



Organization/Entry: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone (Day): _____

Phone (Evening): _____

Phone (Cellular): _____

FAX: _____

E-Mail: _____

ENTRY INFORMATION

Please indicate the type of parade entry. (Check all that apply.)

- _____ Antique Vehicle
- _____ Band
- _____ Car/Vehicle
- _____ Color Guard
- _____ Float
- _____ Horses/Animals
- _____ Marching/Walking Unit
- _____ Other: _____



Please indicate number of actual units in your entry. _____
(Example: Number of individual cars, floats, groups, etc.)

Is your entry competitive?

- _____ Yes
 - _____ Band
 - _____ Float
 - _____ Marching Unit
- _____ No

I have read and understand the McAllen Parks and Recreation Department's Fourth of July Parade Rules and Regulations and I assume responsibility that my organization/entry will follow said regulations. I also understand that the parade may be photographed or videotaped and cablecast on McAllen Cable Network - Channel 12 and may be used for promotional purposes by the City of McAllen.

Signature: _____

Please print name: _____

IMPORTANT - Please describe your entry in full. (This information will be used for publicity and by the Fourth of July Emcee to describe your entry to viewers at Archer Park and on McAllen Cable Network. Please provide specific details.)

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009.
ENTREES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CHARGED A \$10 SERVICE FEE.

Please return to:
Fourth of July Parade
McAllen Parks and Recreation Department
P.O. Box 220
McAllen, TX 78505



(OFFICE USE ONLY)
Received: _____
By: _____
Location: _____

2009 Parade Theme:
"SALUTING EVERYDAY HEROES" "

McAllen Parks & Recreation Department
81st Annual
FOURTH OF JULY PARADE RULES
JULY 4, 2009

1. **DEADLINE** for entering the Parade: Friday, June 26, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. **This is a strict deadline. Entries received after June 26th will be accepted only if space available and subject to a \$10 a service fee.** Please provide a detailed description of all entries in the space provided on the entry form. This information will be used for publicity and by emcees to describe your entry at the review stand and on McAllen Cable Network's coverage of the parade.
2. **TIME:** Parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will finish at approximately 10:30 a.m.
3. **JUDGING:** All entries will be judged as they pass in review at the end of the parade in front of Archer Park.
4. **LINE-UP:** All entries are requested to be at the STAGING AREA no later than 8:15 a.m. Parade Numbers will be assigned upon entering the Parking Lot. Monitors will be on hand to direct all entries to their assigned locations. Vehicles must remain in assigned location until start of parade. **Only vehicles participating in the actual parade will be allowed in the line-up & staging areas.**

STAGING AREA

FLOATS AND CARS

WEST PARKING LOT

McALLEN CIVIC CENTER

Please enter Parking Lot from Frontage Road and 12th St.

HORSES

CARAVAN CORRAL WEST OF McALLEN

CIVIC CENTER

Please enter Parking Lot from Frontage Road and 12th Street.

BANDS

WEST PARKING LOT

McALLEN CIVIC CENTER

Please enter Parking Lot from Frontage Road and 12th Street...Park car and/or Buses in the Parking Area closest to the Civic Center Tourist Center.

5. **PARADE THEME:** Competitive Floats must adhere to this year's theme "RACE FOR THE GOLD: GO TEAM USA!". Judging will be based on creativity, beauty, and how well the theme is exhibited.
6. **AWARDS: TROPHIES...**
 - "GRAND MARSHAL'S TROPHY"
 - "MAYOR'S TROPHY"
 - "PRECISION MARCHING UNIT"
 - "MARCHING BAND TROPHY"
 - "ALL AMERICA CITY TROPHY"
 - "SUPERHERO SUMMER TROPHY"
7. **POLITICAL ENTRIES:** No political entries - floats, cars, or any other style of entries will be accepted.
8. **COMMERCIAL:** Commercial entries will be accepted **ONLY** if the entry conforms to and is decorated in **accordance with the theme of the parade.** **NO OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
9. **HANDOUTS: I-M-P-O-R-T-A-N-T. ABSOLUTELY, NO candy, souvenirs, paper, etc., can be HANDED OUT, THROWN FROM or DISTRIBUTED in any manner from any float, vehicle, or entry in the Parade.**
10. **DIS-ASSEMBLE:** Parade ends at Cedar and Main Streets but will disperse at Ebony or Fir Streets.
11. A uniformed distance of two car lengths between entries must be maintained.
12. Only **two (2) stopped performances** of no more than **30 seconds each will be allowed.** These performances may only be in front of La Placita (the old Federal Building) and in front of the Review Stand at Archer Park. There will be no limit on the number of performances you do while moving at regular parade speed.
13. Groups (including car clubs) wishing to enter the parade will be limited to five individual (5) units per group.
14. Hot-Rods and racecars will not be allowed to REV their engines during the parade.
15. Other than certified Law Enforcement Officers, no one may possess live ammunition while in the parade.
16. Parade Officials will inspect all entries before the parade begins. Entries not complying with the rules or judged not in good taste will be removed from the line-up. We will have two Parade Marshals along Main Street working the parade. They will keep the parade moving at an enjoyable speed for all to enjoy.

It is important that all entries adhere to these rules. Thank you for your cooperation in making the 2009 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE a Safe One!!!! For more information, please call (956) 681-3333.