



## Gonzales Juneteenth Lighted Parade Entry Packet

Dear Parade Participants:

We cordially invite you to be a part of this year's Juneteenth Celebration! This year's "Lighted Juneteenth Parade" will be held Saturday, June 17, 2023, starting promptly at 9:00 PM. Lineup will begin at 7:45 PM at the Edwards Community Center at 1427 Fly Street, Gonzales. Judging will begin at 8:30 PM. Please be in place no later than 8:15 PM. Please note, Juneteenth Refreshments will be served at 6:00 PM to Parade Participants. Judges will be viewing parade entries lined up at the Edwards Center. Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be presented to the winners in each category once the parade has ended at Independence Square.

The Edwards Association Board and Juneteenth Committee will have the final say in all entries. Allowed parade entries will include motorized vehicles with two or three wheels - **ALL DECORATED WITH LIGHTS**. Pedestrians/walkers will not be allowed in the parade.

The parade rules are enclosed with this letter. Please read them carefully and then indicate your participation by returning the enclosed registration form with all the requested information to Juneteenth Parade Committee at the below listed address:

Mr. E. Wilson  
Attn: Juneteenth Parade Committee  
P.O. Box 111, Waelder, Texas 78959

### **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:**

Entries are **FREE**

**No entries will be accepted after June 15, 2023. No exceptions!**

Please note that there is a limit on parade entries.

To those accepting this invitation, a map of the parade route and any other pertinent information will be available after June 15, 2023. Parade entry numbers will be distributed at the parade starting point. Please keep this letter and address any questions you may have to:

Please return the packet to:  
Mr. E. Wilson  
Attn: Juneteenth Parade Committee  
PO Box 111, Waelder, Texas 78959  
Phone: (830) 857-3764  
Email: [GeneSr99@aol.com](mailto:GeneSr99@aol.com)



## Juneteenth Parade Rules

The parade will begin PROMPTLY at 9:00 PM., RAIN OR SHINE (bring rain gear or plastic covering if needed). Judging will take place before the parade begins. All entrants must be in place by 8:15 PM for judging.

1. No undecorated private or commercial will be included in the parade. Only two- and three-wheel motorized vehicles will be allowed. All vehicles must be driven by a licensed driver. Small vehicles (mini-bikes, go-carts, etc.) must be operated by a person 12 years or older and parents are responsible for their conduct and **must accompany all Minor Drivers at all times during the parade route.**
2. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION BY DRIVERS OR ANY PARTICIPANTS BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN. IF A PARTICIPANT IS SEEN CONSUMING ALCOHOL PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PARADE, IT WILL RESULT IN THEIR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE FORMATION AND WILL AFFECT FUTURE INVITATIONS.**
3. **No items such as candy, gum, koozies, water bottles or pencils, etc. will be allowed to be thrown from parade entries. No Silly String or comparable material is to be used to spray other entrants, pedestrians, vehicles etc.**
4. Parade entries will be judged prior to parade start time. Please be in assigned lineup NO LATER than 8:15PM. All entries being judged will end the parade at Independence Square and enter the square at 503 St Paul Street. There they will be directed to park in designated spaces at Independence Square. Those entries not being judged, please don't block flow of traffic for the entries behind you when disbanding.
5. **Due to the length of the parade, it is very important that it keep moving!** There should be no more than 1-2 vehicle spaces between each entry. Please don't intentionally stop or slow the movement of the parade for any demonstration etc., maintain the set spacing. If your entry has mechanical or other problems, pull off to the side and we will try to get you assistance quickly.
6. All vehicles participating in the parade must be clean and in safe operating condition. They must also be **OPERATED** in a safe manner not to endanger other participants or spectators.
7. All entries will be given a category and number at check in. Each vehicle should display their assigned parade position number in a readable manner on LEFT side of the vehicle for judging purposes.
8. **The Parade Committee retains the right to refuse entry of any unit or individual not conforming to the standards of the Committee. Failure to comply with the parade rules may result in removal from the parade formation and will affect future invitations.**
9. **The Edwards Association Board, Gonzales Main Street Board, Juneteenth Committee, and City of Gonzales assumes NO responsibility for accidents or loss of any kind.** We will make every effort possible to provide an enjoyable and safe parade for everyone but will need and expect your cooperation in order to achieve this goal.

Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand all the rules provided by the Juneteenth Committee.*

Signature of responsible party: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*The rules must be signed and returned for your entry to be accepted. Please keep a copy for your records\***

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**\* Name of Organization or Individual for entry:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Contact Person & Rider** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* City, State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY CLASSIFICATIONS (Please check):**

\_\_\_\_\_ SHOW STOPPERS (Pro Competitive Sling Shots Class)

\_\_\_\_\_ BABY SHOTS (Non-Competitive Sling Shots Class)

\_\_\_\_\_ BIG WHEELZ (motorcycles of all sizes and kinds that do not fit in one of the above categories)

**TOTAL LENGTH (IN FEET) OF ENTIRE UNIT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL YOUR ENTRY BE JUDGED?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL YOUR ENTRY HAVE LIVE MUSIC?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Must be CLEAN family oriented or Radio Version Music)**

**Rider's Nickname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle's Nickname:** \_\_\_\_\_

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