



Fort Bend County Fair Association 2023 Parade Rules

Chairman: Caitlin Slavinski
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Friday, September 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM
2023 FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR THEME
"Proud Traditions, Inspiring our Future"

Registration Opens: Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:00 AM
Entry Deadline: Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 4:00 PM
Parade Number Pickup: September 25, 26 & 27, 2023

REGISTRATION:

1. We will begin accepting parade registration forms on Monday, July 10, 2023. We will not accept any registration form before 8:00 a.m. July 10th.
2. Registrations must be completed and returned to The Fort Bend County Fair Office by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023. ***If submitting via email, it must be in PDF format.*** Parade placement will be determined at this time. Any parade entry received after 4:00 pm on August 24, 2023 will be charged a \$25 late fee (regardless of category).
3. Registration fees are only applicable in the Commercial category. Commercial entrants that are not sponsors of the Fair will be charged \$25.00. There is no charge for all other categories.
4. Late registration will continue through August 31, 2023 until 4:00 p.m. These entries will be placed at the end of the Parade Lineup in the order received.
5. Registration forms can be obtained online at www.fortbendcountyfair.com or at the Fort Bend County Fair Office.
6. An original Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement must be signed and initialed for each parade participant and turned in with the registration form.
7. Parade numbers MUST be picked up on September 25, 26, or 27 in the Main Ticket Building – Gate 2.

TIMES: 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

8. Registration forms and Release of Liabilities can be submitted to the Fair Office in the following ways:
 - Fair Office: 4310 Hwy 36 South, Rosenberg, TX 77471 – Gate 1
 - Email: kharris@fbcfa.org
 - Fax: 832-595-0808
 - Mail: Fort Bend County Fair PO Box 428 Rosenberg, TX 77471

If you have any questions call the Fair Office at (281) 342-6171.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Entries not traveling the entire parade route on foot (Bands, R.O.T.C., etc.) must be on a float, in a horse drawn wagon, in a trail ride or in an antique vehicle which is at least 25 years old and maintained or restored to original condition.
- A float consists of one tow vehicle and one float. No other vehicles are allowed to accompany (follow along with) the entry.
- A decorated vehicle will not be allowed as a parade entry.
- The size of any entry cannot exceed 8' wide, 32' long and 12' high.
- Entries may not stop at any time while on the parade route.
- Vehicles exceeding a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 14,000 pounds are not allowed.
- The largest allowed vehicle is a medium duty truck, (F-350, Chevy 3500, RAM 3500, etc.) special considerations for first responders and military.

GENERAL RULES:

1. General, common-sense rules apply throughout the parade.
2. All horses must have a negative EIA (Coggins) within the past twelve months.
3. Entries must remain in the position assigned, unless approved by a parade official.
4. No one is allowed to ride on a car top, fender, hood, etc.
5. All vehicles must have a driver that is licensed to drive that vehicle.
6. Entries such as but not limited to, Cheerleaders, Drill Teams, etc. will not be permitted to perform in a manner likely to cause severe physical injury such as flips, pyramids, handstands etc.
7. No entry, while on the parade route, may stop at any time.
8. Due to insurance regulations and safety of spectators – Absolutely no throwing of any objects from the parade entry, such as gum, candy, pencils, etc.
9. Nothing will be permitted to downgrade the parade or reflect on the Fair Association in any way. No signs, posters, messages, or written material of an obscene nature will be allowed. All such entries will be scratched.
10. All entries that utilize any type of voice amplification, including but not limited to Bands, D.J.'s, P.A. Systems and Stereos must keep volume adjusted to a low to medium level. Further, entries that utilize these systems must not use vulgar or profane language or music which would be offensive to those in attendance. Entries that violate any part of this rule will be immediately removed from the parade route.
11. There can be no alcoholic beverages consumed by participants before & during the parade.
12. As a courtesy to other parade participants, do not disband until you reach the end of the parade at the intersection of 90A and Jennetta Street in Rosenberg.
13. Candidates for political offices (excluding incumbents) will not be given preferential treatment.
14. Only parade entries decorated in the FAIR THEME will be judged.
15. All Parade Committee and the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors Decisions are final.

PARADE ROUTE:

Begins on US 90A at Fifth Street in Richmond, then continues west on 90A to Rosenberg. The parade route ends at US 90A at Jennetta in Rosenberg. The parade is approximately 3 miles long. Please be aware of this if you are planning to walk the route.

CATEGORIES:

- **Youth Civic:** Boy Scouts, Youth Sports, 4-H, etc.
- **School:** Any organization with any part of K-12, public or private.
- **Commercial:** Any organization or business conducted for a profit.
- **Non-Profit:** Any organization conducted not for a profit, such as churches, and their day cares, Lions Clubs, Rotary, etc.
- **Fair Queen:** All fair queen candidates and current Fair Queen.
- **Trail Riders:** Minimum of 10 riders, all dressing in a manner that will identify each individual as a member of that group.
- **Car Clubs:** No more than 4 units per entry.
- **Fair Committee:** Any committee of the Fort Bend County Fair.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:

1st Place Certificates will be issued in each of the following categories. All winners will receive preferential placement in next year's parade.

- Judges Favorite: A trophy & ribbon will be awarded to the entry judged "Judges Favorite"
- Youth Civic
- School
- Commercial
- Non-Profit
- Queen
- Trail Riders
- Car Clubs
- Fort Bend County Fair Committee