

# **Brazoria County Fair Parade**

*Chairman – Amanda Helms*

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10 am

Entry Fee: \$15 per Entry, \$5 per Bicycle, (\$20 per Late Entry/Bicycle)

No Fee for Public Safety or Public Official Entries

Entry Deadline: Friday, September 27, 2024, 4 pm

**Late Entries:** Monday, Sept 30 - Wednesday, October 2 until 4pm (Late Fee \$20)

Absolutely no entries will be accepted after October 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. The theme of the parade will be "Where Traditions, Agriculture, and Community Meet ". Participants are encouraged to carry out this theme when decorating their float or entry.
2. No political campaigning will be permitted; however existing political office can enter and participate in the parade as long as an entry form has been submitted.
3. All costumes, attire and performances must be suitable for family viewing. The Parade Committee reserves the right to withdraw any entry not deemed suitable prior to start of parade.
4. All animal or horse drawn entries that wish to precede the trail ride must supply immediate sanitary cleanup for animals.
5. Vehicles. ALL WHEELS MUST REMAIN ON THE GROUND.
6. Bands and other performing entries are not allowed to stop in front of the reviewing stand. A maneuver may be preformed but, entries CAN NOT STOP.
7. A float consists of a decorated trailer pulled by a towing vehicle. Absolutely no enclosed vehicles including trucks, cars, or vans except emergency and pre-1960 vehicles are considered floats. The only convertibles allowed in the parade will be those designated as "official vehicles."
8. The frame or platform of the float shall not be less than 8 feet wide by 10 feet in length completely decorated, including the sides and ends thereof, and any object thereon, and completely concealing the wheels of the vehicle. An entry shall be deemed as a product to promote local or regional business, or an organization represented by its people. All towing vehicles must be coordinated with float being towed. All towed vehicles must be hitched with ball connection. Commercial entries – commercial entries not conforming to these standards must turn in their plans for the float to the parade committee for approval by August 30, 2024.
9. Non-Float entries can include the following, Boutique Style vehicles and trailers, antique or vintage vehicles (25 years or older), horse (livestock) drawn wagons.

10. Materials recommended for covering floats are floral sheeting; artificial and/or real flowers, gold, silver or colored foil, papier mache, crepe paper, paint, or plastic figures. Absolutely no unfinished cardboard, plywood, or beaverboard surfaces will be permitted. Such surfaces must be decorated. 8. Size limits are as follows: maximum height-13 ft from the ground, maximum width - 12 ft, Maximum length - 40 ft. If a towing vehicle and trailer combination is used, the maximum length is 65 ft.

11. Bicycles will be pre-registered at the fair office. All bicycles will ride in one group. No motorized bicycles, motorcycles, atv or recreational vehicles (2, 3, or 4 wheel) will be allowed except commercial entries or clowns or otherwise approved by the parade chairman. Bicycle riders are required to wear a helmet.

12. The Parade committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any float or entry from entering the parade, should it not be in accordance with the standards of Parade Committee.

13. No child under 10 years of age will be allowed to march, or in any manner, walk in the parade without adult accompaniment. 12. No exotic animals will be allowed. All other animals must be on a leash.

14. All floats and vehicles must be equipped with a minimum of a 2 1/2# ABC fire extinguisher. All units will be inspected.

15. NO THROWING OF GUM, CANDY, PAPER, ECT AND NO HANDING OUT OF ANY ITEMS BY PARADE ENTRANTS WILL BE ALLOWED. Entrants that do not abide by this rule WILL BE REMOVED from the parade and will not be eligible to enter future parades. (THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUES!)

16. Floats and entries may bear the name of the sponsor, or the organization and the name of the theme depicted. All letters should be no larger than 14 inches in height and affixed to the apron of towing vehicle. Letters should be of a color to contrast with the background. This is important for better sponsor identification. Remember, floats and entries will be judged in part on the readability of the sign.

17. Each entry will receive a number at line up prior to start of parade for photography identification and judging purposes only. The entrant will be responsible to provide and display their assigned number. (BCFA will not be providing a physical number for display) The number must be displayed on the upper front side of the entry or towed vehicle. Example: Upper side of windshield or side of the entry visible from 50 ft. The Parade Committee will be the final judge in decisions relating to the parade and any questions thereof. All floats and entries will be judged on a point system decided by the judges and committee.

18. NO alcoholic beverages on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade!

19. Please use common sense, as safety is our primary concern for both participants & spectators.

20. All parade participants shall conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a family audience of all ages, march in a peaceful & orderly fashion, & participate in a civil manner with respect to other participants & the public. Parade participants shall not use obscenity, profanity, defamation, threats, or fighting words. Participants may be removed from the parade at the discretion of the parade staff, city officials or law enforcement.

21. The Brazoria County Fair Association shall not be responsible or liable for, and shall be saved and held harmless by any parade participant from and against any and all claims and damage of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property, arising out of or attributed directly or indirectly, to the operations or performance of any parade entry under these rules, including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of any parade participant.

22. All entry forms and entry fees can be mailed to the Brazoria County Fair Association, P.O. Box 818, Angleton, TX 77516, but must be in the Fair Office by September 27, 2024, at 4 pm. A late entry fee of \$20 will be in effect from Sept 30, 2024, through October 2, 2024, until 4 pm. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after October 2, 2024.

23. All participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise specified.

Award winners will be contacted on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Awards may be picked up at the fair office any time after winners are determined.