



2023 Hot Pepper Festival

Parade Application

Saturday October 28th, 2023

Theme: 'First Responders & Military'

The parade will start at 10am sharp.

Check –in by 9am at the Anderson County Courthouse, corner of Church & Crawford

Judging will be done during parade from the Chamber of Commerce Building @ Main and Queen.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARADE ROUTE (page #3)

Organization/Business/Individual Name:

Contact Name:

Complete Mailing Address:

Phone (cell) _____ (work) _____

Fax # _____ E-mail _____

Number of People in Unit _____ Any Animals? (Type) _____ # of Animals _____

Number of Vehicles in Unit (see rule #3) _____ Does your unit emit music? (see rule #5) _____

Participated in this parade previously? _____ How many years? _____

Detailed Entry Description:

Parade Day - Name of person in charge of the float or unit:

Title: _____ Cell Phone # _____

YOU MUST FILL OUT THE REMAINDER OF THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO BE JUDGED IN THE PARADE.



Do You Want to Be Judged? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, CHECK ONE CATEGORY ONLY:

_____ Individual (single, automobile, equine/animals, bicycles)

_____ Business - Retail/ Non-Retail

_____ Organization – (Clubs, Organizations, Schools, Scouts, 4-H, Non-Profits, Churches)

Entries will be judged on Theme, Continuity, and Enthusiasm.

Return to: Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce:

Drop Off: 401 W Main Palestine, Texas 75801

Via Email: info@palestinechamber.org

For questions, please call the Chamber at 903.729.6066.

FOR OFFICE USE- ENTRY #:

“Hot Pepper Festival 2023” WAIVER

I have read the attached general rules & regulations regarding the 2023 Hot Pepper Festival Parade and I agree to comply with them.

In consideration of being accepted as a participant, we irrevocably grant the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce the exclusive right to use in any media our name, likeness, photos or reproduction of our performance for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. With these rights, we hereby release the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce and it’s agents from any claim, liabilities and/or damages which may now or in the future arise by reason of such use. Furthermore, we acknowledge that we are aware of the risks associated with participation in the Parade and, therefore, on our behalf and that of our heirs, do hereby release the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce and it’s agents for any and all claims, liabilities and/or damages on account of any personal injury or property damage which may occur from any cause before, during or after the Parade.

I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters, and all other persons and entities associated with this event.

All entries must be postmarked by the registration deadline: **DEADLINE: 4pm on Wednesday October 25th, 2023.**

(Those not registered by this time may participate but will not be judged or qualify for awards.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: (Work) _____ (Cell) _____



2023 PARADE UNIT RULES, GUIDELINES, AND INFORMATION

1. Parade Route: Start at Courthouse Square – Go down Avenue A. Turn RIGHT onto Spring Street. Follow Spring Street to Queen Street. Take a RIGHT onto Queen Street. Continue to Crawford Street. Turn RIGHT onto Crawford St. Continue down Crawford St to Elm St. Turn left on to Elm St. Continue to the Courthouse Annex to disperse.

For safety reasons: stopping your vehicle early to let off riders or disbanding will result in being banned from further participation.

2. For the safety of the public, parade participants are **NOT** allowed to throw candy or other materials from the entries before, during, or after the parade. Candy and other materials may be **HANDED out – NOT THROWN** along the parade route by those walking with the entry. *Violation of this rule will require immediate removal.*

3. All accepted participants must sign the enclosed waiver & return the application. **All motorized vehicles used in Parade MUST supply a current insurance form with application.** **All Moving Vehicles are not allowed to demonstrate excessive out of line movement, NO Popping Wheelies, Revving motors – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

4. The Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to restrict, limit, accept or reject any application, or to remove anyone from the parade that is a threat to the public, or uses inappropriate language or gestures.

5. Units emitting excessive loud music or sound from their parade unit will not be permitted.

6. Entrants are required to identify their entry by:

- a. Entry **#must** be VISIBLY affixed to the passenger side of your unit so the judges can identify you.
- b. Affixing a 22" x 24" poster board on the right side (passenger side) of the entry containing the name of the individuals, club, or business. (Additional signage is helpful)
- c. Give a very detailed description of entry on the parade entry form.

Judges will not be asked to "guess" at entries that are not made easily identifiable by one of the abovementioned methods. *Unclear markings will not be judged.*

7. To be eligible for judging, entry must be postmarked by 4pm – Wednesday October 25, 2023.

Those not registered by this time may participate, but will not be judged or qualify for awards.

*Parade Theme must be incorporated into the entry to be eligible for judging.

8. PRIZES:

- A prize will be awarded for Best Overall Float.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded in the categories of Individual, Business & Organization.
- Entries will be judged on theme, originality, and presentation.

Winners will be announced by a representative of the Chamber of Commerce on the Cayenne Contest Stage and may pick up their awards at the Chamber Office Tues-Fri 9am – 5pm at 401 W. Main St.

9. ALL ENTRIES should be decorated or have some entertainment value.

10. ALL EQUINE ENTRIES must present current **COGGINS** papers at the time of application. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to restrict, limit, accept or reject any unit application or to remove anyone from the parade that is a threat to the public, or use inappropriate language or gestures.

KEEP THIS PAGE & MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IN YOUR UNIT IS INFORMED OF THE RULES