4TH OF JULY PARADE

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Dear Parade Participant:

We have a great 4th of July parade with a great tradition here in Stephenville, TX the seat of Erath County. Included you will find your parade registration packet. This year we have made a few changes to the parade with the intent to make it even better. I have highlighted the changes below:

- We will have a judging and announcing table set-up near the plaza. This will give entries the chance to have a tagline or slogan to go with their organization and a great opportunity to identify participants.

- We will have awards for winners in categories listed in your registration packet.

- The preparation area will be at City Park parking lot. Participants will then line up with the beginning of the parade starting at the very south entrance (Splashville).

- We will not allow late entries this year. Deadline for entry is June 30th. Failure to turn in your registration on or before this date will prevent you from being entered into the parade.

Last year the parade was larger than ever before. With the help of our sponsors and you, we hope it will be better than ever. Please find your packet. If you have questions about any part of the parade or entry, please let us know. You can call (254) 918-1295 or e-mail recreation@stephenvilletx.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Allen

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Director of Community Services

Stephenville TEXAS

City Of Stephenville TEXAS

4th Of July Parade

Parade Entry Form, Guidelines and Rules

Parade Theme: "Patriotic"

Prizes will be awarded! Be Creative!

Deadline for entry: *June 30th*

Return this form to the: Rec Hall, 378 W. Long St,
Stephenville, TX 76401

Registration is Free! **Absolutely *No late entries accepted***

Name of Group or Organization:_____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:**_____

Address:_____ **E-mail:**_____

Type of Entry: Float Military Car Band Walking Group Bicycle Group Equestrian

Other (Specify): _____

Estimated number of Marchers_____

Float Name and Theme:_____

Will you be giving anything away? Yes or No. **Specify:** _____

Description for Announcer (No more than 3 typed lines)

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Please Read, Sign, and Return with Entry Form

"I, _____, hearby release the City of Stephenville and parade organizers and any associated state, City or Civic organization, their Agents, Employees, Servants, Representatives, Administrators, Executors and Assigns from any and all debts, claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, causes of action and rights, whether known or unknown, which the undersigned may have against the City of Stephenville and parade organizers and any associated state, city or civic organization for any reason whatsoever.

"I,_____, Parent and/or Guardian of entrant under 18 years of age, do hereby give my permission for him/her to participate in the 4th of July Parade Monday July, 4th, 2016 and will not hold the City, Associated Agents, Employees, Servants, Representatives, Administrators, or Executors liable for any damage or injury sustained by said minor."

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2016 City of Stephenville Parade Rules, Regulations and Schedule

Date: Monday, July 4, 2016

Time: The parade will commence precisely at 9:00am regardless of weather. Parade check in will begin at 7:00am.

Staging Area: Staging will begin at the main entrance of the City Park. Entrants will be placed in a single file line starting at the south entrance of the Park (near Splashville). All entries must load/unload in the City Park parking lot prior to getting into line for the parade. Once in line, there will be no moving.

Parade Route: The parade begin at the south entrance of the park, turn north on Graham, Turn west on Washington. The Parade will end at Harbin and Washington. Floats should turn south on Harbin, then turn east onto Long St. to return to the Park.

Parade Rules:

1) Deadline for Entry: June 30th, 2016
2) ONLY VEHICLES AND FLOATS ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE STAGING AREA. PLEASE MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS TO PARK NON-PARTICIPATING VEHICLES AWAY FROM THE PARADE ROUTE AND STAGING AREAS.
3) If you have multiple units in the parade, you must make previous arrangements with the Rec Hall in order to be placed together.
4) Each unit must maintain its assigned position throughout the entire parade and keep a distance of no less than 20 feet and no more than 30 feet from the preceding unit. Always maintain your spacing – do not bunch up. Everyone must proceed in a forward motion no faster than 5 mph. At no time may any vehicle back up.
5) All animal units must provide their own clean-up crew that will remain with animals at all times. All animals must have updated vaccinations and be in good medical health and be able to cope with crowds, noise and other animals. The Parade Committee reserves the right to bar from the parade any animal, horse or rider deemed unsafe to other riders or spectators. All animals and horses must be in the control of the handlers at all times. Any animal deemed unsafe will be removed from the parade.
6) Trailer parking and staging for all animals will be at the parking lot located in the Stephenville City Park.
7) Each float/truck driver must be the holder of a valid driver's license. The driver must stay with the float at all times, including when in staging area.
8) We encourage hand outs such as candy and prizes; however, to ensure the safety of the parade spectators, throwing of candy or prizes from parade vehicles should be limited when possible. If necessary, make every attempt to throw items completely clear of line of traffic. Please ensure that your parade entry is sufficiently staffed if you intend to distribute candy or prizes.

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9) An adult must be on floats where there are children. The ratio of adults to children should be 1:5 for children under age 16
10) IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, which may require police or fire vehicles, all entries are required to move to the far right.
11) NO alcoholic beverages on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade! Safety comes first.
12) Please use good common sense, as safety is our primary concern for both participants and spectators.
13) All parade participants shall conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a family audience of all ages, march in a peaceful and orderly fashion, and participate in a civil manner with respect to other participants and the public. Parade participants shall not use obscenity, profanity, defamation, threats, or fighting words. Participants may be removed from parade at the discretion of parade staff, city officials or law enforcement.

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Awards

The following categories will be awarded a prize during the parade.

- Best of Parade
- Community Spirit
- Cheer/Dance/Drill Team
- Military Float
- Most Spirited Float
- Community Spirit
- Best Decorated
- Best in Band
- Family Friendly
- Announcers Choice

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Parade Route - Non Parade Vehicles not allowed along route

Start of Parade

Unloading Area - Prior to getting in line all unloading/prepping to be done

Entrance to Line up for Parade

2016 Parade Route