

Town of Oak Island Parade Rules

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Parade Lineup begins: 11:00 AM

Roll Call: 12:30 PM

Parade begins: 1:00 p.m.

Application Deadline: Saturday, February 18, 2023
(No Exceptions)

Please Note:

Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from parade officials and police or be barred from the parade. The Town of Oak Island reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, while assembling or anytime during the parade. Failure to adhere to the parade rules may result in a one year suspension.

Planning your entry:

1. Entries should reflect the theme of the parade.
2. Entries may be historical, humorous, or modern in design, as long as they are in good taste. Remember a large part of the audience will be children.
3. Parade participants are encouraged to be creative with decorations and costumes.
4. Entries may use sound amplification for music purpose (with parade theme music), but not for addressing the audience – no speeches or campaigning.
5. Political campaigning is not permitted.

Before the Parade:

1. Each entry will be assigned a number that is your place in the parade line up. This information will be emailed to you prior to the parade date.
2. The point of contact for your entry is responsible for notifying all your participants of your number and directions for the line up to avoid confusion locating your entry.
3. All parade walkers, cars, and floats will line up beginning at 11:00 AM. ***Line Up Location: TBA***
4. Please do not arrive before 11:00 a.m.
5. All parade walkers and those riding on floats need to park in nearby parking lots and walk over to the lineup area. Only parade vehicles and/or floats will be allowed in the lineup area.
6. Please make sure the parade number you have been given is placed on the inside left corner of the driver's side. If the sign is not visible there could be a chance of you not entering the line-up. Please make sure it is visible.
7. If the entry has not signed up by the designated deadline then that entry will not be allowed to participate in the parade. We will not allow any group entering side streets to enter the parade. They will be asked to exit the parade.
8. Roll call of all units will be conducted at 12:30 PM, once this is completed, any unit that has not arrived will be eliminated from the parade. The Parade will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.
9. Please remember that roads will start to be blocked off around 12:45 PM.

Floats

1. All floats must have some form of safety hold or side railings for riders on the float. Each float entry must have sufficient spotters so that all sides of the vehicle can be observed. Spotters should be able to communicate with the driver at all times.
2. A space of 25 feet between each unit will be enforced. This is for the safety of the unit in front of you.
3. All drivers must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and possess all liability vehicle insurance.
4. All city, county and NC State statutes concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by police before, during and after the parade.
5. The consumption of alcohol by parade participants during the parade is strictly prohibited.

Walkers

1. All walkers will need to park in nearby parking lots and walk over to the parade lineup area.

During the Parade

1. Parade speed is a maximum of 5 mph.
2. Do no stop during the parade. Keep the parade moving to avoid gaps.
3. All motorcyclists must wear helmets – Don't risk injury or fines!
4. Dress warmly and prepared for any kind of weather.
5. Animal Entries (Horses, etc.) – Be prepared to clean up after your own animals.

End of Parade:

Walkers & Floats

1. The parade will end at Middleton Park Complex (SE 46th Street).
2. All entries will make a left onto SE 46th Street.
3. If you have a walker and/or individual riding on a float, they can be picked up at Middleton Park Complex parking lot (East Dolphin Drive) directly across from the park.

Release (Hold Harmless Agreement)

1. All persons driving, walking or riding must read and sign the Hold Harmless Agreement that is attached to the application. If they are under the age of 18 years of age then their parent or guardian must sign for that individual. If we do not have a Hold Harmless Agreement they will not be allowed to participate.

Acceptance of Parade Applications

1. Parade Applications must be turned in by Saturday, February 18, 2023
2. No Parade Applications will be accepted after Saturday, February 18, 2023.
3. If you mail your Application, please make sure its post marked on or before Saturday, February 18, 2023. Applications can be mailed to Oak Island Recreation Department at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive, Oak Island, NC 28465.
4. If you are dropping your Application off in person please do so at 3003 E. Oak Island Drive, Oak Island, NC 28465.

Reminder Information

1. All entries will receive a reminder letter & entry number 1 week prior to the parade through the mail. This will be mailed to the contact person listed on your Parade Application.
2. We will also follow up by email to the contact person listed on your Application.