



# Grand Feature Parade Application

Return application to: WV Strawberry Festival, PO Box 117, Buckhannon, WV 26201

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Float, Novelty, Military, Dignitary, Etc....)*

Float Categories (circle one): Professional Amateur Fair / Festival

Other Categories of Competition (circle one): Drill Team Novelty Unit Dance  
Cartoon Character Marching Musical

Visiting Royalty; Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phones \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Fair/Festival that you represent; \_\_\_\_\_ Festival Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Will your festival provide a float? \_\_\_\_\_ All visiting royalty will be on float. No individual vehicles are allowed.

Please provide a complete description of your entry.

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Are you a Business? Please see page 3 for rules regarding entry. Please furnish a photo of your entry for publicity purposes.

# West Virginia Strawberry Festival Grand Feature Parade

## Float Rules and General Information

The float must be completely decorated. All floats must include skirting or fringe on the bottom. Every float must have constructed sides.

Craftsmanship on every float must produce a neat decorative and creative effect.

Any group or individual can build or obtain a float from any source and enter it in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Grand Feature Parade.

The parade float application for competitive entries must be completed and returned to the Parade Committee by no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. Acceptance reply will be issued as soon as the float application is approved.

NO POLITICAL or CONTROVERISAL issues may be represented or alluded to in any way on any float.

NO INDIVIDUAL RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICE MAY RIDE OR BE REPRESENTED IN ANY WAY ON A FLOAT.

All vehicles used for pulling of floats MUST have prior approval, if not provided by the WV Strawberry Festival Grand Feature Parade Committee.

All floats MUST be at judging location by 10:00 AM on Parade Day. Once at this location the drivers must remain with the float at all times and be ready to move float to parade line-up after judging.

All float entrants must obey the instructions of the Parade Officials in order to provide even movement of the Parade as a whole. These Officials will be properly identified and have authority to disqualify or eject entrants from the Parade.

A distance of 40 to 60 feet must be maintained between any two entries.

Floats MUST NOT STOP during the parade unless the entire position has come to a halt.

In case of mechanical difficulties, the float must be moved to the side and out of the Parade flow as quickly as possible to prevent gaps in the Parade.

Float riders must remain on the float throughout the entire parade. The Parade Committee MUST approve any exceptions.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in competitive disqualification, ejection from the parade and removal from future invitation.

### FLOAT DIMENSIONS:

Maximum Length: 40 ft. (excluding vehicle)

Maximum Width: 12 ft.

Maximum Height: 14 ft.

The parade committee must approve any exceptions.

SAFETY: Any float considered unsafe will not be allowed in the line-up. Decorative material MUST be fire retardant. Holding a sample of the material in the vertical position and placing the flame of a match one half inch below determine satisfactory flame proofing. If the material ignites, it must extinguish itself when the flame is removed. AS A RULE, TISSUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE for the Grand Feature Parade.

Due to crowd control and safety: NO ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN OR DISTRIBUTED FROM THE MOVING FLOAT OR VEHICLE PULLING THEM, NO EXCEPTIONS. You may have walkers distribute items.

The use of alcoholic beverages by drivers as well as riders' before and during the Parade is PROHIBITED.

Safety devices must be incorporated into the float for each rider, whether seated or standing.

#### TOWING VEHICLES:

Vehicles must pull floats no larger than a pick-up truck. Automobiles or small pick-up trucks are preferred. NO FOUR WHEELERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PULL A FLOAT. The vehicle pulling the float should be inconspicuous as possible. No signs are to be placed on the towing vehicle. No display is to be included on the towing vehicle and if a pick-up truck is used, no persons or animals are to ride in the bed of the truck. (any expectations must meet prior approval).

#### JUDGING:

Floats need to be at staging area no later than 10:00 am. (Location - 1 Moore Ave/Aleris) FLOATS ARE JUDGED AT STAGING AREA BEFORE THE START OF THE PARADE. All float riders must be in costume and on the float by the time the parade starts at 1:00 PM. (Location– Camden Ave/ look for signs with group name) They need not be present for judging

Impartial judges who work independently will judge floats. The judges' decisions are final. The official list of awards will be completed for announcement on TV during the Parade.

#### PARADE ADJUDICATION STANDARDS:

Originality:	20 points
Use of Color:	15 points
Spectacular Appeal:	30 points
Design Excellence:	20 points
Use of Theme:	15 points

All winning floats will receive WV Strawberry Festival Plaques.

#### COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES:

Sweepstakes Award: Presented to float with overall highest total points.

Theme Award: Presented to float best displaying Festival Theme

Fairs / Festivals: First, second and third place awards

Professional Floats: First, second and third place awards

Amateur Floats: First, second and third place awards

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## Rules and General Information for Entries

1. Only Individuals holding a Political Office will be invited to participate in the Parades but will not be allowed to pass out information regarding re-election. Only Information in regarding to the office that they hold.
2. No Individual running for Political Office (that they do not already hold) will ride or be represented in any way (float or vehicle).
3. Entry of vehicles for Businesses.
  - a) Fee for One vehicle with representatives of the Business will be \$500.00
    - This allows passing out of information (with board approval)
    - Passing out of misc. goodies by walking (No throwing from vehicle or float)
    - Banner (at their cost) with business providing their own carriers
4. No children under the age of 8 are permitted to march in the Grand Feature Parade.
5. **No Throwing of objects (candy, etc.) from moving vehicle or floats. Groups may walk and hand objects out.**
6. **NO STOPPING** is allowed at any time during the Parade. This is prohibited and may cause possible disqualification.
7. Groups are to provide a copy of your general liability insurance.
8. All visiting Royalty are invited to ride on the WVSF Visiting Royalty Float. Unless the festival they represent enters a float. No individual vehicles are allowed.
9. Persons needing a car for the parade must provide their own. No trucks allowed.
10. Applications will be considered on the basis of entertainment value. The WV Strawberry Festival Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any application that does not fit the needs of the Parade.

## **WV Strawberry Festival Grand Feature Grand - ATV Acknowledgment and release of Liability form**

All Participants, whether drivers or passengers, prior to participating in this event, must read and sign this release form. Participation is voluntary; However, any party choosing not to sign this form Will Not be allowed to participate.

### **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED**

As consideration for being allowed to participate in the Grand Feature Parade, I hereby agree as follows:

1. I hereby represent and warrant that I am experienced in and familiar with the operation of ATV and fully understand the risks and dangers inherent in ATV. These risks and dangers include but are not limited to the following: collisions with other ATV's or motor vehicles. These risks and dangers further included, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of riders' equipment, vehicle traffic, and actions of other people including, but not limited to organizers, participants, volunteer, spectators and agents of the Event. I hereby expressly assume all of the risks of participating in the Event. I am voluntarily participating in the Event, and I expressly agree to assume the entire risk of any participation in the Event, and any injury, including paralysis or death, which I might sustain to my person and property as a result of my participation in the Event. I realize that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities organizing or conducting the Event and hereby, in accordance with this Acknowledge and Release, do release them all possible liability.
2. I certify I am at least 18 years old (or have a legal guardian present to sign), and that I am physically fit with no known physical or mental impairment and have prepared for participation in the Event. I acknowledge that this Acknowledgement and Release of Liability Form will be used by the Event holders, sponsors and organizers of the Event, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at the Event. I certify that I am not under the influence of any narcotic alcohol or other drug that may impair my understanding or judgement and that I will not at any time during the Event operate my ATV under the influence of any narcotic, alcohol or drug. I certify that I have full adequate insurance to cover all medical claims, the ATV and any other equipment and any damage or liability I may ultimately be found responsible for, during all travel to the point of my entry into the Event, the Event, the period between the end of the Event and my return to my final destination. I further certify that I have all the insurance required by law and I am licensed and competent to operate an ATV in a safe manner.
3. I understand that if I am the driver I am not allowed to bring any passengers on the Event who have not signed and submitted an Acknowledgement and Release of Liability Form. I further understand that any passenger on my ATV participating in the Event shall be at least 18 years old or have a signature of a legal guardian. No one under the age of 16 is allowed by operate an ATV!
4. If I am participating in the Event solely as a passenger, I understand and acknowledge all representations, warrants, agreements, and releases contained in the Acknowledgement and Release of Liability Form; provided, however, that I do not certify that I am qualified to drive and ATV.
5. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Event, I hereby, for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns: Waive, Release and Discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me during the Event or during my traveling to and from the Event, the following entities or persons: Strawberry Festival Board and Affiliates, vendors, and all other subsidiaries. This release extends to any and all claims I have or later may have against the Released Parties, resulting from or arising out of their performance of their duties whether or not such claims result from negligence on the part of any or all of the Released Parties with respect to the Event or with respect to the conditions qualification, instructions, rules or procedures under which the Event is conducted or from any other cause whatsoever. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE ANY OR ALL OF THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY INJURY RESULTING TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DURIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING THE EVENT.

6. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Event, I hereby, for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assign: agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a results of any of my actions during the Event. Accordingly, I do hereby release and discharge the Released Parties from all claims, demands, and causes of action of event kind whatsoever for any death, damages and/or injuries which may result from my participation in the Event.

7. This release shall by construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

8. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury accident and or illnesses during the Event. I agree to pay for any and all costs related to medical response, treatment and transport on my behalf.

9. I certify I will wear the personal protective equipment while operating my ATV, or if applicable, while a passenger on a ATV at the Event that is or may be required by the United States and or any State in which my participation occurs and that my ATV and all required personal protective equipment are in safe operational condition. I agree to abide by the directions / rules given by the organizers of the Event and understand that my privilege to ride may be removed without refund if I am in violation of the rules set forth or acting/ performing in an unsafe manner, or any manner disruptive to the operation of the Event.

10. I agree that the Released Parties may take photos and / or videos of the Event and the photos and or videos may be used for advertising or publicity for an unlimited time without compensation to me.

**Parade Rules**

- A. Side by side vehicles only (no 4 – wheelers or dirt bikes)
- B. Vehicles must be Clean and Parade ready.
- C. Operators must be 18 years old or older.
- D. All riders must remain in the vehicles throughout the parade.
- E. Vehicles are to maintain parade pace and speeds are not to exceed parade pace. Also remain in parade form.
- F. Any vehicle operating in an unsafe manner including speeding or maneuvers that would endanger patrons, will be disciplined and banned from future events.
- G. Waiver stating that any damage or injury caused by their entry will be sole responsibility of the operator/owner.
- H. No Signs or Flags that might be offensive to the public
- I. Parade committee must approve all signage on vehicles.

11. I understand and consent to the Acknowledgement and Release of Liability being conducted and signed.

THIS IS A RELEASE – READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I HEREBY WARRANT AND CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE AND THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND THAT I AM NOT RELYING ON ANY STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE RELEASED PARTIES.

Full Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature indicates agreement to terms and conditions)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDER 18 Participant (printed) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## WV Strawberry Festival Grand Feature ATV Parade Form

RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parade information:**

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022. Parade starts at 1:00. Line – up will be at 11:00 am on Randolph St. You will need to check in at line – up.

We are limiting participates to the first 22 forms returned. Participates will be notified by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Return to PO Box 117 Buckhannon WV 26201 Email to [info@wvstrawberryfestival.com](mailto:info@wvstrawberryfestival.com)

Questions, please call Debra Hupp 304-473-1653 Carrie & Alan Mills 304-473-7909 Festival Office 304-472-9036