

Chamber Memorial Day Parade Float Competition Rules:

1. **Theme Requirement:** All parade floats must adhere to the theme of "Freedom Isn't Free!" or a Red, white, and blue theme. The design should evoke nostalgia and capture the spirit of old-time floats.
2. **Registration:** Participants must register their floats for the competition on the official chamber website at www.nchcchamber.com prior to the registration deadline. May 17, 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. **Float Design:** Floats should be visually appealing, creative, and well-constructed. They should incorporate traditional elements of parade floats, such as decorations, banners, and props that reflect the chosen theme.
4. **Safety:** Floats must comply with all safety regulations. This includes securing all decorations to prevent them from falling off during the parade and ensuring there are no sharp edges or hazards that could potentially harm spectators or participants. Walkers and riders must also be aware of safety during the parade.
5. **Size Limitations:** Floats must be able to make turns, not span to the sides of the road, or touch stop lights during the parade.
6. **No Motorized Vehicles:** Floats must be non-motorized. They can be pulled by vehicles or self-propelled by participants, but no motorized vehicles are allowed on the floats.
7. **Originality:** The float designs should be the participants' original creations.
8. **Decorations:** Participants are encouraged to use a variety of decorations such as flowers, balloons, streamers, and signage to enhance the visual appeal of their floats. Google will be your best friend.
9. **Judging Criteria:** Floats will be judged based on creativity, adherence to the theme, craftsmanship, and overall presentation. Judges' decisions are final.
10. **Prizes:** The first-place winner will receive a cash prize of \$300.00. Additionally, the winning float will have the honor of leading the parade in 2025 behind the sponsor. Bragging rights for the winning float will be awarded for one year. The story will be in the Courier Times, social media posts, and pictures on our website.
11. **Sportsmanship:** Participants are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and sportsmanlike throughout the competition and parade.
12. **Compliance:** All participants must adhere to these rules and any additional instructions provided by the parade organizers. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

By registering for the Chamber Memorial Day Parade Float Competition, participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by these rules.