



2017 PARADE INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The parade will begin at 9:00 AM and proceed down Saint Andrews Road from Crossroads Middle School to Lake Murray Boulevard.

If accepted, you will be mailed a confirmation indicating your check-in and assembly instructions and a map indicating your line-up location. Below is a list of guidelines FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED that you must adhere to in order to participate. Please read them carefully and if you have any questions, please contact the festival management office.

- All units must be designed, built and operated in a manner, which is safe for participants and spectators.
- Due to the size of the parade, the Okra Strut Commission and the Administrator have the right to limit the number of participants as well as the number of vehicles in the parade. This notice will be indicated on your confirmation.
- All parade participants must be responsible for their own transportation.
- Each unit should include a sign or placard stating the name of the entry and sponsor.
- Children under the age of 14 must have adult supervision during the event.
- Small children walking in the parade must have approved transportation on hand, or someone willing and able to carry them should they tire.
- Only trained horses and experienced riders will be allowed to participate in the parade. Horses must be diapered or owners must provide clean-up crews to follow the horses. Clean up during the parade as well as before and after will be the responsibility of the owner and/or rider.
- **THE THROWING OF GUM, CANDY AND/OR OTHER MATERIAL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED – NO EXCEPTIONS.** **You may hand out candy and you are permitted to hand out material while walking with the parade as long as the material/candy is placed in someone's hand and not dropped on the ground.**
- If your entry includes the use of music, either live or recorded, you must notify the festival office. Music entries will be placed in the parade in such a way that conflicts between sound will be at a minimum. If your application does not indicate use of music, please contact the office or you may be forced to do without your music.
- **DUE TO THE VOLUME OF UNITS IN THIS PARADE, ABSOLUTELY NO UNIT MAY STOP THE PARADE** for performances or any activity.
- Although costuming and manner of dress is left to each organization or entry, all participants must dress in a tasteful manner. Participants must keep in mind that this is a family-oriented event.

Applications and all correspondence must be faxed or mailed to:

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- **NO WALKING VENDORS WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE** unless previously approved by the Okra Strut Commission.
- **NO PARTICIPANT OR ORGANIZATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISTRIBUTE OR LEAVE ANY MATERIAL (fliers, newspaper, etc.) ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.**
- The Okra Strut Commission reserves the right to prohibit participation of any entry deemed unsafe or in bad taste. The Commission also reserves the right to remove any entry or participant from the parade when the actions of that entry or its participants present a danger to spectators or participants. Decisions of the Commission and/or its delegates will be final.
- **ALL UNITS MUST FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF PARADE OFFICIALS.**

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