



The Expo Center of Taylor County • 1700 Hwy. 36 • Abilene, Texas 79602

Dear Parade Participant:

It is time to prepare for the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Parade... come join the fun!

The Parade will be in Downtown Abilene on Saturday, **September 11, 2021**, beginning at **10:30 A.M.**
This letter is your invitation to participate in this outstanding Big Country event.

For your convenience, we are enclosing an Entry Application which should be completed and returned to the parade committee as soon as possible.

or

**ENTRIES CAN NOW BE SUBMITTED ONLINE:
www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com**

AWARDS

Decorated Floats: (by theme)

Sweepstakes \$150.00, Theme \$100.00, Originality \$50.00

Riding Clubs, Wagons, Vehicles

1st Place: \$60.00, 2nd Place: \$40.00, 3rd Place: \$20.00

Vehicles

1st – 3rd Place Trophy's

Antique Tractors

1st – 3rd Place Trophy's

Bands

1st – 3rd Place Trophy's

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 27, 2021 (must be in the office by 5:00 pm)

Our fair theme this year is "Another Day in Fairadise"

We are anxious to receive your parade entry application in the very near future and honored to have you participate in the **2021 West Texas Fair and Rodeo Parade!**

Stacy Bryan
Parade Chairman

Effective July 1, 1977 the Texas Animal Health Commission requires all equine (horses, donkeys, mules and ponies) participating in any gathering of equine (trail rides, shows, fairs, competitions and parades) to have a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the past 12 months. Participants with equine must be prepared to present the VS 10-11 EIA test form for each equine entry. If you should need additional information, please contact your local veterinarian or the Texas Animal Health Commission 512-719-0700.

GENERAL INFORMATION & STAGING AREAS

FOR THE WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PARADE
Chairman – Stacy Bryan

DATE OF PARADE: Saturday, September 11, 2021

STAGING TIME: All units should be in place by **8:30 a.m.**, as the parade will be televised.

PARADE ROUTE: **THE PARADE ROUTE ONLY HAS CHANGED.** The parade proceeds under the underpass north on Pine Street and makes a right turn on North 1st Street, then turning left on Walnut St. Turn left on North 4th St., then west two blocks to Cypress to North 1st St., east on North 1st St, to Pine St., back under the underpass. Try to maintain a 30-foot space between units. Disband in the 200 & 300 block of Chestnut & disperse to the South or West.

TICKETS: Each parade participant will be issued a West Texas Fair ticket. One person from each Unit must retrieve your parade number, and tickets, from the Marshal in your area.

FIRST AID: A Metro Care Ambulance will be located at the corner of Pine Street and North 1st Street (N.E. corner) to administer first aid if needed. We are grateful to Metro Care Ambulance for providing this service.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS:

1. The following rule is in effect for the safety of small children: **NO** items, including candy, gum, buttons, t-shirts, business cards, etc. are to be tossed, thrown or handed out by any parade participant, or moving vehicle, during the parade. Parade Marshals and Law Enforcement have been instructed to enforce this regulation.
2. **All music, drum cadence, sirens, bands or other loud noises should cease under the underpass.**
3. Drivers should note that the under-passes are only 13' 3" high. Any vehicle over 13' will enter the parade at North First & Pine Streets from the East and will leave the parade at the same location.
4. Motorcycles, four-wheelers and bicycle riders should be extremely cautious around horse groups. **Absolutely no revving of engines under the underpass.**
5. Place Entry Numbers on both sides of the lead entry.
6. After a unit has entered the parade – no one is permitted to board or dismount that unit.
7. If your vehicle has problems – please move to the side and let the next entry proceed. You must complete the parade route to receive your prize, if awarded.
8. Riding units must have at least 6 riders to be judged. Riding Clubs will be judged by AASP & RC Rules.
9. This is a marching parade. Bands should NOT stop to play a song during the parade.

STAGING AREA INFORMATION:

VIP & MILITARY UNITS

Your Unit should report to **Stacy Bryan**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **300 Oak Street**.

DECORATED FLOATS

Your Unit should report to **Caroline Kreidler**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 3rd & Cherry**. Enter South 3rd from Treadaway where you should pick up your packet at the East side of the old Courthouse (picnic table). If being judged – your decorated float MUST be in place by **8:30 a.m.**

UNITS TALLER THAN 13 FEET

Your Unit should report to **Caroline Kreidler**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **North 1st & Pine Street**. Caroline will deliver your packets to you prior to the start of the parade.

SINGLE / COMMERCIAL UNITS

Your Unit should report to **Louie Valdez and Gilbert Robledo**, the Marshals for your section. Located at **South 4th & Cherry Street**. Enter South 4th Street from Treadaway to pick up your number.

VEHICLES

(ANTIQUE CARS, CAR CLUBS, CUSHMANS, MOTORCYCLES)

Your Unit should report to **Connie Keaton**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 5th & Chestnut Street**.

ANTIQUE TRACTORS

Your Unit should report to **Rickie Johnson**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 6th & Oak**. You may use 6th Street, East of Oak & the Southwest parking lot to park and unload.

BANDS

Your Unit should report to, **Esser King**, the Marshal for your section. Located at the **300 Block of Chestnut**.

Buses should drop off band members on the West side of the Courthouse, 300 Block of Chestnut. Then proceed to the Enterprise Building parking lot at South 4th & Sycamore. After the parade, band members will return to buses at this parking lot to disperse.

EQUINE UNITS

All Equine Units should report to **Deedra Scott**, the Marshal for your section. **New location this year: Pecan & South 5th** to pick up your parade number. **ALL** Equine Units must have a negative Coggins test paper. These papers should be checked at staging area. Papers should include name, number, date of test and name of laboratory.