

July 21, 2008

Dear Parade Participant:

It is time to prepare for the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Parade!

The parade will be in Downtown Abilene on Saturday, **September 6, 2008** beginning at **10:30 AM**. This letter is your invitation to participate in this outstanding Big Country event.

For your convenience, we are enclosing an entry application with news media information which should be completed and returned to the parade committee as soon as possible.

Our fair theme this year is “***Horns...Hides...Laughs & Rides!***”

The parade committee will make every effort to prepare a well organized and staged parade.

******PLEASE KEEP ALL ENCLOSED INFORMATION******
WE WILL NOT SEND ANOTHER MAIL OUT CONCERNING PARADE STAGING AREAS. EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS IN THIS PACKET.

Effective July 1, 1997 the Texas Animal Health Commission requires all equine (horses, donkeys, mules and ponies) participating in any gathering of equine (trail rides, shows, fairs, competitions and parades) to have had a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the past 12 months. Participants with equine must be prepared to present the VS 10-11 EIA test form for each equine entry. If you should need additional information please contact your local veterinarian or the Texas Animal Health Commission 512-719-0700.

We encourage you to join us this year as we plan “***Horns...Hides...Laughs & Rides!***” for our parade spectators and attendees. We are anxious to receive your parade entry in the very near future!

Sincerely,

Janna Dean
WTFR Parade Chairman

ANTIQUÉ CARS, CUSHMANS, MOTORCYCLES 4-WHEELERS

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Connie Keaton the marshal for your section. She will be located at, S. 5th & Chestnut and she will issue your parade number for the lead unit of your entry. Please place Number on Right Front.

ANTIQUÉ TRACTORS

STAGING TIME: All units should be in place by 8:30 AM as the parade will be televised.

ALL TRACTORS MUST FINISH PARADE ROUTE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD.

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO G.W. Ashwander the marshals for your section. They will be located, at 6th & Oak. You may use 6th Street, East of Oak & the Southwest parking lot to park and unload. They will issue your parade number. Please place Number on Right Front.

BANDS

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Sherri Abee the marshal for your section. She will be located at, 300 block of Chestnut and she will issue your parade number. Please place Number on Right Front. This is a marching parade. Bands should not stop to play a song during the parade.**

Buses should drop off band members on the West side of the Courthouse, 300 block of Chestnut. And then proceed to the Musgrave Enterprise Building parking lot at 4th and Sycamore. After the Parade band members will return to buses at this parking lot to disburse.

NOTE: DO NOT HAVE BAND PLAY WHILE GOING THROUGH UNDERPASSES

TROPHIES CAN BE PICKED UP AT
AARDVARK BROTHERS MUSIC & RECORDING –1558 S. 14th

COMMERCIAL UNITS

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO John Marcee the marshal for your section. He will be located at, S. 4th & Cherry. Enter 4th Street from Treadaway and he will issue your parade number for the lead unit of your entry. Please place Number on Right Front.

DECORATED FLOATS

STAGING TIME: All Decorated Floats to be judged **MUST** be in place by 9:00 AM as the parade will be televised.

IF YOUR FLOAT HAS PROBLEMS PLEASE MOVE TO THE SIDE AND LET THE NEXT ENTRY BY.

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Peggy Schroyer the marshal for your section. She will be located at, S. 3rd & Cherry. Enter 3rd from Treadaway and she will issue your parade number for the lead unit of your entry. Please place Number on Right Front.

MILITARY

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Peggy Schroyer the marshal for your section. She will be located at, 3rd & Pecan and will issue your parade number for the lead unit of your entry. Please place Number on Right Front.

You will be lined up on Pecan facing South to 3rd Street & will be merged in with Decorated Floats on 3rd Street.

SINGLE UNITS

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Malcolm Bramlett the marshal for your section. He will be located at, S. 5th & Locust. Enter 5th Street from Treadaway and he will issue your parade number for the lead unit of your entry. Please place Number on Right Front windshield.

UNITS OVER 13 FEET

. Decorated floats over 13' 3" TO BE JUDGED, **MUST** be in place by 9:00 AM.

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Toni Defoor the marshal for your section. She will be located at, N. 1st and Pine and will issue your parade number. Please place on Right Front.

VIP'S & WALKING UNITS

YOUR UNIT SHOULD REPORT TO Janna Dean the marshal for your section. She will be located at, 300 Oak Street and she will place your parade number on your entry.

PARKING: Personal cars should be parked on the North parking lot of Musgrave Building. Please depart **South** and **West** after the parade.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PARADE

DATE OF PARADE: Saturday, September 6, 2008.

STARTING TIME: 10:30 AM.

PLEASE STAY OFF PRIVATE PROPERTY UNLESS YOU HAVE PERMISSION. THE STREETS ARE OURS TO USE

STAGING TIME: All units should be in place by 9:45 AM as the parade will be televised.

PARADE ROUTE: The parade proceeds under the underpass **North** on **Pine** to **N. 6th**, **West** one block to **Cypress**. South on **Cypress** to **First**, **East** on **First** to **Pine** back under the underpass. Disband in the **200 & 300 block** of **Chestnut** continue **South & West**. Follow the parade marshals directions. Please do not cross the parade route once the parade is underway.

TICKETS: Each parade participant will be issued a West Texas Fair ticket. One person from each unit must retrieve the tickets and parade number from the marshal in your area.

FIRST AID: A Metro Care Ambulance will be located at the corner of Pine and N. 1st Street (N.E. Corner) to administer first aid.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR ALL EQUINE UNITS

WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PARADE

EQUINE UNITS

STAGING AREA: All Equine Units should report to **Randy Roberts** your parade marshal. He will be located at **South 7th & China**. You will be escorted to the parade route.

COGGINS TEST REQUIREMENT (STATE REGULATION)

All equine units must have a negative Coggins test paper. These papers could be checked at staging area. Papers should include name, **number, date of test and name of laboratory.**

Parade Route: The parade proceeds under the underpass **North** on **Pine** to **N. 6th, West** one block to **Cypress**. South on **Cypress** to **First**, **East** on **North First** to **Pine** back under the underpass. Disband continuing **South** on **Chestnut** to **7th** and return to your parking area. Follow the parade marshals directions. Please do not cross the parade route once the parade is underway.

NOTE:

1. *No double riding of any kind. DO NOT STAND ON YOUR HORSE!*
2. *Parade numbers should be attached to the lead unit in your group or unit on the right side.*
3. **Nothing may be passed or thrown from any entry.**
4. Green broke or unmanageable horses should not be entered in the parade.
5. Riding Clubs will be judged by AASP & RC RULES.
6. A Metro Care Ambulance will be located at the corner of Pine and N. 1st Street (N.E. Corner) to administer first aid.
7. Each person riding in the parade will be given a ticket to the Fairgrounds. Please have one member of your group or unit pick up these tickets from the parade marshal in your staging area.
8. Portable toilets are located in the staging area.

**2008 WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PARADE
ENTRY APPLICATION**

PLEASE CHECK (✓) DIVISION ENTERED:

SCHOOL GROUPS

MARCHING BANDS _____
PEP SQUADS _____
CHEERLEADERS _____
DRILL TEAMS _____

MILITARY UNITS _____

EQUINE UNITS

INDIVIDUAL RIDER (S) _____
WAGONS _____
RIDING CLUBS _____
(INCLUDING POSSES)

VEHICLES

ANTIQUE TRUCK _____
OTHER (EXPLAIN) _____
CUSHMAN/4 WHEELER _____
ANTIQUE TRACTORS _____

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

BOY SCOUTS _____
RIDING _____ OR WALKING _____
GIRL SCOUTS _____
RIDING _____ OR WALKING _____
OTHER (EXPLAIN BELOW) _____

DECORATED FLOATS

(IF YOUR FLOAT IS TO BE JUDGED IT MUST BE DECORATED)

CHECK HERE _____ IF YOU WANT TO BE JUDGED

YOUTH ORGANIZATION _____
CIVIC ORGANIZATION _____
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL _____
OPEN CATEGORY _____

PROMOTIONAL VEHICLES

YOUTH ORGANIZATION _____
CIVIC ORGANIZATION _____
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL _____
OPEN CATEGORY _____

(IS YOUR ENTRY OVER 13'3" HIGH?) YES _____ NO _____

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP NAME: _____

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

_____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ WORK NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** _____ APPROX. LENGTH OF ENTRY: _____

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 25, 2008

(ENTRIES POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)

** VERY IMPORTANT: WE NEED ACCURATE NUMBERS AS THE COMMITTEE NEEDS
THIS FIGURE TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF PARADE PARTICIPANT TICKETS.

POSITION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU THE MORNING OF THE PARADE

FLOAT SPONSOR (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE): _____

NAMES & TITLES OF PEOPLE TO BE RECOGNIZED (LIMIT TO 3) (QUEEN'S, CEO'S, PRESIDENTS, ETC.)

LIST ANYTHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR ENTRY:

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO:
WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PARADE
1700 HWY. 36
ABILENE, TEXAS 79602