

PARADE RULES & GUIDELINES 2020

You are invited to join us in one of our most popular events of MAPLE VALLEY DAYS and we are very pleased to have you participate.

CHECK-IN: 8:00am - 9:00am: only one person from each entry needs to check-in. Please carpool as there is limited parking and to reduce traffic flow. Parade participant drop off area is provided; parking is encouraged at either school parking lot & take the shuttle. Please note: the shuttle service starts at 9am on Saturday so if you need to park & be checked in earlier, park at Lake Wilderness Elementary School. The shuttle service will continue to run until the end of the festival so parade participants can stay and enjoy the festivities.

DIVISIONS: There are five divisions - Float, Drill Team, Equestrian Unit, Marching Band/Music & Service/Neighborhood.

ROUTE: The parade will start on Witte Road and 240th Street and will proceed south on Witte Road to the Greater Maple Valley Community Center. Here you'll take a left onto SE 248th Street and continue to the Lake Wilderness Park.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- All parade participants must comply with the Policies and Procedures of Maple Valley Days. The Parade Committee reserves the right to deny applications for failure to comply.
- Entries will be accepted unless you receive notification from the Parade Committee.
- Entries may display a wide variety of design, so long as they are in good taste.
- Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature or other material may be personally handed out as your unit proceeds down the parade route; **however, ABSOLUTELY NO material may be THROWN along the parade route.** This includes, but is not limited to candy, beach balls, confetti, leaflets, etc. Any materials you'd like to hand out must be passed out by a person who is walking with your entry.
- Squirt guns, Silly String, or other items potentially dangerous to spectators or participants are strictly forbidden.
- Washington State law requires that a "HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY" agreement be signed by a representative of your group. Parade entries without the proper signed agreement will not be allowed to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All vehicle, animal, bicycle, motorcycle, etc - any entry other than walking entry must remain at least 8 feet away from parade spectators.
- All animals must be on a leash or otherwise secured. All horses must be under control of the rider at all times. Animal entries must furnish waste collectors and are responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Decorative materials on parade floats shall be noncombustible material, flame resistant or treated with a flame retardant.
- Decorative materials such as hay or straw bales, corn stalks, paper shall be kept a minimum of 3-feet away from any heat source (e.g., muffler, generator, etc.).

- Motorized parade floats, towing vehicles, generators shall have a minimum UL rated 2A-10B:C portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.
- No flammable liquid containers are allowed on any parade float or used as any part of an entry (e.g., twirling fire baton, etc.).
- Compressed gas cylinders shall be properly secured.
- There is NO smoking by parade participants during the entire length of the parade route. NO FIRE OR OPEN FLAMES ALLOWED.
- Real or fake guns are not permitted except as part of a Military or Police Unit.
- No alcoholic beverages of any type are permitted in vehicles in the parade, in the staging area, or in the line of march.
- For the Safety of our attendees: the team members you chose to send to our festival must be clear of any charges against them in regard to children. This is a family friendly event and we take the safety of our families & children very seriously. Anyone with documented crimes against a child is NOT welcome in any capacity at our festival. Please take care in who you chose to represent your company and to interact with the public.

OTHER IMPORTANT PARADE NOTES:

- During the parade your entry must not stop for performances, unless safety is an issue, then your stops must be limited to 30 seconds.
- Parade line-up: placement is at the discretion of the Parade Committee and takes into account participant safety, animals, music and entry size. Requests for placement are taken under consideration but not guaranteed. Thank you for your cooperation. No parade line up changes will be made after line up announcements are made on the week of the parade. Failure to comply with parade line up during the parade will result in disqualification from parade judging.
- The Maple Valley Days Parade is a family event. Please respect our families and young children as you are planning your entry, your dress, etc. If your entry is potentially scary, please keep your audience in mind and refrain from scaring young children.
- Parade entries who have small children should have ways for children to ride in the parade (i.e. strollers, wagons, etc). The route is one mile long. After waiting in staging, many children have a tough time making it all the way down the parade route.
- Your performance ends at the entrance to the park. Please plan to continue to walk through the park. DO NOT disassemble before entering the park. Should you or anyone in your entry need to get back to the staging area, you may take a short cut through the arboretum. Please do not use the parade route to get back to the staging area until the entire parade is over. If you would like to watch the remainder of the parade, please go out the Lodge Road and watch the parade at the final turn.
- Failure to comply with parade rules and guidance of parade volunteers on parade day may lead to disqualification from parade awards and potentially, future disqualification from the parade entirely.
- It is the responsibility of the parade contact (person who signed up for the parade for your entry) to make sure that all participants in the parade entry understand these rules.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Amanda Gross at maplevalleyparade@gmail.com