



Medallion Home De Soto Grand Parade Entry Application
Saturday ~ April 29, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

GRAND PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Grand Parade Committee accepts entries based on overall show and entertainment value. Understanding that a parade is an entertainment medium, the contribution of each unit to this concept is critical. Use of theme, artistic beauty, use of color, animation, special effects, originality, rider personnel, costumes and visual appeal all come into play in determining the acceptability of the entry. The Hernando De Soto Historical Society strives to present a parade that will be enjoyed by the general community. Because of this "total appeal concept", the Hernando de Soto Historical Society's Grand Parade is not a platform for political, religious, social issues, or targeted special groups. No entry will be permitted to participate in the parade if, in the judgment of the Parade Committee, it reflects such issues.

The safety of parade participants and spectators is our primary concern. This is our goal and your cooperation is anticipated and appreciated. Parade monitors, safety marshals and law enforcement officers will be stationed along the parade route. Your cooperation with parade personnel is required. Each entry and participant is subject to immediate dismissal from the parade for any action or actions deemed to be in violation of these parade rules or deemed to be an unsafe action or activity.

These rules and regulations have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc. and shall be enforced. Only entries approved by the parade committee will be allowed entry to the parade.

1. **Mandatory Time Line for All entries**

9:30am: Staging grounds are open

3:30pm: ALL entry units must be in staging

5:00pm: All drivers must be at their units

5:30pm: All participants must be in/on their unit

6:30pm: PARADE BEGINS

2. **Entry Specifications**

Upon arrival at the parade staging area, motorized entries will be subjected to inspection. Entries not conforming to their application submitted or measurement limitations may be assessed additional fees or prohibited from participating - forfeiting their entry fee. Walking entries are limited to musical units, drill teams, or unique units approved by the Parade Committee.

For additional information concerning size restrictions for highway travel to the event, please visit the Florida Department of Transportation website: dot.state.fl.us

3. **Tow Vehicle / Motorized Float or Entry Presentation**

The tow unit *must be decorated* in keeping with the theme of the float. No tow unit may display a commercial name or logo other than the applicant name for that entry. Any participants visible to the public, including the driver, must be in costume or dress consistent with the float theme. All entries must be well lit with a self powered lighting system; excluding military vehicles.

4. **Participants under the age of 16**

- **No children under the age of 5** may participate in the parade.

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- Children between the ages of **6 to 12** years **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, **and only riding on a float**. The acceptable supervision ratio is **One** adult for every **Two** children.
- **No child under 16** may walk in the parade except for those marching in a marching band. *A waiver/release form must be signed for each and every participant; see page #4.*

5. **Parade Activities**

- No candy or food may be thrown during the parade.
- ALL beads offered to parade observers **Must** be thrown from the entry as far as possible.
- Handing beads directly from the side of a float encourages the crowd to approach the float, which is “strictly prohibited.”
- No printed materials may be distributed along the parade route.
- No firearms, cannons or fireworks of any kind may be used in the parade.
- No sirens may be blown; excluding emergency vehicles when appropriate.

6. **Staging Area**

- Staging is conducted on the grounds of Manatee High School, a **public school**.
- ALL rules for public conduit on government property must be obeyed.
- Consumption of alcohol on school grounds is prohibited by State Law.

7. **Safety Requirements**

- All floats or any vehicle with a generator must carry a fire extinguisher with a current certification. Cars or trucks not pulling floats are exempt. The Manatee County Fire Marshall will inspect each vehicle. Vehicles without fire extinguishers or with expired extinguishers will be prohibited from participating in the parade.
- Each entry is **required** to provide **Security Walkers** to assist local law enforcement in keeping the parade observers safely away from moving vehicles / floats.
- Security Walkers are **required** to wear a **DOT Class 1 Reflective** vest during the parade. Vests will be available to purchase at staging.
- The **number** of Security Walkers will be based upon the size and length of the entry.
2 Walkers Minimum requirement for entries up to 25' in length, and 2 per 10' on up
*Examples: Convertible car of 12' requires 2 walkers, one on each side of the vehicle
: Vehicle towing a float with a combined length of 45'(rounding up) requires 8 walkers, 4 per side*

8. **Mandatory Liability Insurance**

A general liability and automobile liability insurance policy at limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage shall be carried for each entry. Each certificate of insurance must contain an additional insured clause and cancellation clause per the instructions below;

- **Additional Insured Clause:** The Hernando de Soto Historical Society, its Board of Directors, its staff, their members, agents, City of Bradenton, Bradenton City Council and sponsors are to be named as an additional insured but only with respect to liability arising out of any operation of named insured in connection with the Hernando de Soto Historical Society's Grand Parade.
- **Cancellation Clause:** This policy of liability insurance shall not be canceled or suspended or terminated, nor shall the limits of liability be reduced until after thirty days notice thereof is given by certified mail to Hernando De Soto Historical Society, 6404 Manatee Avenue West, Suite G. Bradenton Fl 34209.

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