



2016 Parade Rules & Regulations

Parade Date:

Saturday, November 12, 2016

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

PARADE DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2016

1. The National Peanut Festival is celebrating its 73rd year, and this year's theme is: "Find Your Fun".
2. The deadline for parade entry is October 7, 2016. Any applications received after this date WILL NOT be considered. All applications will be reviewed; however, receipt of application does not insure acceptance. Notification will be sent by October 14. Line-up positions will be mailed the first week of November.
3. All entries must be approved by the National Peanut Festival.
4. ALL COMMERCIAL ENTRIES MUST BE A FLOAT, and will be charged a \$100 entry fee. Entry fees must be paid in full by October 7, 2016. Entry fees are not refundable unless applications are rejected.
5. All entry fees or float payments must be made either with cash, cashier's check or money order. Please make checks payable to: National Peanut Festival or NPF.
6. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form. Only one unit application per form. Please check to be sure that you have included each of the following (where applicable):
 - A. APPLICATION
 - B. SIGNED LIABILITY DISCLAIMER
 - C. ENTRY FEE (COMMERCIAL ENTRIES ONLY)
 - D. SKETCH (FLOATS)
7. The National Peanut Festival reserves the right to placement of all parade units. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth running parade possible.
8. No one younger than age 12 will be allowed to walk in the parade.
9. All automobile signs will be furnished by the National Peanut Festival.
10. THERE WILL BE NO THROWING OR HANDING OUT OF OBJECTS FROM THE PARADE UNITS. VIOLATORS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE PARADE BY THE PARADE MARSHALLS.
11. There will be NO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS along the parade route.
12. NO ONE WILL DISMOUNT TO GREET OR WALK AMONG THE SPECTATORS. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE BY PARADE MARSHALLS.
13. All final judging will be done at the Reviewing Stand.

FLOATS

14. Sponsors for Miss and Little Miss Contestants, who are renting a float from the National Peanut Festival Float Builder, must pay for their floats in full by September 20, 2016. Any sponsor who fails to pay their entire float fee by this deadline may cause their contestants to be disqualified from the NPF pageants. Other float entries built by the National Peanut Festival Float Builder:
 - A. Must be ordered by September 20th.
 - B. A 50% deposit will be required on September 20th. Floats must be paid in full by October 20, 2016. Failure to pay for floats in full by October 20th will void your contract with the float builder and you will not have a float in the 2016 parade. Only cash, money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted.
 - C. **The cost for a basic float is \$800.**
15. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form. Only one unit application per form. Please check to be sure that you have included each of the following (where applicable):
 - A. Must be ordered by September 20th.
 - B. A 50% deposit will be required on September 20th. Floats must be paid in full by October 20, 2016. Failure to pay for floats in full by October 20th will void your contract with the float builder and you will not have a float in the 2016 parade. Only cash, money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted.
 - C. **The cost for a basic float is \$800.**

ALL FLOATS

- A. Must be pulled by tractors furnished by the National Peanut Festival.
- B. Must be at least 15 feet in length.
- C. Must have a farm-type pin hitch & pin (NOT A BALL TYPE)
- D. CANNOT BE A TRUCK!
- E. Riders must be sitting or stationary.
- F. Must be at the assembly point by 2:00 PM on Friday, November 11th, 2016 for preliminary judging. Assembly point is the Houston County Farm Center.
- G. Floats must be picked up by 1:00 PM on the day of the parade.

FINAL JUDGING WILL BE DURING THE PARADE AT THE VIP REVIEWING STANDS. ALL FLOATS

The NPF Float Builder is Kip Dingler. No phone orders will be accepted. Please complete the enclosed request form and the Festival will forward your float request to Mr. Dingler. Mr. Dingler will be in Dothan to discuss your specific needs on Tuesday, September 20th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If you are not able to meet with him on the 20th, and have sent in your float order and your deposit, he will contact you after 4:00 PM on September 20th.

ALL FLOAT RIDERS, EXCEPT 2016 MISS & LITTLE MISS NPF CONTESTANTS, WILL NEED TO BE AT THE PARADE ROUTE BY 8:00 AM AND MUST KNOW THEIR UNIT NUMBER. PLEASE ENTER HWY 84 EAST AT SOUTHEAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER AND DRIVE WEST UNTIL YOU SEE A PARADE MARSHALL.

FLOAT RIDERS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE 1700 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE. NPF PAGEANT CONTESTANTS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PAGEANT COMMITTEE.

- 16. The "Joe Whatley Float Awards" will be presented to the top 5 floats based on the following criteria:
 - Originality 30%
 - Decorative Quality 25%
 - Use of Theme 25%
 - Use of Peanuts or Peanut Products
(real or artificial) 20%
- 17. Prize money for these awards will be:
 - 1st Place \$300
 - 2nd Place \$250
 - 3rd Place \$200
 - 4th Place \$150
 - 5th Place \$100
- 18. The "President's Award" for the Best Overall Float will receive \$500.
- 19. The "Jack M. Tyson Award" for the Most Creative and Original Float will receive \$400.
- 20. The "Harry Teasley Award" will be presented to the entry representing the best use of the theme and peanuts or peanut products. This float will receive \$500.
- 21. Any float not constructed by the Festival Contractor must submit a sketch of the proposed float with their application.

BANDS

- 22. Each participating band will receive \$300 to help offset the cost of the bus drivers.

23. Bands will not be competing during the parade. The prize money will be divided equally between all participating marching bands.
24. Each participating band member will receive a complimentary ticket to the National Peanut Festival after their performance. These tickets will be given out by your band director after the parade.
25. BAND MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO FILTER BACK INTO THE PARADE ROUTE. BANDS LINE UP AT 7:30 AM ON HIGHWAY 84 EAST. ALL BUSES MUST BE OFF THE PARADE ROUTE BY 8:15 AM.

HIGH SCHOOL ROTC UNITS

26. All ROTC units will share the \$200 prize money. Each team must have a minimum of 12 members. Members will each receive a complimentary NPF ticket at Parade.
27. THERE WILL BE NO STOPPING THE PARADE ROUTE.
28. Each unit should be preceded by its own color guard.
29. All ROTC units will assemble in the Civic Center Parking Lot at 8:00 AM.

SPECIAL GUESTS

30. Any current national or state office holders.
31. Area mayors, Dothan city & Houston County Commissions.
32. Dignitaries invited by the National Peanut Festival Board of Trustees.
33. Agricultural Queens and Festival Queens with reciprocal Parade agreement with the National Peanut Festival will be sent an invitation from the National Peanut Festival. These participants must be age 17 or over.
 - ❖ Any special guest or parade participant who holds more than one title, must decide which title they wish to represent in the parade.
 - ❖ A FLOAT IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANT FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE.

EQUESTRIAN UNITS

34. Equestrian units will be limited to 5 units on a first come / first serve basis. NO individual riders.
35. Equestrian units must be diapered or furnish their own clean-up crew with each unit. **CLEAN-UP CREW MUST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE UNIT AT ALL TIEMS STARTING AT LINE-UP.** If this rule is not followed, the unit will not be allowed to participate in the parade. *At least one clean-up person for every five horses. Clean-up must begin at line-up!

MILITARY UNITS

36. Military units will be escorted to the line-up by Dothan Police.
37. Military units will assemble at the Civic Center Parking Lot at 8:00 AM. SPECIAL PARKING WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE END OF THE PARADE ROUTE FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

SHRINE UNITS

38. Enter Hwy 84 from Southeast Alabama Medical Center from 7:00 – 7:30 AM. Reload your units at Northcutt Drugs on Main Street. For the safety of all spectators: Shrine Units will be asked to travel in a straight line down the parade route and remain in the two middle lanes. Any violators of this safety rule will be removed from the line-up.

WALKING UNITS

NO ONE YOUNGER THAN 12 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK IN THE PARADE.

39. Walking units must be non-profit organizations or characters or mascots of businesses invited by the National Peanut Festival to participate in the parade. Costumes, uniforms or matching outfits are required. Entries must be of entertainment value as determined by the National Peanut Festival Board of Parade Committee.
40. The classifications of walking units are:
- A. Cheerleaders...March with their bands.
 - B. Clown Groups... will not be assigned a number, but walk freely through the parade.
(No hand-outs!)
 - C. Walking Characters... will be assigned a unit number.

CHARACTERS, WHOSE COSTUMES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WALK THROUGH THE ENTIRE PARADE ROUTE, MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN VEHICLE.

SPECIAL NOTES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS:

- ❖ FLOAT RIDERS WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT THE 1700 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET.
- ❖ SPECIAL GUESTS, WHO ORIGINALLY ASSEMBLED AT THE VIP COFFEE, WILL BE RETURNED BY SHUTTLE TO THE VIP REVIEWING STANDS.
- ❖ PARADE MARSHALLS, WEARING BRIGHT ORANGE VESTS, WILL BE STATIONED ON EVERY BLOCK AND WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

SPECIAL RULES REGARDING VEHICLES:

VEHICLES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING PARADE PARTICIPANTS ONLY! ALL OTHERS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE AN APPROVED FLOAT.

- ❖ SPECIAL GUESTS (LISTED ON PAGE 3)
- ❖ MILITARY
- ❖ MEDIA
- ❖ HOST CITY VEHICLES
- ❖ LAW ENFORCEMENT
- ❖ CHARACTERS OR MASCOTS FROM BUSINESSES INVITED BY THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL.
- ❖ WINNERS OF AUTHORIZED NPF COMPETITIVE EVENTS (CUBMOBILE, ETC.)

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE APPLICATION

UNIT NUMBER _____

PARADE DAY: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016

(NPF WILL ASSIGN)

DEADLINE FOR PARADE APPLICATION: **OCTOBER 7, 2016**

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING FLOAT FROM NPF FLOAT BUILDER:

NPF PAGEANT SPONSORS: **Order in and paid in full by: September 20, 2016**

ALL OTHERS: **Ordered on September 20, 2016/Paid in full by Oct. 21, 2016**



NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONLY ONE:

BAND EQUESTRIAN FLOAT MILITARY MOTORCYCLES ROTC SHRINERS WALKING

BANDS: Total Number of Playing Members (including Percussion): _____

Total Number of Marching Members: _____

ROTC: Total Number of Members Including Color Guard: _____

Brief Description of unit: (Approximate Number of Riders, Walkers, ETC.) _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE A FLOAT UNIT:

_____ BUILDING OUR OWN FLOAT (SKETCH REQUIRED)

_____ FLOAT TO BE BUILT BY NPF BUILDER.

***IF NPF FLOAT BUILDER IS BUILDING FLOAT, PLEASE LET THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE FLOAT COMPLETE AND SIGN THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: _____ EVENING PHONE #: _____

I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE SAME AND ANY DECISION OF THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR UNIT

MAIL OR DELIVER APPLICATION TO:

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE
5622 US HIGHWAY 231 SOUTH
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301

ACTION TAKEN: (NPF WILL COMPLETE)

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL 2016
LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

If you do not wish to sign this agreement for your entire group, please make copies of this disclaimer and let each person participating sign a copy. You may send all disclaimers with your entry form or you may sign one form for your group and keep the copies for your records.

THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC. DOES NOT PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS, MERCHANTS, OR OTHERS INVOLVED IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL'S PARADE.

IN CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATING IN SUCH ACTIVITY, THE PARADE PARTICIPANT DOES HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY FROM ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS FOR, UPON OR BY REASON OF ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR INJURY, WHICH HEREAFTER MAY BE SUSTAINED BY PARADE PARTICIPANTS, MERCHANTS, SPECTATORS OR OTHERS IN CONSEQUENCE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE ACTIVITIES.

THIS RELEASE EXTENDS AND APPLIES TO, AND ALSO COVERS AND INCLUDES, ALL UNKNOWN, UNFORESEEN, UNANTICIPATED AND UNSUSPECTED INJURIES, DAMAGES, LOSS AND LIABILITY, AND THE CONSEQUENCES THEREOF. AS WELL AS THOSE NOW LOCAL OR TERRITORIAL LAW OF STATUE PROVIDING IN SUBSTANCE THAT RELEASES SHALL NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS, DEMANDS, INJURIES OR DAMAGES WHICH ARE UNKNOWN OR UNSUSPECTED TO EXIST AT THE TIME, TO THE PERSON EXECUTING SUCH RELEASE, ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVED.

I HEREBY AGREE ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ASSIGNS, TO INDEMNIFY THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC., AND ALL MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC., JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY AND HOLD HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND LIABILITIES, LOSS DAMAGES AND EXPENSE OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, WHICH MAY AT ANY TIME BE INCURRED BY REASON OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL PARADE.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT SAID ALLOWANCE OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PARADE IS NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION OF ANY LIABILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY, BY THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY. PARADE PARTICIPANT SHALL INDEMNIFY THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS MEMBERS AND OFFICERS, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, FOR ALL DAMAGES AND EXPENSES FOR WHICH THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS MEMBERS AND OFFICERS, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, BECOME LIABLE AS A RESULT OF ANY ALLEGED ACT OF THE PARADE PARTICIPANT.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARADE PARTICIPANT OR SPONSOR
(IF MINOR, SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN)