



Ankeny SummerFest 2016 Grand Parade Rules & Regulations

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Grand Parade Date: **Saturday, July 9, 2016, 9:00 AM – 11 AM**

Grand Parade Theme: **50 Years of Peace, Love, and Rock-N-Roll!**

Grand Parade Rules:

Participant and spectator safety is our number one priority. To provide for the safe and orderly operation of a parade of this size some basic rules have been established and we appreciate your cooperation.

1. There will be a mandatory Parade Entry/ Driver safety meeting on parade morning where the driver/responsible person of **each entry** must attend and receive a parade entry number, different from your parade ticket. This includes all vehicles in the parade, no exceptions. Without the parade entry number, the entry will not be allowed on the parade route. **The meetings will be held at the staging area on Parade morning; attend either 7:30am or 8:15am. Attendance at one of these briefing is required by all drivers/operators in the parade.** An entry number tag will be provided to each participant upon completion of the briefing and will serve as the pass onto the parade route. These tags also serve as your entry number during the parade route and shall be displayed on the passenger side of the entry vehicle dashboard or at the front of your walking entry. **Also, you must have an official Parade Ticket to enter the staging area at Northview MS. You must print the attached Parade Ticket and write in your business/entry name.**
2. All mechanical or motorized entries must be in good mechanical condition and be operated in a safe manner. All state driving licensing and requirements apply based on the vehicle being operated.

3. Allowable Vehicle Dimensions – The following dimensions must be observed to ensure vehicles can safely maneuver the parade route. Any vehicles or floats that arrive for staging and are larger than these dimensions will not be allowed to stage or participate in the parade without express prior approval by the Parade Committee.
 - a. One vehicle per entry.
 - b. The maximum combined allowable length of a parade entry is 40 feet.
 - c. The maximum allowable height of a parade vehicle or float is 11 feet.
 - d. Semi—Trailers are not allowed on the route.
4. Staging spots may not be held. If entries would like to be together they must arrive together and request special release from the Staging Coordinator. Requests will be accommodated if possible but are not guaranteed.
5. **No throwing of candy or other objects from the parade vehicle will be allowed.** You may assign walkers to hand out the candy or items along the parade route. Candy throwing from vehicles has presented a safety hazard and hindered the steady procession of floats.
6. No water paraphernalia such as water guns, super soakers, hoses, etc. will be allowed.
7. Entries are strictly limited to one vehicle/trailer. No semi-trailers or animals allowed.
8. **All entries with animals must be pre-approved by the Parade Committee** and provide "scoopers" directly following the entry.
9. **Entry drivers or operators are responsible for the safety of their entry and the participants with that entry. No cell phone (for calls or texting) or other device use will be allowed during the parade by the driver/operator.**
10. No soliciting by parade or non-parade entrants before or during the parade, along the parade route, or within the parade staging area will be allowed. This means no money may be collected or exchanged.
11. Sound may be used as part of an entry – Please use consideration of the spectators and fellow entries in selecting sounds and volumes.
12. During transportation to the staging area and after the parade event, no one should ride on the float.
13. Staging will take place in the parking lot of Northview Middle School, at 1302 N Ankeny Blvd. All entries must enter from 18th Street. The parking lot will open at **6:00 AM**. **No parade entries are to be in the parking lot prior to that time. Entries that are found in the lot prior to 6:00 AM will be required to leave the lot and re-enter later.** A responsible person must stay with your float or parade entry during the entire staging period, unless attending the mandatory meeting.
14. Floats may be self-propelled or pulled by automobiles, trucks, tractors, garden tractors, ATVs, etc.
15. Horses are not allowed in the parade unless by special exception of the SummerFest Committee.
16. Floats may have participants riding and/or performing on them. Safety considerations must be made for those passengers.
17. Entries are allowed to have people walking along side of the entry, on sides of road, in order to hand out items to spectators on the curbside. **Nothing can be distributed or thrown from the vehicles.**
18. Forward progress must be maintained at all times. Minor exceptions for performance routines will be made. Performing groups will be required to safely catch up to the parade pace before stopping for another performance. If performances are deemed to hinder the orderly procession of the parade by a parade representative they must be terminated immediately.
19. Parade participants must immediately obey the directions of parade marshals along the route. Failure to do so will result in disqualification and removal from the parade, with the possibility of being excluded from future parades.
20. Ankeny SummerFest is a family friendly event. There will be no promotion of Drugs, Alcohol, Gang or other inappropriate activities allowed before or during the course of the parade.
21. Possession of alcoholic beverages on floats is prohibited. The Ankeny Police Department will enforce this rule.
22. SummerFest reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed controversial or degrading, or for not following the rules at any time during the course of the parade, including before it begins.
23. Entry fees will not be refunded and prizes will not be awarded to any disqualified entry or in case of weather cancellation/delay.
24. All decisions of the Parade Committee and its judges are final.

By registering for the parade you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.