

## *"We the People"* 4TH OF JULY PARADE APPLICATION

The July 4th Celebration Committee invites you to participate in our annual parade celebrating our Nation's Independence Day. The Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2009 at 11 AM. To ensure your entry a spot in the parade, please return your entry form by June 26, 2009 to:

We the People Liberty Day Parade  
P.O. Box 532  
Boise, ID 83701

### Entry Fees:

\$12.00 for walking groups

\$32.00 for a non-profit float and multiple vehicle entries.

\$52.00 for a commercial float and multiple vehicle entries.

This is to help pay for the various expenses accrued in putting on the parade including the liability insurance we are required to carry. Note we have increased the fees two dollars from last year in order to give a cash prize to winning entries this year.

Payment for the entry fee may be made to the 501-C3 non-profit organization, "We the People July 4th Liberty Parade, Inc."

Volunteer Support is needed. Please call the Parade offices at 377-2364 if you or anyone you know is willing to volunteer during the parade.

Please note the parade route. Enter the staging area at the corner of 11th and Bannock. Parade Entrants will be arranged in the Boise Corp. parking lot between Bannock and Jefferson. Please also note the Boise Police have told us you CANNOT throw candy from any moving vehicle. You may have walkers in your group HAND it out.

Please carefully read the Parade and Float Rules. The Committee works hard all year to make our parade the best it can be. To accomplish this, we need your cooperation. In the past, entrants' non-compliance with the rules, and the ignoring of parade officials' instructions, has caused many difficulties. This reduces the enjoyment of the parade for everyone. To ensure the ongoing success of the parade, we need the spokesperson for each entry to accept the responsibility to see that the parade rules and all instructions from parade officials are followed. Any complaints the committee receives will result in the assessment of penalties, which could mean being banned from future parades. Any fees assessed will be the responsibility of the non-complying entry.

This year's theme is: **Land of the Free, Home of the Brave!**

Floats will be judged by a committee according to the way they reflect and express this year's theme. Awards will be given prior to the parade.

# ENTRY FORM

Boise's Annual "WE THE PEOPLE" 4th of July Liberty Day Parade  
This Parade is an all-volunteer effort.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Entry in Feet: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED PARADE RULES AND FLOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST AND AGREE THEY ARE BINDING. I WILL ADVISE ALL PARTICIPANTS. I AGREE TO ASSUME LIABILITY FOR ALL CONDUCT OF MY PARTICIPANTS' VEHICLES AND ANIMALS. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PARADE RULES AND PARADE OFFICIAL'S INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PENALTIES UP TO AND INCLUDING BEING BANNED FROM FUTURE PARADES AND AGREE TO PAY ANY FEES SO INCURRED.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return To:  
"We the People" July 4 Celebrations Committee, Inc.  
P.O. Box 532  
Boise, ID 83701  
208-377-2364

Return your entry form by: **June 26, 2009. We cannot guarantee entries received thereafter will be in the parade.**

Please give us a brief description of your entry and explain how your entry embraces this year's theme of *Land of the Free, Home of the Brave*:

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**Arrive at parade by 10 am at the latest. Parade begins promptly at 11 am sharp!**  
*Floats and groups who do not arrive on time may be disqualified from judged competitions.*

# Float Safety Checklist

## Vehicle-Hauled Trailer Float

- A. The Visibility of the driver should not be obstructed so that they can see the front and both sides of the float. A spotter can be used to keep the driver aware of any danger or changes to or on the float.
- B. A fire extinguisher should be available in the vehicle and on the float.
- C. The float must be securely attached to the towing vehicle. This can be by a standard hitch and ball or by a pintle hook and eye configuration.
  - 1. The hitch and ball must be secure and in good condition. Homemade hitches must be sturdy enough to handle the load and certified by the fabricator.
  - 2. Pintle hook and eye hitches must have locking pins in the hook to assure it is not opening while in use. Each part must be secure and in good repair.
  - 3. Safety chains or cables must be used.
  - 4. Electrical hook-ups, if used, should be checked for continuity, grounding, and condition of the cables.
- D. No flammables can be stored in the float, nor can there be any open flames.
- E. All rotating and/or spinning parts need to be guarded.
- F. The float cannot have any sharp and/or pointed, protruding parts.
- G. Riders must be provided secure seating or leaning devices for those standing.
- H. Trailer tires should be in good condition and properly inflated to carry the load.
- I. Electrical services to or on the float need to be checked for grounding and damage to the wiring. Suggested items to check would include, but not be limited to, lights, action equipment, audio equipment, speakers, etc..
- J. The vehicle exhaust should exit out the side and not to the back, where it could affect riders.
- K. Nothing can be thrown or dispensed from the float. This includes, but is not limited to, candy, toys, favors, balloons, etc.
- L. Float must not exceed 14 feet in height, 20 feet in width, and 60 feet in length.

## Self-Propelled Floats

- A. All applicable parts for the trailer floats need to be checked for the self-propelled floats.
- B. Visibility must be insured for the driver.
- C. Make sure spotters/walkers are being used to assist the driver.

# Parade Rules

1. PARADE ENTRIES are subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The Board, or its designated Parade Coordinator, may in their discretion reject any entry which it deems incompatible with the theme of our Fourth of July Parade or is unsafe.
2. HORSES AND ANIMALS are not allowed in the Parade unless proof of liability insurance in an acceptable amount is provided to the Board or its designated Parade Coordinator two days prior to the time the Parade starts.
3. VEHICLES and their operators must all be licensed and have liability insurance that complies with Idaho law. Upon request, any entrant or driver shall provide proof of insurance and their valid driver's license.
4. LITERATURE, HANDOUTS & DEBRIS shall not be distributed by Parade entries. Unfortunately, Parade volunteers have to pick up this material, as private property owners and the City looks to us as the responsible party. By signing the parade entry form, you and your organization agree to pay \$20 per hour to the Corporation for each hour a person spends picking up any literature attributed to your entry.
5. CANDY cannot be thrown from entries at the request of Boise Police. You can walk along the parade route with your entry and hand out candy.
6. NO SMOKING is permitted in the staging area by request of the Boise Corp.
7. FOLLOW all instructions from parade officials.

*FRIENDLY REMINDER: noncompliance will lead to the assessment of penalties, which could include fees or being banned from future parades.*