



Williston Independence Day Celebration Parade Rules

PARADE RULES

1. **No throwing candy or objects from vehicles or floats, or throwing anything into crowds.** Walkers may hand items to spectators along the parade route. The goal is to keep spectators Safe, by not entering the roadway to retrieve items or not hitting unexpected people with candy or objects.
2. Prohibited items: water pistols/guns, super-soakers, water balloons and other devices that propel water from vehicles, floats or walkers into the parade spectators.
3. Drivers of all vehicles/floats in the parade must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years of age or older.
4. Any entry that includes children must have adequate adult supervision. Adult supervision is required on all floats and open vehicles carrying children.
5. Participants must not sit on vehicles/equipment that are not intended for that purpose. Participants may not sit on vehicle hoods/trunks.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. All parade participants must be wearing safety equipment for the means of transportation they are on. Example; bikes, scooters, skateboards, horses, etc.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. If your entry includes animals, you are responsible for providing water and picking up after your animals.
12. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed to be consumed by parade participants. Police on hand will be monitoring the parade as well as the crowd.
13. Commercial business entries may not simply ride through the parade route in their company vehicle. All entries must be decorated according to a parade theme and/or in an appropriate holiday manner.
14. 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
15. 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 lineup time this year – 9:30am. Ribbons will be given out prior to the start of the parade. We ask that you proudly display them 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, Best of Parade.