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The 84th Annual Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will be held March 9-19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the theme of this year's show and parade is: **"Celebrating Nature through Agriculture 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"**. Our parade is being planned for Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10:00A.M. In addition to floats, antique cars, marching bands & drill teams, horse riding groups & trail riders are welcome.

This year the parade will start on the corner of Texas Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and will end and disband on Starr St. before Expressway 83.

Prizes for **competitive floats**, entered by a non-profit organization, which carry out the theme will be awarded as follows: 1st place - \$500.00, 2nd place - \$300.00, 3rd place - \$200.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$125.00. Plaques will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place **non-competitive floats**.

To all Trail Riding Groups: An inspection of all horses will be conducted at the parade site. All riders must bring their horse's Coggins Report. Horses that are from quarantined area must bring proof that your horse has been sprayed and have the 14 day pass in your possession. If you have any questions, please call Bart Stockbridge, Texas Animal Health Inspector at 956-568-5741 or visit the Texas Animal Health Commission at [www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us).

We hope you will return the enclosed application and payment by March 3, 2023, advising us you will participate. **NO REGISTRATION ON SITE OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

We will send you instructions as to the parade route, along with your assigned entry number, approximately ten days prior to the parade.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please call Andrew Maldonado-Events Coordinator at the Livestock Show office (956) 565-2456.

Very Truly Yours,

*Hector Martinez*

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Parade Chairman



## RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW PARADE March 11, 2023

THEME : **“RGVLS – Celebrating Nature through  
Agriculture”**

### **PARADE RULES:**

1. All entries must meet the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Board of Directors approval. Nothing will be permitted that will downgrade the parade in any way such as signs, posters, writing on cars, clothing, etc., that are of obscene nature.
2. **Entry deadline is March 3, 2023.** Position number and parade route map will be mailed on or before March 8, 2023.
3. Due to length of the parade, children under 10 years of age **will not** be allowed to march or in any manner walk in the parade.
4. The throwing of objects from vehicles participating in the parade and distributing of handbills will be strictly prohibited.
5. All floats must be capable of being towed in case of a breakdown.
6. Elected officials or persons running for political office will be allowed to participate in the parade but they will be placed at the end of the line-up with the late entries.
7. Participants in violation of rules may be asked to withdraw from the parade.
8. Trail Riding group's **will not** be allowed to bring Port A Potty Wagons into parade procession.

### **JUDGING RULES FOR COMPETITIVE FLOATS**

1. Competitive floats must arrive at the parade route on **Saturday, March 11, 2023**, NO LATER than 7:00 a.m. Judging of the floats will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m. Participants riding on floats must be in place at time of judging.
2. The judging of competitive floats will be based on the following point system.

ORIGINALITY ----- 1-30 POINTS  
WORKMANSHIP ----- 1-30 POINTS  
ADHERENCE TO THEME ----- 1-40 POINTS



# 2023 PARADE ENTRY FORM RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW



NAME OF ORGANIZATION SPONSORING ENTRY

PERSON IN CHARGE OF ENTRY

ADDRESS **(PLEASE NO SCHOOL ADDRESSES)**

CITY                                      STATE                                      ZIP CODE                                      TELEPHONE NO.

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

	NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FLOATS (COMPETITIVE) <b>(\$20)</b>		COVER GIRL CONTESTANT RIDING IN A CAR OR TRUCK
	NON –COMPETITIVE FLOATS / COMMERCIAL FLOATS / ROYAL COURT FLOATS (TROPHY ONLY) <b>(\$20)</b>		MARCHING GROUPS: DRILL TEAMS / SCOUTS / JROTC <b>(Only one vehicle allowed) (\$20)</b>
	CAR CLUBS <b>(2 ENTRIES TOTAL PER CAR CLUB) (\$20)</b>		CAR / TRUCK ADVERTISING A BUSINESS <b>(\$20)</b>
	HORSES / TRAILRIDERS <b>(\$20)</b>		KING, QUEEN OR BEAUTY PAGAENT CONTESTANT RIDING IN A CAR OR TRUCK <b>(MUST HAVE A SPONSOR) (\$20)</b>
	OTHER (DESCRIBE)		

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: (USE BACK IF NEEDED)**

NAME OF PERSONS AND TITLES, IF ANY, RIDING ON FLOATS OR IN VEHICLES:

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN **NO LATER THAN March 3, 2023** TO 1000 N. TEXAS AVE. MERCEDES, TX 78570 OR FAX TO: (956)565-3005. POSITION NUMBER AND PARADE ROUTE WILL BE MAILED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 8,2023.

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