



Dear Horseman,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is our pleasure in extending this invitation to participate in the 2023 West Virginia Strawberry Festival Horse and Carriage Parade. Dozens of carriages, individual horse riders and equestrian teams from throughout West Virginia and surrounding States will move down the 2.5-mile Strawberry Land on Saturday, May 13th, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

There will be prize money as well as plaques will be awarded to the parade winners in various categories. Thousands of horse lovers will line the route to view this popular event.

We hope you will make plans to participate in the 2023 the Horse and Carriage Parade. We will do our upmost to guarantee an enjoyable visit for all.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Poling at 304-518-8837 or email jenpoling80@icloud.com

We'll be anxiously awaiting your reply!

Jennifer Poling

Phone: 304-518-8837 Email: jenpoling80@icloud.com

2023 WV Strawberry Festival Horse & Carriage Parade

P.O. Box 117 (or) 5163 Hackers Creek Rd.

Buckhannon, WV 26201

Additional Details:

Once your application has been received, accepted and processed, you will be added to the Parade Email List. You will then receive detailed information regarding the parade route, schedule of events, directions, and other information.

Please mark your calendar. The deadline is **April 1st**

Judging

All entries will be judged and scored at the designated judges review area along the parade route.

Prize: Prize monies will be divided among various judging categories.

Categories:

Best Overall Carriage/Wagon

Youth Rider/ Youth Group

Individual Rider

Multi-Horse Hitch / Donkey / Mule

Single Horse Hitch

Show Wagon / Carriage

Under 38" Mule, Pony, Horse

Large Group - 10 and more Riders

Small Group – Less than 10



WV STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL HORSE AND CARRIAGE PARADE

May 13th 2023 at 2:00 pm

Entry Contact Information

Name of Entry: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parade Day Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

(All updates and announcements regarding the parade will done via email if available)

Entry Information

Please Indicate Entry Type:

Horse / Carriage / Wagon

Riding Group

Mini / Cart

Individual Rider / Horse

Other

List the parades which your horse and/or group have recently appeared, if any

Years of riding/driving experience: _____

Equestrian Layout

Riding Groups:

Number of riders in unit: _____

Horse-Drawn Vehicles:

Length of Carriage / Wagon with horses(s) hitched: _____

Number of horses pulling Carriage/Wagon: _____

Announcement Script – we would appreciate a photo that we can use for publicity, if available

Please describe your entry for the announcer’s script. Please introduce your entry and provide any fun information you would like to provide about you, your horses, your cart and your group or entry.

Check off list:

1. Proof of Insurance
2. Coggins paper (day of parade)
3. Certificate of Health (out of state only)
4. Entry Form
5. Publicity Information

Mail Forms to:

2023 WV Strawberry Festival Horse & Carriage Parade
Jennifer Poling
5163 Hackers Creek Rd. (or) P.O. Box 117
Buckhannon, WV 26201

REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE

If you belong to a group organization which provides insurance coverage, please attach your proof of membership and certificate of insurance. If you carry individual insurance that covers you for parades and such, please provide a copy of certificate of insurance.

The WV Strawberry Festival Association strives to provide a safe event for participants, volunteers and spectators, but it's important that all entries cover themselves in case of an accident. Thank you for your cooperation.

Insurance Carrier Name: _____

General Liability Amount: _____

REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL ENTRIES MUST ATTACH PROOF OF INSURANCE TO ENTRY FORM
2. ALL ENTRIES MUST CARRY PROOF OF CURRENT COGGINS TEST ON DAY OF PARADE
3. A VALID CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH MUST ACCOMPANY EACH HORSE COMING TO THE PARADE FROM OUTSIDE OF WV
4. ALL INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS MUST HAVE AN OUTWALKER
5. WV STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PULL ANY CARRIAGE OR RIDER FROM THE PARADE FOR ANY REASON
6. ALL CARRIAGE UNITS NOT TIED TO TRAILERS MUST BE CONTROLLED BY EITHER A HEADER OR A DRIVER ON THE SEAT (WITH REIGNS IN HAND)
7. NO PASSENGERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CARRIAGE UNLESS A DRIVER IS ON THEIR SEAT (WITH REIGNS IN HAND)
8. NO BRIDLE WILL BE REMOVED WHILE HITCHED TO A CARRIAGE

RELEASE In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in the WV Strawberry Festival Horse and Carriage Parade, by execution of this entry form, I (my organization) and any related participants, hereby release and discharge the following: Parade Committee, WV Strawberry Festival Association, City of Buckhannon and any other property owner (this includes the officers, employees, representatives and management of presentation of WVSF Horse and Carriage Parade) of any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from any course whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant, member or participant of the entrant's organization and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless all of the above in addition to any others involved in this event. In addition, I, my organization and participants, release all of the above, plus other volunteers, from any and all liability resulting from the actions or conduct of entrants, entrants' guests, entrants' entry or unit, whether it be animal or animal drawn or otherwise, or any participant assistant or cooperating with entrant, whether under the direction or control of entrant, or not under said control or direction. I certify my entry, equipment, vehicle and animals as safe and "parade ready". The undersigned has read and agrees with the Parade Rules.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

2023 WVSF Horse & Carriage Parade

Thank you for your participation in our 2023 Horse and Carriage Parade. We are excited for great weather and large crowds!

Schedule:

- 9:00am – 1:00pm Registration/Check in for all Parade Participants
- Proof of Insurance – if not already provided
 - Coggins Test paperwork – required for Dept. of Agriculture
 - Certificate of Health – required for all horses arriving from out of state
- 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm Unit Line-up –
- 2:00pm WV Strawberry Festival Horse & Carriage Parade
(Strawberry Lane – 2.5 mile route)
- 3:30pm Awards Ceremony (Location at staging area at Moore Ave)

Directions to Staging Area

Arriving from I79 (Weston, WV) exit 99

- Route 33 to Buckhannon
- Take Buckhannon/Philippi Exit
- Turn right at exit ramp stop sign (arriving from Elkins, WV take Buckhannon/Philippi Exit, turn left at light)
- Go straight through 4 stop lights
 - 1st light ... Sheetz on right
 - 2nd light ... Rite Aid on right
 - 3rd light ... McDonalds on right
 - 4th light ... Papa John's Pizza on right
- After going through the 4th light, turn left at the next street (Moore Ave)
 - Units arriving on Friday evening will proceed to overnight parking and camping located behind Camden Dorms on the campus of (WVWC) WV Wesleyan College. Bear left just past the McDonalds stop light.
- Directions will be posted along the route.

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