

2011 Old Timers Festival Parade

Theme: New Beginnings

General Parade Rules and Guidelines

1. To be part of the 2011 Old Timers Festival Parade an official application must be submitted to the LaVergne Parks & Recreation Department.
2. Individuals/organizations must agree to all Parade rules & guidelines herein. Your acceptance of the rules in the Parade application serves as a waiver of liability and an indemnification agreement between all participants in your contingent and the City of La Vergne. It also serves as your agreement to make all participants in your contingent aware of all the rules & guidelines.
3. All entries must be present and in position no later than 9:30 a.m. Any entry arriving after 9:30 a.m. will be placed at the end of the parade.
4. The City of La Vergne will make the decision on all parade entries as to whether they are appropriate to be in the parade.
5. Marching units will **NOT** be allowed to stop along the parade route to perform, unless the parade coordinator grants special permission. A written request for performance must accompany this application. Marching cadence: 120 steps per minute.
6. **While candy will be allowed, please limit the age of those allowed to throw it to 12 and up. NO** Parade participant may **throw or pass** out flyers or coupons from the parade route unless the parade grants special permission. A written request must accompany this application. Any entry with participants throwing or passing out items that have not been approved will be removed from the Parade route by the Parade coordinator and/or La Vergne Police Dept.
7. No political campaign literature may be distributed by any Parade participant.
8. In the line-up area, entries with vehicles must have someone present with a key at all times in the event the vehicle must be moved.
9. All vehicles in the parade are required to be in good operating condition and have at least a half tank of gasoline. All vehicles must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all turns required without difficulty.
10. Any additional entries brought to the parade site that are **NOT** listed will **NOT** be permitted in the parade. (This includes vehicles, floats and characters.)
11. If after being accepted you are unable to attend, please notify Parks & Recreation immediately at (615) 793-3224.

Float Rules

1. The following rules govern float entries requesting to participate in the 2011 Old Timers Festival Parade and are in addition to the Official Parade rules.
2. Float contest entries will be judged based on the following criteria: a) Incorporation of the 2011 Old Timers Festival Theme; b) Creativity c) Originality d) Overall Presentation.
3. Parade floats need to be at the staging area by 9:00 a.m.
4. Float judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the staging area. The float entry must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judge. All participants on the float do not need to be present for judging unless they are vital to the theme of the float. The decision of the judges is final.
5. All vehicles in the parade are required to be in good operating condition. All vehicles must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all turns required without difficulty.
6. Floats must be decorated and constructed in a safe manner as well as not present a health or safety hazard to the contest or the general public.
7. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float during the parade.
8. A sketch or photo of your float entry is required and should be attached to your application.