

**THE DAFFODIL FESTIVAL – 2012
GRAND FLORAL PARADE**

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL ENTRIES

The Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade is a demonstration of community pride, involvement, volunteerism and celebration of our youth. The Parade consists primarily of community service organizations, school bands, drill teams and representative elements from area civic groups and elected officials.

Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations or be barred from the parade. The Daffodil Festival and the parade marshals reserve the right to remove from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or any time during the parade, any entrant not conforming to rules and regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials.

All entries must be approved by the Parade Director before entering the line of march and may be removed at the beginning of the parade or any time during line of march at the sole discretion of the Police or Parade Officials. Entries may display a wide variety of design as long as they are in good taste. Entrants should remember that a large part of the audience will be children. All floats must meet **ALL** safety requirements of the Daffodil Festival and be inspected by Tacoma Fire Safety Officials prior to the parade.

Your assembly area and assembly time to include specific directions will be sent to you by fax or email if you are accepted to participate in the Daffodil Parade.

No water is permitted in the parade area, in connection with floats or otherwise, except at the express written approval of the Parade Director (example: waterfall on float.)

No material such as candy and flowers may be handed out or thrown out during the parade. Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature or other materials along the line of march is prohibited during the parade.

Participants **WILL NOT ACCOST** parade route spectators.

Entry of participants under 13 years of age must have approval from the Parade Committee.

Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to parade start will not be permitted in the parade and any person consuming alcohol during the parade will be removed from the line of march.

Floats or other units advocating, opposing or depicting any political or social issues are subject to approval of the Parade Director. **This decision is final.**

Political incumbents are encouraged to use their own vehicles or walk in the parade. No advertising of upcoming elections will be allowed. To keep our organization as nonpolitical as possible, we do not accept applications from people running for public office.

FLOAT REQUIREMENTS:

Basic dimensions for floats are: Maximum width - 16 feet
 Maximum height - 13-1/2 feet
 Maximum length - 55 feet

A **parade float** is a suitably decorated vehicle that travels the parade route under its own power without being towed by a separate vehicle.

A description of the entry must be forwarded to the Daffodil Festival Office, 107 N. Meridian, Suite B, Puyallup, WA 98371 no later than two weeks prior to the parade (**April 2nd, 2012**).

Decorations: Floats are not admitted unless 100% decorated and carrying a minimum of 2,000 fresh daffodils. The balance is to be OTHER FLOWERS, natural green or other types of vegetation and /or decoration such as foil or floral sheeting. (Note: the number of daffodils and other flowers will be taken into consideration in the judging). Persons appearing on floats shall wear suitable costume or clothing in keeping with the theme of entry and weather. Float drivers, if visible, shall wear appropriate attire.

Floats from other festivals that are not members of the Northwest Festival Hosting Group must be 100% decorated and carry a minimum of 1,000 fresh daffodils. The Northwest Festival Hosting Group floats are encouraged to use fresh daffodils but the minimum has been waived. All drivers of floats and vehicles must hold a valid driver's license. Floats must comply with all safety requirements as outlined on enclosed inspection list. Any float not meeting safety requirements will not be judged and may not be allowed in the parade. Driver will be required to sign an inspection list and present to safety officials prior to parade.

SPECIAL UNITS:

All buses, trucks, cars, tractors or other vehicles **which are granted permission** to be in the parade must be decorated with a minimum of 200 fresh daffodils. Vehicles utilized by Daffodil Festival VIP's are not required to be decorated.

Car clubs allowed in the parade must agree to be split up and used as noise suppression between high noise entries.

The entry or appearance of members of royalty or officers of local organizations and agencies not on floats are subject to approval of the Parade Director. Acceptance will be determined by the number of these types of entries in the parade and the compatibility of the organization entry with the Daffodil Festival objectives and the parade theme. Daffodil Festival does not provide vehicles or signage for these entries. Community Festivals participating in the Daffodil Parade on a reciprocal basis are **NOT** subject to this provision.

NOTE: A PARADE APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE PARTICIPATION

LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS:

No livestock unit will be accepted without a decorated clean up unit following and manned by two or more assistants. Exception to this rule must be secured in writing from the Parade Director.

All units must be attired in uniforms or other organizational attire. Livestock must be decorated with daffodils. Judging will be as follows: general appearance, uniforms, spacing, originality, use of daffodils.

Horse hooves must be properly trimmed or shod. For safety purposes, we recommend you purchase a set of "Borium" shoes to be used for parades ONLY!

The Parade Director reserves the right to bar from the parade any horse or rider deemed unsafe to other riders or spectators. All horses must be in the control of the rider at all times.

BANDS AND MARCHING UNITS REQUIREMENTS:

Bands and marching units from communities sponsoring a float are invited to participate, subject to approval of the Parade Director.

No band or marching unit will be accepted for participation in the parade unless each member is attired in a uniform considered by the Parade Director to be appropriate.

All marching units **MUST MAINTAIN A FORWARD MOTION!** Routines which delay the progress of the parade or create gaps greater than 50 feet are not permitted. Normal intervals (gaps) should be approximately 40 feet. **BAND DIRECTORS:** Please be sure the drill unit leader is aware of this regulation.

DIRECTORS and **OTHER PERSONS** marching with band or marching units must be distinctively attired.

The Daffodil Festival does not accept responsibility for traveling, food or lodging expenses, nor for buses or personal items.

PARADE ENTRANT FEES:

There is a **\$10.00** parade application fee to all entries (except local school bands, local community floats and Northwest Festival Hosting Group floats).

COMMERCIAL entries in the parade are primarily an advertisement medium. The number of these types of entries will be limited by the parade length, duplication and theme. There is a **\$600.00** charge for a corporation or large business entry. A small business entry, such as a Dance School or Cheerleading School will be charged **\$200**. The acceptance of these entries will be determined by the Parade Director. (If you receive a fee for participation in your group, you are considered a small business).

NON-COMMERCIAL entries will not be charged an additional fee. Festival, community or nonprofit organization entries **MAY** have sponsors from a private commercial enterprise and may display appropriate recognition for their sponsor(s). This signage or display must not, however, be the overwhelming theme or signage for the float, vehicle or banner.

Inquires regarding classification for your entry should be made to the Daffodil Festival office, 107 N. Meridian, Suite B, Puyallup, WA 98371, 253-840-4194 and will be referred to the Parade Director.

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

All participants are required to carry Commercial General Liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. If your entry involves a licensed motor vehicle then automobile liability insurance will also be required at a minimum of \$1,000,000 single limit. **A certificate of insurance will be required naming Daffodilians, Inc. as an Additional Insured.** The certificate AND Additional Insured endorsement will need to be received at the Daffodil Festival office with your parade application. If you need assistance with your insurance whether clarifying your coverage or need to purchase insurance for the parade please contact our insurance representative, Kris Lawrence at Propel Insurance, 1-888-302-7676.