



## Parade Rules & Regulations



Parade Date:  
Saturday, November 12, 2011

**NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL  
PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
PARADE DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

1. This year the Festival will celebrate its 68th year and the theme for the 2011 Parade is: "Peanuts, We Dig 'Em!"
2. The deadline for parade entry is October 1, 2011. Any applications received after this date WILL NOT be considered. All applications will be reviewed; however, receipt of application does not insure acceptance. Notification will be sent by October 15. Line-up positions will be mailed the last week of October.
3. All entries must be approved by the National Peanut Festival.
4. Any float entry representative of any commercial institution will be charged a \$100 entry fee. Entry fees must be paid in full by October 1, 2011. Entry fees are not refundable unless applications are rejected.
5. ALL COMMERCIAL ENTRIES MUST BE A FLOAT. PLEASE REFER TO RULES 14 - 19 FOR FLOATS.
6. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form. Only one unit application per form. Please check to be sure that you have included each of the following (where applicable):
  - A. APPLICATION
  - B. SIGNED LIABILITY DISCLAIMER
  - C. ENTRY FEE (COMMERCIAL ENTRIES ONLY)
  - D. SKETCH (FLOATS)
7. The National Peanut Festival reserves the right to placement of all parade units. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth running parade possible.
8. No one younger than age 12 will be allowed to walk in the parade.
9. All automobile signs will be furnished by the National Peanut Festival.
10. THERE WILL BE NO THROWING OR HANDING OUT OF OBJECTS FROM THE PARADE UNITS. VIOLATORS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE PARADE BY THE PARADE MARSHALLS.
11. There will be NO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS along the parade route.
12. NO ONE WILL DISMOUNT TO GREET OR WALK AMONG THE SPECTATORS. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE BY PARADE MARSHALLS.
13. All final judging will be done at the Reviewing Stand.

## **FLOATS**

14. Sponsors for Miss and Little Miss Contestants who are renting a float from the National Peanut Festival Float Builder, must pay for their floats in full by September 22, 2011 or their contestants may be disqualified from participation in the pageants.
15. Other float entries built by the National Peanut Festival Float Builder:
16. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form. Only one unit application per form. Please check to be sure that you have included each of the following (where applicable):
  - A. Must be ordered by September 22nd.
  - B. A 50% deposit will be required on September 22nd. Checks for float payments will be accepted through Friday, October 7, 2011. Only cash or money orders will be accepted after October 7th. Failure to pay for floats in full by October 24th will void your contract with the float builder and you will not have a float in the 2011 parade.

## **ALL FLOATS**

- A. Must be pulled by tractors furnished by the National Peanut Festival.
- B. Must be at least 15 feet in length.
- C. Must have a farm-type pin hitch & pin (NOT A BALL TYPE)
- D. CANNOT BE A TRUCK!
- E. Riders must be sitting or stationary.
- F. Must be at the assembly point by 2:00 PM on Friday, November 11, 2011 for preliminary judging. Assembly point is the Houston County Farm Center.
- G. Floats must be picked up by 1:00 PM on the day of the parade.

FINAL JUDGING WILL BE DURING THE PARADE AT THE VIP REVIEWING STANDS.

The NPF Float Builder is Kip Dingler. No phone orders will be accepted. This year, you will need to complete the enclosed request form and the Festival will contact Mr. Dingler regarding your float building request. Mr. Dingler will be in Dothan to discuss your specific needs on Thursday, September 22nd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you are not able to meet with him on the 22nd, and have sent in your float order and deposit, he may be reached at (478) 477-3280 or (478) 256-8944.

ALL FLOAT RIDERS, EXCEPT 2011 MISS AND LITTLE MISS NPF CONTESTANTS, WILL NEED TO BE AT THE PARADE ROUTE BY 8:00 AM AND MUST KNOW THEIR UNIT NUMBER. PLEASE ENTER HIGHWAY 84 EAST AT SOUTHEAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER AND DRIVE WEST UNTIL YOU SEE A PARADE MARSHALL. FLOAT RIDERS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE 1700 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE. NPF PAGEANT CONTESTANTS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PAGEANT COMMITTEE.

16. The “Joe Whatley Float Awards” will be presented to the top 5 floats based on the following criteria:

Originality .....	30%
Decorative Quality .....	25%
Use of Theme .....	25%
Use of Peanuts or Peanut Products (real or artificial) .....	20%

17. Prize money for these awards will be:

1st Place .....	\$300
2nd Place .....	\$250
3rd Place .....	\$200
4th Place .....	\$150
5th Place .....	\$100

18. The “President’s Award” for the Best Overall Float will receive \$500.

19. The “Jack M. Tyson Award” for the Most Creative and Original Float will receive \$400.

20. The “Harry Teasley Award” will be presented to the entry representing the best use of the theme and peanuts or peanut products. This float will receive \$500.

21. Any float not constructed by the Festival Contractor must submit a sketch of the proposed float with their application.

### **BANDS**

22. Each competing band will receive \$300 to help offset the cost of the bus drivers.

23. Bands will compete in 2 classifications: PERCUSSION INCLUDED IN NUMBER OF MEMBERS. \*\*\*IF THE NUMBER OF PLAYING MEMBERS CHANGES BEFORE THE PARADE DATE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL. IF THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS YOUR APPLICATION DOES NOT MATCH THE NUMBER AT THE PARADE, YOUR BAND WILL NOT BE JUDGED!\*\*\*

Class divisions will be determined after entries are received in order to have a more equitable number of bands in each classification. Band directors will be notified as soon as class designations are determined.

24. Prize money offered in each of the two band classifications is:
- 1st Place ..... \$500
  - 2nd Place ..... \$300
  - 3rd Place ..... \$100
25. The following point system will be used to judge bands:
- A. MUSIC .....40 points possible
    - \* Execution ..... 25 points  
Overall sound, balance, phrasing, contrast & precision
    - \*General Effect ..... 15 points  
Music selection, difficulty & use of percussion
  - B. MARCHING ..... 40 points possible
    - \*Execution ..... 25 points  
Alignment, precision, carriage (body & instrument), interval & uniformity of style
    - \*General Effect ..... 15 points  
Difficulty, style, showmanship & skill of execution
  - C. Overall General Effect ..... 20 points possible
    - \* Uniforms and general use of auxiliary units
26. Judging will be done during the parade from the VIP Reviewing Stand.  
\*\*WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY & CHECKS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE PARADE.
27. BAND MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO FILTER BACK INTO THE PARADE ROUTE. BANDS LINE UP AT 7:30 AM ON HIGHWAY 84 EAST. ALL BUSES MUST BE OFF THE PARADE ROUTE BY 8:15 AM.

### **HIGH SCHOOL ROTC UNITS**

- 28. All ROTC units will share the \$200 prize money equally. There will be a minimum of 12 members for each drill team.
- 29. THERE WILL BE NO STOPPING THE PARADE ROUTE.
- 30. Each unit should be preceded by its own color guard.
- 31. All ROTC units will assemble in the Civic Center Parking Lot at 8:00 AM.

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

32. Any current national or state office holders.
33. Area mayors, Dothan City & Houston County Commissions.
34. Dignitaries invited by the National Peanut Festival Board of Trustees.
35. Agricultural Queens and Festival Queens with the reciprocal Parade agreement with the National Peanut Festival will be sent an invitation from the National Peanut Festival. These participants must be age 17 or over.
  - ◆ Any special guest or parade participant who holds more than one title, must decide which title they wish to represent in the parade.
  - ◆ A FLOAT IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANT FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE.

### **EQUESTRIAN UNITS**

36. Equestrian units will be accepted on merit, including dress of riders, prior parade experience, drill routines, etc. Only groups will be accepted and not individual riders.
37. Equestrian units must be diapered or furnish their own clean-up crew with each unit. CLEAN-UP CREW MUST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE UNIT AT ALL TIMES STARTING AT LINE-UP. If this rule is not followed, the unit will not be allowed to participate in the parade. \*At least one clean-up person for every five horses. Clean-up must begin at line-up!

### **MILITARY UNITS**

38. Military units will be escorted to the line-up by Dothan Police.
39. Military units will assemble at the Civic Center Parking Lot at 8:00 AM. SPECIAL PARKING WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE END OF THE PARADE ROUTE FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

### **SHRINE UNITS**

40. Enter Highway 84 from Southeast Alabama Medical Center from 7:00 - 7:30 AM. Reload your units at Northcutt Drugs on Main Street. For the safety of all spectators: Shrine Units will be asked to travel in a straight line down the parade route and remain in the two middle lanes. Any violators of this safety rule will be removed from the line-up.

## **WALKING UNITS**

NO ONE YOUNGER THAN 12 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK IN THE PARADE.

41. Walking units must be non-profit organizations or characters or mascots of businesses invited by the National Peanut Festival to participate in the parade. Costumes, uniforms or matching outfits are required. Entries must be of entertainment value as determined by the National Peanut Festival Board or Parade Committee.
42. The classifications of walking units are:
  - A. Cheerleaders ... March with their bands.
  - B. Clown Groups ... will not be assigned a number, but walk freely through the parade. (No hand-outs!)
  - C. Walking Characters ... will be assigned a unit number.

CHARACTERS, WHOSE COSTUMES MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WALK THROUGH THE ENTIRE PARADE ROUTE, MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN VEHICLE.

### **SPECIAL NOTES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS:**

- ◆ FLOAT RIDERS WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT THE 1700 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET.
- ◆ SPECIAL GUESTS, WHO ORIGINALLY ASSEMBLED AT THE VIP COFFEE WILL BE RETURNED BY SHUTTLE TO THE VIP REVIEWING STANDS.
- ◆ PARADE MARSHALLS, WEARING BRIGHT ORANGE VESTS, WILL BE STATIONED ON EVERY BLOCK AND WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

### **SPECIAL RULES REGARDING VEHICLES:**

VEHICLES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING PARADE PARTICIPANTS ONLY! ALL OTHERS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE AN APPROVED FLOAT.

- ◆ SPECIAL GUESTS (LISTED ON PAGES 5 & 6)
- ◆ MILITARY
- ◆ MEDIA
- ◆ HOST CITY VEHICLES
- ◆ LAW ENFORCEMENT
- ◆ CHARACTERS OR MASCOTS FROM BUSINESSES INVITED BY THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL
- ◆ WINNERS OF AUTHORIZED NPF COMPETITIVE EVENTS (CUBMOBILE, BMX, ETC.)