

## A. PARTICIPATION

1. Early registration for entries is Friday, July 26, 2024. Deadline for ALL Entries is Friday, August 2, 2024. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE AUGUST 2, 2024 DEADLINE!**
2. Entry Fees see Application Form
3. All entries shall conform to the 2024 parade theme: **Colorful Colorado**
4. All applications will be reviewed by the State Fair Parade Committee for approval. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
5. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER AUG. 2, 2024.**
6. For pre-publicity and program purposes, a full description of entry MUST be provided on the official entry form. No changes may be made without notifying the Parade Committee. No changes may be made after August 2, 2024.
7. A maximum of 6 units per entry will be allowed in the parade (except horses)
8. **ALL ENTRIES WILL BE EMAILED CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LINE-UP INSTRUCTIONS APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) WEEK PRIOR TO THE PARADE DAY.** Line-up numbers will be provided and MUST BE DISPLAYED on both sides of entry.

## B. SAFETY

1. **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING MAY BE THROWN FROM A MOVING VEHICLE TO SPECTATORS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE (i.e. candy, pins, pamphlets, book, etc.) VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE.**
2. Each entry shall exercise all precautions for the safety of others and shall be responsible for their own animal (s), vehicle (s) and/or float, etc.
3. **Absolutely no entry will be allowed to stop at the reviewing stands and/or along the parade route to perform or advertise.**
4. Driver of entry must be available at all times to move unit in the event of an emergency or relocation.
5. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by participants during line-up or parade march is strictly prohibited. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or intoxicated behavior will be cause for expulsion from the parade.
6. In order to properly and safely line up entries in the parade, you MUST list whether animals, sound effects, or loud noises will be used.
7. Discharging of firearms containing live or blank ammunition is prohibited.
8. Directions issued by Parade Officials and/or Law Enforcement Officials shall be strictly observed. Failure to do so could result in disqualification from participation in the parade.
9. Absolutely no water-guns.
10. Music containing obscene or vulgar language is prohibited.
11. **Volume levels are not to exceed more than 70 decibels per the Pueblo city ordinance.**
12. Any school entry must have an administrator with their entry.

## C. ADVERTISING

1. **SOCIAL OR RELIGIOUS ISSUES OF ANY NATURE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE (see item A3).**
2. Identification of firm or organization sponsoring entries is permitted.
3. All political candidates entries must conform to the theme. They must ride in the float, or ride in their own vehicle. The Parade Committee encourages antique or custom vehicles. **No entourages!**
4. Marching units will not be allowed to advertise social issues. (See F-10).

## D. GENERAL

1. **All automobiles, trucks, vans or similar vehicles (unless they are antique or custom) MUST BE FULLY DECORATED (Exception Parade Marshals, State Fair Commissioners, or as specifically approved by the State Fair Parade Committee.)**
2. **All entries, once accepted and notified of approval, are expected to report to designated location at the proper time.**
3. Cancellations should be reported at least seven (7) days prior to the parade. No-show entries can cause serious problems in line-up and may not be allowed in future parades.
4. All entries are responsible for their own transportation and decorations.
5. **PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO THEIR LINE-UP STATION. VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE PARADE LINE-UP AREA TO DROP OFF PARTICIPANTS.**
6. Arrangements may be made for receiving trophies in Divisions 3 and 5 by calling the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce at 719-542-1704 or after September 5, 2023.

## E. DIVISION 1 FLOATS

\*All Entries must conform to the theme

1. Floats are to report to designated position no later than 7:30 a.m.
2. Judging will begin PROMPTLY at 8 a.m. Float MUST be manned as it will appear in the parade.
3. Late arrivals may not be judged.
4. Float must be NO HIGHER than 13', NO WIDER than 10' and NO LONGER than 65'.
5. It is mandatory that the vehicle pulling the float be decorated.
6. Awards will be given prior to the parade march.

## F. DIVISION 2 - BANDS/MARCHING UNITS

1. Judging will occur during parade march. **Results will be released to the media and the State Fair Office after 5 p.m. on parade day.**
2. Units must be in place and ready to parade by 9:30 a.m.
3. All school bands are expected to perform at the band-shell on the State Fairgrounds after the parade. Performance times will be mailed to you.
4. Awards and trophies for schools will be given immediately following the last band performance of the day at the Fairgrounds Band-shell.
5. Schools will be classified as follows **Band:** Class 1A = 0-450 students, Class 2A = 451-860 students, Class 3A = 861-1200 students, Class 4A = 1201-1731 students, Class 5A = 1732 + students. **Spirit:** Class 1A/2A = 0-750 students, Class 3A = 751-1100 students, 4A = 1101-1650 students, Class 5A = 1651 + students. This is in accordance with Colorado Band Masters Association Guidelines.
6. Winner of the Sweepstakes Award will be named Host Band for the following year. The Host Band is not eligible for competition but will receive \$1,000.
7. School bands in competition will receive the following travel stipend to help defray expenses: No stipend will be offered to bands less than 40 miles. 40-100 miles \$150, 101-200 miles \$300, over 201 miles \$450.
8. **The award money is as follows:** 1st in Class: \$200.00. 2nd in Class: \$150.00. 3rd in Class: \$125.00

### Sweepstakes Awards

- 4th Place: Trophy and a check for \$100
- 3rd Place: Trophy and a check for \$200
- 2nd Place: Trophy and a check for \$300
- 1st Place: Trophy and a check for \$400

## G. DIVISION 3 - ANIMAL GROUPS

1. Groups must be in place and ready to parade by 9:30 a.m. for safety purposes.
2. Outriders are strongly encouraged for saddle clubs, mounted groups, and animal-drawn vehicles.
3. Judging will occur during parade march. **Results will be released to the media and the State Fair Office after 2 p.m. on parade day.**
4. **Animal groups are responsible for their animals at all times.**

## H. DIVISION 4 - ROYALTY

1. Entries must be in place and ready to parade by 9:30 a.m.
2. For pre-parade publicity and program purposes, royalty names and titles must be provided on the official entry form and on the entry.
3. Judging will occur during parade march.

## I. DIVISION 5 - VEHICLES

1. Antique and Custom Vehicles MUST parade two (2) cars abreast in a straight line except in serpentine area on Main Street between Fourth and First Streets.
2. Six cars per car club, a maximum of 6 car clubs will be included on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Antique vehicles must be 25 years or older.
4. Car audio system music MUST be kept within the confines of each automobile, at a reasonable level as described in B11
5. Cars may only pass through the parade route once. Cars may only participate with one car club.

## J. Drones

1. **Drone are not allowed on parade route unless used by Law Enforcement or for official parade use.**