



Ceres Street Faire Parade

DON'T KNOW WHAT CATEGORY OR CLASS TO ENTER YOUR UNIT IN?

Follow these simple guidelines...

Senior category is 14 years and older (one 14 year old in a group constitutes a senior unit).

Junior category is 13 years or younger.

A float is any fully decorated structure/vehicle that depicts the parade theme. Each float must be decorated over 90% or more of the unit, including truck cab or tow vehicle. Floats are judged on design, including balance, artistic imagination and the effectiveness of color combinations. Materials and workmanship are considered, as well as the presentation of a theme and overall appeal. The manner of propulsion (i.e. towing vehicle, self-propelled) is regarded as part of the float's appeal, as well as the personnel and costuming that enhance its presentation. (Please see below for decorated auto description as many confuse these two categories)

A decorated auto is a vehicle that is less than 90% decorated and does not depict the parade theme. (Please see above for float description as many confuse these two categories)

A novelty entry is judged for their entertainment value and appeal. Care in the entry's preparation, community involvement, consistency of theme, personnel, and costuming are considered. Marching units and other units who do not have a category that corresponds to their unit often enter in this category.

Drum Major is an individual performing as a leader or drum major of a marching musical group. Drum Major with a junior high, middle, or elementary school band is a junior Drum Major.

A car club is an organization with 3 or more vehicles that are judged as a single entry.

If you do not want to be judged, you should enter your unit in the non-judged category. Please be sure to describe your entry in detail on your application so we know what to expect (see "Describe your entry" section on application form).

Still don't know?

Contact the Parade Coordinators at 209.277.0520 or ceressfparade@gmail.com

Parade Route

The parade will start at Smyrna Park; Go South on Moffett and Turn West onto Whitmore Avenue. Disband North on 5th Street, unless in Car Show. Each entry must complete the entire route before disbanding.

PARADE LINE-UP

Due to a high volume of special requests (for example: to be placed at the beginning of the line-up, splitting entries so children can be involved with both entries, etc.) we will take applications on a first- come, first-served basis and after receipt of payment and will place entries accordingly. All requests should be noted on the applications – no verbal requests will be accommodated. The parade

Committee will attempt to accommodate as many requests as possible. Please keep in mind that the first several spaces are always reserved for our Marshal's, dignitaries and special guests.



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Rules

Rules are being established to help make the parade move as efficient as possible and to make the parade route a more safe environment for the citizens watching. Violation of any regulations will disqualify an entry from being judged. Be sure to check the box on the application form acknowledging that you have read the regulations.

1. Please listen and abide by any instruction given to you by the parade marshal anywhere on the parade route. Their job is to help move the parade through as quickly as possible. Be prepared to stop and move at any given moment.
2. State law prohibits throwing of anything from your float. Items may be handed out along the parade route, at curbside, if prior approval is obtained from the parade committee. (No water or soda will be allowed to be passed out.)
3. Once you enter the line of march, there is NO STOPPING for any reason, unless instructed by a parade marshal. Entries will have one minute in front of the judges' stand to perform, etc.
4. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances is forbidden for any participant.
5. HELMETS ARE REQUIRED for all riders of bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates, scooters (motorized or not), motorcycles, etc., REGARDLESS OF YOUR AGE.
6. Float height should be no higher than 15 feet to clear the streetlights.
7. Do not move any barricades.
8. Please be courteous and do not block any driveways to residents.
9. Return back to your staging area to breakdown parade entry.
10. A representative of each parade entry must agree to and sign liability waiver referenced on bottom of page 2 on the Parade Application.

Check-in is 8am to 9am (Smyrna Park Covered Area)

Staging is 8am to 9:30am. The parade starts at 10:00am sharp!

Horses will be prejudged at 8:30am

You will be responsible for the safety of all personnel riding on, in, and along, walking and driving with your group.