entrant based on the nature of the organization and type of entry.
- e. Use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or alcohol in the Parade is prohibited.

## 2. POLICY

- a. Decorations
  - i. All Parade entries and their support vehicles must be to either (1) make a good faith effort to depict the Parade theme, as determined by the compliance team monitoring the staging areas, or (2) be substantially decorated in red, white, and blue, in keeping with the celebratory spirit of the Parade. Judges will take this into consideration when selecting winners.
  - ii. Any entry entering the staging area not decorated by 8:00 a.m. may be asked to obtain such items as necessary to comply with clause i. above or may be subject to removal from the Parade.
  - iii. All entries are required to exhibit proper decorum, fellowship and family-oriented behavior in the staging area and during the parade.
  - iv. All Parade entries shall take into account that the parade is a family event and children will be watching the event.
  - v. All Parade participants are encouraged to celebrate the history, values, and ideals of the United States of America rather than protest those matters in which they feel America falls short of its value and ideals. While the Committee values free speech rights of all, the Committee's rules for this Parade are intended to encourage Parade participants to celebrate rather than protest.
- b. Banners
  - i. One banner preceding your entry is allowed. No size limit.
  - ii. Banner carriers must be capable of maintaining the parade pace. If the pace of the banner carriers is impeding the parade progress, the banner may be removed.
- c. Commercial
  - i. A logo or business name may be used on an entry however, entry may not be used primarily for advertising purposes and must be in keeping with the spirit of the parade. (See 2.a.1 above).
  - ii. No limit. The use of ingenuity and creativity in the design and execution of an entry is encouraged and favored by the judging criteria.

- d. Hand-outs or Giveaways
  - i. For safety reasons, handouts and giveaways are permitted during the parade, provided they are not thrown into the parade route or into the spectators or delivered in such a manner to entice spectators to enter the parade vehicle route.
  - ii. The manner in which hand-outs or giveaways are delivered must not delay or slow down the pace of the parade.
  - iii. Do not throw or shoot anything including candy, water, balls or paper from on or alongside parade entries.
  - iv. Shooting water at parade viewers is strictly prohibited.
  - v. Walkers may distribute items to the crowd if they have paid the \$25.00 clean-up fee in addition to the entry fee.
  
- e. Parade Entries
  - i. Your placement in the parade is determined by the parade committee.
  - ii. Parade Entries must maintain spacing between entries of no closer than 2 car lengths / 20 feet or no more than 3 car lengths/30 feet behind the preceding entry. Entries are not permitted to stop along the parade route except to maintain the spacing or during an emergency or as directed by a Parade Official or a Law Enforcement Officer.
  - iii. No Profanity or Offensive Speech. Parade Entries cannot display or broadcast messages which are profane or otherwise offensive, as determined by the Committee. This includes music with profanity.
  - iv. No Hate Speech. Hate speech is not permitted, including any form of expression which is disrespectful or hateful towards another person or group.
  - v. Must clean up area after the parade
  
- f. Performance
  - i. Any performance along the route or in front of the judges or announcer stands must be a moving/marching routine. Any entry that stops to perform shall be ineligible for an award.
  
- g. Political
  - i. The Committee is a non-political organization. Only current elected office holders are allowed to enter the parade. Small signs on either side of a car are permitted. No place cards or large advertising will be acceptable.
  - ii. No campaigning. Individuals or organizations who try to use the parade to further their own or others' political campaigns will be removed from the parade. Under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, tax-exempt organizations are prohibited from participating or intervening in political activities.
  
- h. Support Vehicles
  - i. Motorized entries (floats, cars, etc.) are permitted to have ONE support vehicle. Additional support vehicles may be allowed per the discretion of the committee but must be approved in advance of the day of the parade.
  - ii. You must describe your vehicle on the application, in "other vehicle line" to be eligible to have a support vehicle in the parade.
  - iii. All Support vehicles must be decorated , in the keeping of theme or in red, white and blue.
  
- i. Safety Rules
  - i. No child under eight years of age will be allowed to walk in the parade. They may ride on floats, vehicles, or bicycles under adult supervision.

- ii. Materials used in each entry should be fire-retardant and not of a dangerous nature. An on-board fire extinguisher is required for all commercial floats and recommended for all entries.
- iii. All parade participants (individual or organization) shall be required to adhere to the provisions of the Texas State Penal Code part 46.04, titled Places Weapons Prohibited and any changes thereto.
- iv. Bike riders must adhere to state and local laws.
- v. Do not hang off the sides of moving vehicles.
- vi. No fireworks of any kind may be used in the parade.
- vii. Auto Liability policies in the minimum amounts as required by the State of Texas must be in place for all operators of all vehicles used in the parade. Participants may be required to show proof of coverage.

### 3. APPLICATIONS

- a. There is a \$150.00 entry fee for commercial entries. The entry fee for all other entries is \$25.00. Entry fee must be submitted at the time of the entry application.
- b. All applications must be postmarked or received by June 19, 2023. Any application or entry fees submitted after June 19, 2023, will be considered late and are subject to a \$50.00 late fee. No applications will be accepted after June 23, 2023.
- c. Entrants will be notified of acceptance to enter the parade within 72 hours of submission or by June 19, 2023.
- d. Late applications are subject to availability and Committee approval.
- e. All information for Announcer's Script must be completed and provided with the application. Information provided for Parade Announcers is subject to editing to meet time constraints of the Parade.
- f. A separate application must be submitted for each entry in parade.
- g. If an organization has more than one entry, please list on your applications, the order in which you wish them to appear. Example: Schools with cheerleaders, drum majors, band, drill team and alumni groups



# Parade Entry Waiver Indemnify, Release, and Hold Harmless

In consideration for entry and participation in **The South County 4th of July Parade** and any related activity or event (the **"Parade"**) the Participant (or parent / guardian of a minor Participant) intending to be legally bound, hereby acknowledges and agrees to indemnify, release and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless for any damages from acts or omissions in connection with the Parade as follows.

The **"Indemnified Parties"** are The South County Fourth of July Committee, Inc. (the **"Committee"**), Montgomery County, The Woodlands Township (the **"Township"**), and any other municipalities, or counties in or through which the parade takes place, Trademark Property Company, The Woodlands Land Development Company, and their affiliates, agents, representatives, assigns, or successors including, without limitation, any officers, directors, shareholders, members, employees, volunteers and any other person, entity or sponsor connected with the Parade.

The **"Indemnifying Parties"** are myself (the **"Participant"**), my child(ren), our heirs, agents, representatives, and assigns.

- 1) **Damage Waiver.** The Indemnifying Parties hereby waive, discharge, and release the Indemnified Parties from any and all liability for damages which I, or my child(ren), may suffer, arising in whole or in part out of any act or omission (including negligence) of any of the Indemnified Parties during the Parade and the administration and enforcement of this application and the Parade Rules.
- 2) **Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless.** The Indemnifying Parties will indemnify, defend and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from any and all liability for damages and from any and all claims, cost, and expense, including attorney's fees and court costs associated with defending against claims for damages and other lawsuits and whether based in tort, contract, or any other theory of law, now or which may occur in the future, which are related to the Indemnifying Party's entry or participation in the Parade or for the Indemnifying Party's removal from the parade for the violation of the Parade's entry rules and guidelines. In addition, each Indemnifying Party acknowledges that such Indemnifying Party will forfeit the entry fee if the Indemnifying Party is removed from the Parade based on non-compliance with the Parade entry rules and guidelines.
- 3) **Risk Assumption.** I hereby verify that I, or my child, am/is in good health and able to participate in the Parade, therefore I assume all risk and accept personal responsibility for any injuries or illness including permanent disability, death, or the infection or transmission of any communicable disease including COVID-19.
- 4) **Image Use License.** I hereby authorize and give my full consent to the Committee and their agents and assigns to take, copyright and publish photographs, videotapes and other media (the **"Media"**) in which I, or my child, may appear while participating in the Program. I further authorize the Committee to transfer, use or assign the Media in any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes, without limitations or reservations.

I have read and fully understood this Waiver and I knowingly and voluntarily agree to the terms. I further understand that by participating in the Parade, I/we will have waived substantial rights.

For Parents of Participants Under the Age of 18: I affirm and acknowledge that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the Participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided herein.

By signing below I indicate that I have received and read the South County 4th of July **"Parade Entry Rules"** and agree to comply with those rules and with the conditions listed above.

**Name of group or individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_