

Nampa Parade America 2024 Rules & Guidelines for participation

The Parade begins at **11:00 am sharp**. Your entry/float must be in place and ready to go in the staging area no later than **10:30**. If you want your entry judged you must have your entry and participants in place by **9:30 am**.

The Traffic Marshals will be on hand to assist you in finding your spot and to answer any questions you may have.

If your entry is being judged, please line up at the staging area and have all your float participants in place by 9:30 am. Do not leave your entry until the judging is complete. Please indicate on the entry form if you desire to have your entry judged. Your entry/float must be complete and intact for judging. Remember to have what you are promoting on both sides of your float. This makes it so people on both sides of the street knows who you are.

If you are a Horse entry and you are being judged, special instructions will be provided, and you must be ready in the Horse/Truck Staging Area for judging at 9:30 am. Do not leave your entry until the judging is complete.

If you are unable to attend and would like to have another group, take your place, we will require notice no later than May 1, 2024. If there are substitutions without notice, that organization will be asked to leave.

The staging area is located on **East Colorado Street between 12th Ave and Holly Street**. There will be numbering along the roadway to help you with your staging location. Please enter the staging area from the east at Holly and Colorado. Horse trailers and trucks will be allowed to park in the vacant lot beside D.L. Evan's Bank. No horses or parking of trucks and trailers will be allowed in the high school parking lot.

There will be absolutely NO access to Colorado Ave between Holly and 12th Ave after 10:30 AM, so please have your participants there early. Also, make prior arrangements for people/children on floats to be picked up at a location near, but not on Colorado. Please be sure parents of participating children have this information.

Horse/Animal entries: **You will be staged in the final portion of the parade** so that you will not need your own **manure removal** crew to pick up behind your horses/animals. This is so we will not have large amounts of manure that some groups have to walk through on the parade route. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call. We are happy to give ideas and clarification.

To ensure a safe parade, **all participants who want to dispense candy must walk to the curb and hand candy to children on the sidewalks**. ***The Nampa Parade America Committee will not allow candy to be thrown from vehicles or horses.*** This is extremely critical for the safety of everyone involved in the parade and to ensure children do not put themselves in jeopardy when retrieving candy. **Entrants not following this rule will be removed from the parade.**

The parade needs to move at an even pace, so **please keep up with the unit in front of you**. When the unit in front of you moves, you should be moving with them. Allow only one car length between you and the unit ahead. This will require walking units to walk quickly enough to keep up. Small children may have a difficult time keeping up so please have them stay in or on the motorized units. Please think

about safety first and have plenty of water for all your participants, especially walkers. Do not allow anyone to sit on the edge of your moving vehicle or trailer. Please instruct all your participants to stay behind the wheels of trailers. **Children under the age of 18 who are riding scooters or bicycles are required to wear a helmet.**

As the parade will be live-streamed, please write a detailed explanation of your entry on the form and put up an identifying “Entry Number” sign on your float/entry! Please **stay in order** so the live stream crew announces you correctly. You will need to bring your entry/staging number with you the morning of the parade and place it in the windshield of your vehicle, float, or animals on the right-hand side.

Please limit flags to the current American Flag, Idaho State Flag, military branch flags, and POW/MIA flag. Banners are allowed but **they must follow parade guidelines if they do not you may be asked to remove them from your entry.** If you have any questions please contact us.

The parade committee and/or sponsors will not be held responsible for any injuries, accidents, or damages resulting from any unit's participation in the Nampa Parade America.

An entry **may not include** any image or content that includes nudity, profanity, lewdness, illegal drugs, violence, obscenity, hate, racism, or that is vulgar or sexually explicit, insulting, or offensive to any ethnic, religious, political or other identifiable group or individual, **as determined by a parade official.**

The parade committee reserves the right to remove any unit from the parade line. Any entries deemed to be in poor taste will not be allowed in the parade. Any violation of these rules or regulations may affect an entrance's future participation in the parade.

Thank you for your participation in this sensational parade! If you have any questions, please contact Nampa Parade America Secretary, Alexis Scott, by email at — nampaparadeamerica@gmail.com

