

# **2009 STARS AND STRIPES FREEDOM FESTIVAL PARADE GUIDELINES**

1. The 2009 Stars and Stripes Freedom Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Each parade entry must submit an Application by the deadline of June 26, 2009, with a signed Participation Agreement.
3. Entry Fee is \$10.00. Entries received after the deadline of June 26, 2009 must pay a \$10 late fee.
4. Adults MUST accompany and supervise children, youth organizations, school groups, or non-profit groups with children participating.
5. **THROWING ITEMS INTO THE CROWD FROM A MOVING VEHICLE WILL BE PROHIBITED. YOUR UNIT MAY BE BARRED FROM FUTURE PARADES.** Items such as candy or Patriotic jewelry *may ONLY be handed out by walkers* walking along the sides of the street next to spectators. Walkers handing out candy or jewelry must keep up with the float.
6. Police Auxiliary personnel will be stationed along the parade route to insure compliance of **all** guidelines.
7. The Open Container Law will be strictly enforced.
8. Entries should NOT STOP to perform.
9. Inappropriate conduct is basis for automatic removal from the parade. Parade Director or law enforcement officials will make determination. This will include, but is not limited to, endangering or the potential of endangering anyone along the parade route.
10. All bike riders and skaters must wear helmets and appropriate safety gear, as described by law.
11. All vehicles towing a unit must have safety chains between the pulling unit and the float. The float must be secured (Florida Statute 316.50).
12. Horse entries are required to supply clean-up crews (pooper- scoopers) to follow behind their unit.
13. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: Parade documentation should be mailed to: Stars and Stripes Freedom Festival Parade, P.O. Box 15184, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 or taken to Rowland's Upholstery Plus, 1120 S. 8th Street by Friday, June 26, 2009.
14. Failure to provide Parade Committee with all required documentation (i.e. Application, Participation Agreement and applicable fee) will result in non-participation by group.
15. **Only registered floats and vehicles will be allowed to enter and park in the staging area. All others, including parade participants that will be riding or walking during the parade, must be dropped off or park at the 13<sup>th</sup> St. side of Central Park and then walk to the staging area.**
16. The parade staging area is at and around Central Park. All participants must be in their position with their group or on their floats and ready to go no later than 6:40 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. there will be a mandatory instructional meeting at S.11<sup>th</sup> and Ash St.
17. The parade route begins at the intersection of Ash St. and 11<sup>th</sup> St., travels West to 2<sup>nd</sup> St., north to Centre St., and East on Centre St. The parade ends at Atlantic and 11<sup>th</sup>, where it began.
18. **All** walking participants will exit parade route at 11<sup>th</sup> St., floats and motor vehicles must continue on to 13<sup>th</sup> St.
19. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in entry fee forfeiture and a ban from future parades.
20. The Stars and Stripes Freedom Festival Committee reserves the right to make any changes and/or additions to these Parade Guidelines at any time without prior notice.

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