



Williston Independence Day Celebration Parade Rules

PARADE RULES

1. **No throwing candy or objects from vehicles or floats or throwing anything into the crowd.**
 - a. Walkers may hand items to spectators along the parade route.
 - b. The goal is to keep spectators safe by preventing them from entering the roadway to retrieve items or being hit with objects thrown into the crowd.
2. **Prohibited Items:** Devices that propel water; water balloons; offensive/inappropriate signage; sharp objects; confetti; glitter; pyrotechnics; open flames; drones or any other remote-controlled devices; hazardous materials; and excessive noise makers.
3. Drivers of all vehicles/floats in the parade must have a valid driver's license; be at least 21 years old; and drug and alcohol-free.
4. Drivers Must always drive down the middle of the road/parade route. No swerving or driving towards the crowd.
5. Any entry that includes children must have adequate adult supervision at all times.
6. Participants must not sit on vehicles/equipment 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/vehicles must have direct communication with the driver of their float/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 wear safety equipment for the transportation they are on. For example; bikes, scooters, skateboards, horses, etc. must have protective equipment on- including helmets.
10. Playing music is only allowed on the parade route during parade time. Music must be kept at a reasonable level for your participants to hear and act to. Sounds shall not interfere with other floats or vehicles on the parade route.
11. Blowing of vehicle horns or sirens is strictly prohibited on the parade route.
12. Sirens of emergency vehicles are prohibited. Bells can be used and are to be kept at a reasonable level and only used when not a disturbance to parade watchers or sensitive areas along the parade route.
13. If your entry includes animals, you are responsible for providing water and picking up after them.
14. Alcohol, drugs, and smoking are not allowed to be consumed by parade participants before or during the parade. Police will be monitoring the parade as well as the crowd.
15. 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 4th manner.
16. In the case of an emergency with parade participants or spectators, parade participants must move to the **right-hand side** of the parade route to allow clear, unhindered access for emergency vehicles
17. 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 department'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:

- **Parade Route:** Williston Road- Route 2, westbound from Johnson's Farm to Old Stage Road.
- **Parade Staging and Lineup:** Begins at Johnson's Farm on route 2, Williston Road.
- **Day of Parade:** All parade entries must be at the staging area before 9:30 am. The road closes at 9:30 am.
- **Parade Judging:** Official Judging will be done at the line-up time beginning at 9:30 am. Ribbons will be given out before the start of the parade. We ask that winners proudly display ribbons during the parade for all spectators to see.

WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION

In consideration of the Town of Williston accepting our parade entry, I on behalf of myself, my child(ren), my group, my executors, and administrators, hereby waive and release any rights and claims for damages against the Town of Williston and its representatives, successors, and assigns for any injuries or damages suffered during this activity sponsored by the organization. Our entry's participation is of our own free will. I have read and understand the Parade Rules and shared them with all our entry's participants. I acknowledge that our entry must follow all the rules, and failure to do so may result in our entry's removal from the parade and/or disqualification from future participation.

Signature of Parade-Entry Representative

Print Name

Date