



# Williston Independence Day Celebration Parade Rules & Entry Form 2022

## PARADE RULES

1. **No throwing candy or objects from vehicles or floats or throwing anything into crowds.**
2. Walkers may hand items to spectators along the parade route. The goal is to keep spectators Safe, by not causing them to enter the roadway to retrieve items or not to be hit with unexpected objects thrown into crowd.
3. **Prohibited Items:** water pistols/guns, super-soakers, water balloons and other devices that propel water from vehicles, floats, or walkers into the parade spectators.
4. Drivers of all vehicles/floats in the parade must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years of age or older and drug and alcohol free.
5. Any entry that includes children must have adequate adult supervision. Adult supervision is required on all floats and open vehicles carrying children.
6. Participants must not sit on vehicles/equipment that are not intended for that purpose. Participants may not sit on vehicle hoods/trunks.
7. Emergency exit accessibility must be available on all floats/vehicles. All participants on floats/vehicle must have direct communication with driver of float or vehicle.
8. All floats/vehicles carrying people must be equipped with adequate restraining devices (seat belts or protective railings) capable of stopping anyone falling from the unit.
9. All parade participants must be wearing safety equipment for the means of transportation they are on. Example; bikes, scooters, skateboards, horses, etc. must have protective equipment on- to include helmet.
10. Playing music is only allowed on parade route during parade time. It is to be kept to a reasonable level for your participants to hear and act to. Sounds will not interfere with other floats or vehicles on parade route.
11. Blowing of vehicle horns is strictly prohibited on parade route. Sirens of emergency vehicles is permitted and are to be kept at a reasonable level and only used when not a disturbance to parade watchers or sensitive areas along parade route.
12. If your entry includes animals, you are responsible for providing water and picking up after your animals.
13. Alcohol, drugs, and smoking is not allowed to be consumed by parade participants- before or during the parade. Police on hand will be monitoring the parade as well as the crowd.
14. Commercial business entries may not simply ride through the parade route in their company vehicle. All entries must be decorated according to the parade theme and/or in an appropriate July 4<sup>th</sup> manner.
15. In the case of an emergency with parade participants or spectators, parade participants must move to the right of the parade route to allow clear, unhindered access for emergency vehicles
16. The Williston Recreation & Parks Dept. reserves the right to photograph and/or record the entire parade and use these images to promote or benefit the committee's activities including use in electronic media.

**Note:** The Recreation & Parks Dept. reserves the right to remove entries NOT obeying the rules listed above.

## **Parade Information:**

- We will email you a confirmation of your entry and instructions for line up before the event.
- **Parade Route:** Williston Road- Route 2, west bound from Johnson's Farm to Old Stage Road.
- **Parade Staging and Lineup:** Begins at Johnson's Farm on route 2, Williston Road.
- **Parade Float Organizer:** Tony Lamb
- **Day of Parade:** All parade entries must be at the staging area prior to 9:30am. The road closes at 9:30am.
- **Parade Judging:** Official Judging will be done at the line-up time beginning at 9:30am. Ribbons will be given out prior to the start of the parade. We ask that winners proudly display ribbon during the parade for all spectators to see. 1st place ribbons are awarded in the following categories; Best Individual/Neighborhood, Best Community Organization/Church, Best Business and Best of Parade.



## Williston Independence Day Celebration Parade Registration Form

The Williston Independence Day Parade begins at 10:00 am, rain, or shine. Judging begins at 9:30am at the line-up area on Route 2 near Johnson Farm. Judges look for originality and decorations. First place ribbons are awarded for the following; Best Individual/Neighborhood, Best Community Organization, Best Business and Best of Parade. Please read through the Parade rules before submitting a registration form. Form can be emailed to [recreation@willistonvt.org](mailto:recreation@willistonvt.org) or mailed to 7900 Williston Road, Williston, VT 05495.

### Entry Category: (check one)

- Individual/Neighborhood:** Any individual or neighborhood that wants to enter a float with individuals who are costumed, dressed-up, decorated or doing a performance for judging.
- Community Organization:** Any community organization, group or church that includes individuals, a float, or a combination thereof, that is costumed, dressed-up, decorated or performing for judging.
- Business:** Any business entry that includes individuals, vehicles or a float, or a combination thereof, that is costumed, dressed-up, decorated or performing for judging.

Name of Individual/Organization/Business/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town State Zip

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

A brief description of the entry:

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

Mode of transportation:  Walking  Vehicle  Biking  Other (All must be decorated)

About how many people in your group? Children \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a Float?  Yes  No Length of the entry in feet: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be handing something out?  Yes  No If Yes, What? \_\_\_\_\_

*(All items must be handed out and not thrown from vehicle or float or thrown into the crowd)*

Will you have animals in the entry?  Yes  No If Yes, What type? \_\_\_\_\_

*(All animal groups must have someone following behind who will pick up any and all waste- No Exceptions)*

Will you have music playing in the entry?  Yes  No If Yes, Live or amplified? \_\_\_\_\_

### WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION

In consideration of you accepting our parade entry, I hereby for myself, my child, my group, my executors and administrators, waiver and release any and all rights and claims for damages I have against the above organization and its representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered at this activity sponsored by this group. Participation is of my free will and act. I have read the Parade Rules and I understand that my entry must follow all the rules or risk being removed from the parade.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date