2015 Homecoming Parade Rules

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Parade

The Homecoming parade is one of the longest standing traditions of Middle Tennessee State University. It is the best way to unite and feature the community of students, alumni and local residents. Anyone had the opportunity to be recognized by walking in the parade or building a float. For those interested in participating in the parade please check the webpage for information, route location and forms.

1. All entry forms for parade are due to the SGA Homecoming Directors email by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 25, 2015.

2. All organizations should have one member to attend an informational meeting September 8th at 3:00 pm or September 9th at 5:00 pm

3. Entries must be in good taste supporting MTSU spirit. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any entry not in compliance with contemporary community standards.

4. All participants must conduct themselves in a respectable, sportsmanlike manner at all times. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to limit individual student, alumni, or any other participation in the Homecoming Parade. If an individual participant cannot maintain the appropriate conduct as defined by contemporary community standards, he/she will be asked to leave the parade, float, or vehicle and site. If that individual refuses to leave the vehicle or float (including the immediate area) that group will be immediately disqualified from the event.

5. Where applicable, each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol has been consumed) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.
6. Participants may choose to either enter a float, vehicle, or a non-float entry. An organization may either build a float to be entered in the Homecoming Parade. The 2015 Homecoming Committee must approve all entries. Once the Homecoming Committee receives an entry form no changes may be made.

7. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2015 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged.

8. Floats may be pulled by any vehicle or means approved for street operations in the state of Tennessee. All float entries must be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts at 9:00 A.M. vehicles and walkers should arrive at 10:00 A.M., the parade begins at 11:00 A.M. Any entry not in its correct location and checked in with the parade Director by this time will receive a penalty of Five points for every 15 minutes late. All participants must be in the correct location one hour prior to parade Kick-off.

9. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at the parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.
Small and Large Float Entry

Float decorations is a great way for your organization to display the spirit of MTSU and the homecoming theme. Organizations are welcome to work together to create a float to be displayed during the parade. A float is best described as a decorated platform, either build on a vehicle, truck or towed behind on a trailer. The rules stated in the General Parade rule will be considered along with the following are. If there is any questions please contact the Homecoming Director.

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4. No person participating in the parade is allowed to be inside the truck bed, if the truck is pulling a trailer during the parade.

5. Each group must, as a part of their official entry, designate a qualified, sober (meaning NO alcohol has been consumed) driver for the entry and any other vehicle used in the parade. The Homecoming Committee reserves the right to determine the satisfactory state of each driver and may disqualify a driver if he or she does not meet the agreed standards. Upon disqualification of the driver, the entire entry will also be declared ineligible to participate in the parade.

6. No person participating in the parade is allowed to enter or litter on any private property (people’s yards, business, churches, etc.) If a group is found guilty of this a 15 point deduction will be made.
7. **Floats must have at least one working fire extinguisher on board at all times.** Any entry not having a fire extinguisher will be disqualified. The homecoming committee will be inspecting floats at check in to ensure all entries meet this requirement.

8. The location of the float construction site must be on the parade entry form. The Homecoming Committee and Parade Director reserve the right to visit each site at any time throughout the building process.

9. Any float that has movement must have consistent movement throughout the parade route.

10. All size specifications will be strictly enforced. If an entry does not conform to the specifications for the event it will be automatically deducted 5 points per width, length, and height. **Indicated measurements are from skirt to skirt of the trailer.**

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Non-float specifications will be determined on an individual basis.

11. **Judging of the float will occur at each float site on Friday, October 2, 2015.** Parade entries will be informed of their judging time within one week prior to the parade. However, spirit judges will be placed at strategic locations throughout the parade route.

- School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme on Float 25%
- School Spirit and Incorporation of Theme During Parade 25%
- Workmanship and Color Scheme 30%
- Originality & Creativity 20%
Non-Float Entry

The non[float entry is one of the less costly and more creative ways for organizations to be involved with Homecoming Parade. If your organization wants to be in the parade but does not have resources to create a float, this is a good way to participate. Organizations or individuals can choose to walk behind/with a banner or a vehicle in order to be recognized in the parade.

1. Non[float entries may be described as an organization walking the parade route, an organization can choose to have a decorated banner to introduce their organization.

2. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.

3. All parade entries must be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street at 10:00 A.M. Any entry not in its correct location and checked-in with the Parade Director by this time will receive a five point deduction for every 15 minutes late. (Will be unable to participate in the parade) All participants must be in the correct location by one hour prior to parade.

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5. All participants must be dressed in MTSU school colors (Royal Blue and White) or according to the 2015 theme while participating in the parade. Keep in mind that school spirit is considered for competition. Other school spirited items (balloons, pompoms, signs, etc.) are encouraged.

6. All registered primary drivers should arrive at the parade start at 10:00 am to get their spot in the parade. Participants should be at the intersection of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street one hour prior to parade start time to decorate their cart. The
person responsible for the vehicle must check in with the parade director to receive access to parade spot.

7. Participants should arrange to be dropped off at parade check in location, as no through vehicles will be permitted.

8. Each vehicle may only have participants riding that have available seating. (ex: if there are four seatbelts, only four people can ride in the car). Organization members can walk behind the vehicle in the parade!

9. Vehicles entries can chose to be decorated before they arrive or on site. If you wish to be judged you will need to indicate this on the entry form, judging will take place on the parade route.

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