

TVE Baby Parade General Information

The 2022 TVE Baby Parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The parade contestants allowed are for ages infant through kindergarten. The parade route will be down Main Street and around the Courthouse Square in Liberty.

Each entry will be required to have a completed entry form and a \$20.00 entry fee on or before Thursday, October 12, 2023. The entry will not be taken until both the form and the fee are completed. There will be no refunds made once you have entered.

The theme this year will be Board and Card Games. There will be **no** duplications within each division allowed, the entries are allowed on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the committee chairman before purchasing supplies to ensure no duplication has occurred. The committee will determine duplications. You may call the parade chairman, Brittany Hudnall, at 281-658-7932, Jennifer Regen at 713-540-3708, email tveparades@yahoo.com, stop by the TVE Fairground office, or go online to www.tvefair.com to obtain an entry form and General Information Sheet. Return completed entry form and \$20.00 fee to: **Baby Parade, P. O. Box 9021, Liberty, Texas 77575**, or drop at TVE Fairgrounds.

Divisions

Walking ~ A child or group of children walking without assistance from an individual or vehicle. You may pull something to enhance your entry but no children are allowed to ride – ALL must be walking.

Riding ~ A child or group of children riding in a non-motorized vehicle such as a stroller, bicycle, or wagon. Battery operated vehicles will be allowed. Platforms may not be built on the vehicle.

Western Riding ~ A child or group of children riding on a horse, miniature horse, or other livestock.

Small Float ~ A group of 5 or less children riding on a float with the base no larger than 5' x 8' and height not to exceed 14'. These floats will be measured before the parade to prevent any discrepancies. Any float that exceeds the measurements set will be moved into the large float division. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Large Float ~ A group of 10 or less children riding on a float with a base no larger than 12' wide and 14' tall. The length should be determined by the builders with regard to the turns necessary on the parade route.

Awards

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award given in each division. There will also be awards given for the Best Over All Entry, the Best Costume, and Best Performance of an Individual. Awards will be given out at the courthouse steps shortly following the parade. The specific time will be announced the morning of the parade.

Judging

The following items will be the most critical points the judges will be looking for when determining placing for awards. Not all of these things apply to all divisions.

Costumes ~ Neatness, originality, materials, and colors.

Moving Parts ~ Mechanical devices that make parts on your entry move.

Textures ~ Multiple materials (example: tissue paper, paper mache, wood, etc.)

Color Scheme ~ The use of coordinating colors that catch the eye and make the objects on your entry stand out.

Special Effects ~ The use of unusual items such as water, bubbles, balloons, etc.

Overall Appearance ~ Neatness of construction, stuffing, correct proportions, and effort.

These items will be scored by the judges using a one to five scale. One being lowest and five being highest. All ties will be determined by the judges. Every attempt will be made to find fair and impartial judges. The judges should be treated with respect and gratitude by all contestants. **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

As always, this is an amateur event and no one will be allowed to use professional help on his or her entry. Anyone found disregarding this rule will be disqualified from receiving awards. **However, sponsorships are allowed in exchange for advertisement.**

Please note, if you are going to drop off your children at their entry, you must park on a side road and walk them in. The parade committee apologizes for any inconvenience but this is for the safety of everyone. If you have any questions concerning the parade please call Brittany Hudnall at 281-658-7932, Jennifer Regen 713-540-3708, or email tveparades@yahoo.com.