



City of Prattville 4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 9:00am

APPLICATION

(Please print clearly. All parts of this application should be initialed and signed where indicated.)

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Entry Description: _____

Dimensions of float with vehicle: Height: _____ Width: _____ Length: _____

NO ENTRY FEE

**Registration Deadline: June 24, 2024
or until maximum number of entries have been received.**

PARADE RULES

(After reading these rules, initial by EACH rule and sign and date the end of the application.)

_____ 1. The 4th of July Parade will start at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 4, 2024. The parade will begin at the Autauga County Courthouse and detailed instructions will be sent out the week of the event.

_____ 2. Floats should be DECORATED WITH A PATRIOTIC THEME. All entries will be decorated in good taste.

_____ 3. Only those entries that have completed and signed the registration form and have been approved by parade officials will be allowed to participate. Examples of entries which would NOT BE APPROVED would include: entries with NO decorations, entries deemed to be in bad taste, offensive, lewd, etc.

_____ 4. SAFETY shall be the number ONE priority for all entries:

- Candy and throws are to be tossed underhanded TO the crowd, not AT the crowd.
- Children participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult Group Leader.
- Float/flatbed entries will be required to provide two adult walkers on each side of the float/flatbed to ensure that no one darts into parade traffic.
- Driver of any entry must be an adult with a valid driver's license and must comply with all state laws applicable to that particular type of vehicle.
- Vehicles/drivers must abide by all traffic laws: **no spinning fires or digging out, or exhibition of speed, no swerving back and forth, and no stopping unless the parade is stopped.**
- All entries must have a DRIVER AND PASSENGER (a spotter of legal driving age) to help ensure safety.
- Once the parade begins, everyone shall remain on their float or in their vehicle. Absolutely no jumping on and off floats or exiting vehicles. All walkers and spotters must stay within arms length of their parade entry.

_____ 5. ALL THROWS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CITY OF PRATTVILLE. Only candy, beads, and patriotic trinkets are allowed to be handed out at the parade. No printed materials or non-patriotic themed items are allowed.

_____ 6. Music is allowed as part of your entry, but all music and lyrics must be family-friendly. All music and lyrics must be family-friendly. No lewd or offensive language of any kind will be allowed. No bullhorns are allowed on any float, vehicle, or in any walking group or individual, or any other parade entry. If you have questions regarding music that is allowed, please reach out to the Special Events Office for clarification.

_____ 7. Businesses are limited to two (2) entries so that children's organizations will have more opportunity to participate.

_____ 8. Dance groups, bands, and other groups are not allowed to perform routines that will stop the parade.

_____ 9. Car or motorcycle clubs or other multi-entrant groups are limited to no more than ten (10) entries. Vehicles will be lined up in two (2) lines to shorten the length of your entry. For the safety of everyone, there will be NO SWERVING from side to side. If this occurs you will be asked to exit the parade procession immediately. MOTORCYCLISTS AND BICYCLISTS ARE REQUIRED BY ALABAMA STATE LAW TO WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES.

_____ 10. Alabama state law prohibits ATVs and golf carts from public streets; therefore, ATVs and golf carts will be allowed to participate ONLY if hauled to the parade staging area at the beginning and picked up at the end of the parade.

_____ 11. No parade participant will be allowed to have any weapons of any kind, including but not limited to firearms, knives, clubs or any other item that can be used as a weapon before, during, or after the parade. No weapons or items that could be viewed as weapons are allowed.

_____ 12. No parade participant will be allowed to have any fake weapons or items that sound like weapons that might startle participants and onlookers. Items not allowed include but are not limited to shooting guns, knives, hand-pulled units, fire crackers, fireworks, and noisemaker toys.

_____ 13. Political campaigning, statements, or views are not allowed as decoration, in music, or otherwise by any parade participant. However, political incumbents or candidates may have signs on floats or vehicles that identify them as political officials or candidates **AS LONG AS THE FLOAT OR VEHICLE IS DECORATED WITH A PATRIOTIC THEME.** No campaign or political materials may be thrown out or handed out along the parade route.

_____ 14. The City of Prattville is committed to providing a safe and family-friendly environment for our citizens. Parade entries not in compliance with the following rule will be removed from the parade:

No words or acts of intolerance of any kind, with regard to race, age, sex, sexual orientation, creed, or culture will be tolerated.

_____ 15. Each entry shall be on time and in place based on the SPECIFIC instructions given to you after your registration has been approved.

_____ 16. All parade vehicles must be attended by a driver at all times while in the staging area. Support vehicles carrying supplies are not allowed to park in the staging area. Supplies can be dropped off in nearby parking areas. Vehicles dropping off children or other participants are not allowed in the staging area. Drop off areas will be designated in parade instruction letters provided after registrations have been approved.

_____ 17. Maximum float/floatbed dimensions: height of 13 feet, 6 inches; width of 8 feet, 6 inches; total entry length of 57 feet. IF ENTRIES ARE LARGER THAN 57 FEET LONG, 8 AND A HALF FEET WIDE, AND/OR 13 AND A HALF FEET IN HEIGHT, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PARADE.

_____ 18. Specific instructions about the route, where your entry will start, and where you will destage at the end of the parade, will be provided to each entry after the registration form and fees are received and the entry is approved in the week prior to the parade.

_____ 19. DO NOT THROW CANDY IN THE STAGING AREA. We understand that the float riders, particularly children, get very excited as the floats begin to roll out, however, candy thrown in the staging area is extremely dangerous and has caused people to fall. PLEASE make sure your riders are aware of this rule.

_____ 20. HORSES SHOULD BE BAGGED. If you cannot bag your horses, you are required to have people following behind the horses to clean up the droppings. Please contact the Special Events Office at (334) 595-0850 with questions.

_____ 21. The City of Prattville reserves the right to reject or accept any parade entry for any reason whatsoever, and to determine participation based on suitability for the occasion.

_____ 22. The City of Prattville may take photographs and/or video images of entries in the parade for promotional purposes. These images will not be given away, sold, or otherwise disbursed and the City will take all precautions to keep the images protected. If you do not want images of your entry to be used by the City of Prattville for promotional purposes in print or online, please indicate such on your application or contact the Special Events Office at (334) 595-0850.

I have read and understand all of the rules listed above and agree to abide by all the rules of this application.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and agree to comply with the City of Prattville 4th of July/Independence Day Parade Rules. I hereby give permission to the City of Prattville to use photographs or video in print materials, social media, or website for promotional purposes. I further understand that these images will not be given away, sold or otherwise disbursed other than for promotional purposes with the City of Prattville. I will not hold the City of Prattville, it's organizers, sponsors, supervisors, and participants responsible for accidents that occur.

I understand that by signing and submitting this application, I agree to abide by all rules of the City of Prattville Christmas Parade. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN REVOKED PRIVILEGES TO PARTICIPANTS IN ANY AND ALL FUTURE PARADES.

I understand that these rules may change and new rules may be issued that will require additional signatures. The City of Prattville will monitor the COVID-19 situation in our community. Should parade officials determine that the parade poses a higher risk to our community, it will be cancelled.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete the form and mail to:

Prattville 4th of July Parade
101 West Main Street
Prattville, AL 36067

or email to kellie.cook@prattvilleal.gov.

Please inform all the participants in your group of the parade rules.

For more information, contact the Special Events Office at (334) 595-0850.

