

Float Competition Rules of Entry

2009 Green Corn Festival Parade

“I Love This Town”

1. All float entries should be built on a pick-up truck bed, farm wagon, flat bed truck or any other trailer deemed acceptable by the judges, but in no case smaller than a pickup bed. All trailers that are participating in the parade are restricted in total length of not more than forty (40) feet. Entrants shall provide ground guides for all motor vehicles or any combination of motor vehicle and trailer of sixty-five (65) feet in length or more and/or trailers that are three (3) feet or more in height. Ground guides shall be posted at mid length of the trailer and on both sides to ensure safety. At no time shall participants in the parade exit or enter a moving vehicle or trailer. Entries cannot be higher than twelve (12) feet, measured upward from ground level. All floats must be completed. Unfinished floats will be disqualified from competition.
2. At no time shall candy or any other object be thrown from any moving vehicle or trailer that is participating in the parade. The Chief of Police or his designee has the authority to remove participant(s) for violations. Pass outs by walking representatives of each specific float are permitted.
3. All float entries will be assigned a number prior to parade day. The entry number must be displayed in six-inch (6”) high numerals, plainly visible, on both sides of the float.
4. All float entries must be at the parade staging area, located at the Bixby High School parking lot, by 8:30 a.m. parade day. Only entrant vehicles/floats will be permitted within the staging area. Ample adjacent parking is available for non-entrant vehicles. Judging will take place at this location.
5. Judging:
 - There will be three (3) judges.
 - Judging will be based on four areas of emphasis:
 - a. Overall Appearance
 - b. Depiction of Parade Theme
 - c. Originality
 - d. Utilization of Materials
 - Each judge will award floats up to twenty-five (25) points for each of the four areas of emphasis in the judging criteria. The highest score possible for any float will be three-hundred (300) points, or one-hundred (100) points from judge.

- During tabulation the judges shall deduct from the cumulative score of any float twenty (20) points for each of the following violations:
 - Improper display of assigned entry number.
 - Inappropriate and/or offensive behavior, attire or float decorations.

- Judges will make their decisions and award trophies. The winners will be announced as they pass the parade announcer.

In addition, **all parade participants** shall adhere to the directives listed in Bixby City Ordinance 907, Section 22-115 Public conduct during a meeting, and parades in public places., as listed below:

- A. It is unlawful for any person to unreasonably obstruct, impede or interfere with any parade or public meeting or assembly or with any person, vehicle or animal participating in such parade, meeting or assembly for which a permit has been granted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- B. The Chief of Police shall have the authority, when reasonably necessary, to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles along or in any public street, park or other public grounds or part thereof constituting part of the route of a parade.
- C. The Chief of Police shall have the authority to remove such vehicles from within the parade route for safety purposes.
- D. The Chief of Police shall post signs to such effect, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any vehicle in violation thereof.
- E. Parade participants shall exercise due care while participating in the event or performing stunts or activity for entertainment purposes.
- F. All floats are subject to a life safety inspection by Bixby Fire Department personnel prior to participating in a parade.
- G. All drivers must possess a valid drivers license.
- H. No open flames are permitted on floats in accordance with NFPA standards.
- I. All animal waste/feces must be removed immediately following the conclusion of the parade.

Applications will be available at BTC Broadband, 11134 S Memorial, Bixby, OK., and on the Internet at www.bixbyoptimist.com . All questions should be directed to the Green Corn Festival Parade Chairman, Susan Bevard, at 918 366 0215.