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Dear Parade Participant,

It is with great pleasure that the Hernando De Soto Historical Society extends to you an invitation to place an entry in the **2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade**. The parade will step off at 10:00am on Friday, April 2, 2021, and this year's theme is **"Dive Into Reading."** The floats this year should emulate the kids favorite book, author, or to be based around literature. Also for the fifteenth year, we will be awarding \$1,000 to the participating school who's float entry best represents this year's theme. **Please review rules carefully.**

The 2021 entry form and parade rules are enclosed. We sincerely hope that you will give us your favorable response by March 26, 2021. The parade lines up at Palmetto High School/Manatee County Fair Grounds in Palmetto ending at Sutton Park.

We also invite you to the "Party in the Park" Presented by the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County at Sutton & Lamb Parks after the Children's Parade until 2:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Erik Marshall

Erik Marshall, Chairman

Lynn Horne – President

Official Party in the Park Sponsor:





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**2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Children’s Parade Entry Form
Friday, April 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**

Theme: “Dive Into Reading”

Official Parade Sponsor:



Applicant Organization or Name: _____

Complete mailing address: _____

Number of people participating: _____

Contact Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email address: _____

Please check appropriate division below:

_____ Will your division be performing? **45-second limit.**

_____ Individual:

Please circle age group (1-2) (3-5) (6-9) (10-13) (14 – 18)

_____ Float:

Circle Appropriate float size(Over 10 feet) (Under 10 feet)

_____ Commercial:

Please provide us with a description of entry and sponsor's name:

_____ Youth Organization:

Please provide us with type of organization: _____

_____ Performing Group:

Please provide us with a description of your performance: _____

Participants in the Children's Parade do so at their own risk. The Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc. cannot and will not be liable for any claims or damages arising from property damage or personal injury sustained by participants in any event. Participants assume **full** responsibility for any injury or damages which may occur during or about the event and do **hereby fully and forever release and discharge the Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc., the Board of Directors, its Staff, their members, agents and sponsors from all claims, demands, rights of causes of action present or future, whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, and resulting from or arising out of** the Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc., De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade.

We have read the De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade rules and agree to abide by them.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED PRIOR TO March 26, 2021.

**2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade Entry
Form Friday, April 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**

Theme: "Dive Into Reading"

De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade Rules

1. Selections by Committee will be made for the following categories:

Floats:

- A. Best Use of Theme -\$1,000 Award Winner
- B. Most Imaginative - \$500 Award Winner
- C. Most Colorful - \$500 Award Winner
- D. Most Crowd Pleasing - \$500 Award Winner

All float decorating must be created and installed by children.

Adults may participate in preparing the float structure and assembly only.

Judges will deduct points for floats that appear to be decorated by adults.

The entries selected in these categories will be invited to participate in the April 24, 2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Grand Parade. Winners of these categories (Floats A-D) will receive the application including rules and **release waivers for Grand Parade** which **do include age restrictions.** Signs for floats winners participating will be provided.

Team Performances:

- A. Team Performance -\$500 Award Winner
- B. Best Cheerleading Team Performance - \$500 Award Winner

School Spirit Award: \$500 Award Winner

This will be awarded to the elementary school non-float entry judged to exhibit the most school spirit.

2. In keeping with prior parades and for the safety of all participants, **motorized vehicles will not be permitted.** It will be necessary to have children or adults pull the floats. **This includes commercial entries.**
3. As a safety precaution, **no** animals are permitted with any of the entries.
4. Please advise on entry form if your unit intends to perform so that we can place your unit in the lineup where it will not conflict with a band or another marching unit. For proper flow and the enjoyment of the crowd, participants are encouraged to perform during the parade with a forward movement. **Do not stop during the route.** Your group will have an opportunity for a stopped performance at the judge's stand. The judge's stand is located at Sutton Park on the west side of the parade route. We request that this performance be limited to no longer than 45 seconds.

In no case shall participants be allowed to have multiple performances by small individual groups within their overall school participants. Multiple applications will not be accepted by an individual school. If you intend to have multiple performances they must be completed in the 45 second time allotment.

5. Music that will be supplied for performances must not be offensive.
6. All participants are asked to make every effort to keep their group moving to preserve the continuity of the parade.
7. All floats must adhere to the theme of the parade.
8. With the exception of chaperons for small children, the maximum age for participation in the parade is 18 years.

Application deadline is March 26, 2021.

9. The 2021 Hernando De Soto Historical Society's De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade requires a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc., its Board of Directors, its staff, their members, agents and sponsors as additional insured.
10. Please contact your insurance agent. Your insurance certificate must be received in our office no later than March 26, 2021.
11. 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, Inc., PO Box 1663, Bradenton, Florida 34206.
12. Judging for the "Best Use of Theme Award", as well as other categories, is **subjective and will be weighted to the entries that the decoration have been handmade and applied by children.** Traditional float decorations such as premanufactured fringe, garland, petal paper etc. will be allowed. For safety, parents are encouraged to participate in the construction of the theme base, backdrops and background items, as well as final assembly.

The safety of your children is our number one concern and the decision of the Parade Committee is final.

**2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Children's Parade
Media Form**

Please complete and return this media form before March 26, 2021.
The information provided will be used in the announcement of the entries.

1. Name of Organization: _____

2. Location of Organization: _____

3. Brief history on Organization including number of students or members:

4. Number of people participating: _____

5. Awards or acknowledgements that you have received: _____

6. Name of V.I.P.'s riding on entry: _____

7. Any additional information you feel is important: _____

For office Use: Unit # _____

Name of Parade entry: _____

**De Soto Heritage Festival Children’s Parade & Party in the Park
“Dive Into Reading”
Friday, April 2, 2021**

Release Form

The undersigned assumes all responsibility for any and all risk of damage or injury that may occur to the undersigned during participation in the 2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Children’s Parade and Party in the Park. In consideration of being accepted as a participant in the Children’s Parade, the undersigned **hereby releases and discharges the Hernando De Soto Historical Society, Inc., its Board of Directors, its Staff, their members, agents and sponsors from all claims, demands, rights of causes of action present or future, whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, and resulting from or arising out of an incident to the undersigned’s participation in the 2021 De Soto Heritage Festival Children’s Parade and Party in the Park.** In addition, I hereby authorize the use of any photographs, motion picture or other material related to the event for publicity, promotional or news purposes by the various media, as authorized or approved by the Hernando De Soto Historical Society.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

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