



2008 Carson City Honors Our Troops Parade Rules Parade Day – Saturday May 17, 2008

These rules and regulations are for everyone's safety. All parade participants must agree to read and abide by all rules listed below. Those who do not comply will not be allowed to join the parade. Those breaking any rules or regulations during the parade will be removed from the parade. Please read carefully. A safe parade is a good parade.

ENTRIES

1. Each parade entry **must** have its **own completed entry application form** submitted by **April 18, 2008**.
2. Incomplete applications will be returned!
3. Each entry must have a designated unit captain. The captain must remain with their float or entry at all times once the parade begins moving and until it ends. Each captain is responsible for ensuring that rules of the parade are followed by their entry at all times.
4. All entrants are required to carry an identification banner and it must be displayed. Parade Entry numbers will be handed out by the Official parade Marshals, who will be wearing yellow/orange vest labels "Parade Marshal". The numbers will be at the designated Divisions. Participants will be provided with staging directions and division designations upon acceptance. (This information will be provided via mail with an acceptance letter). In the event your entry is not accepted, your application will be returned.
5. **Political signs depicting any form of solicitation of a vote will not be allowed. Only official elected offices can be mentioned (I.E., Jane Doe, Attorney General, Senator John Doe, etc.).**
6. "For Sale" signs are not allowed. Advertising is permitted only if part of an Official Sponsor Float or Commercial/Industrial Entry. Fleet logos are allowed, on the vehicle, used to power the float.
7. Firearms may be carried or worn as part of a costume, but discharging of firearms must be pre-approved by the Parade Selection Committee. Live ammunition is prohibited.
8. Student groups wishing to participate without building a float may be a walking unit, which must consist of at least 10 members. Walking units will be required to chant, dance, cheer, or perform. Make it obvious who/what your organization is. For example, cheerleaders need to be cheering or the basketball team dribbling basketballs down the street. Your group **CANNOT** just walk in the parade.
9. Public address systems are encouraged for music purposes only but must not interfere with other entrants. Excessive amplified music or sound will not be allowed. Parade marshals will direct any entry to lower music and if it is not lowered so that it does not disturb normal conversation a minimum of 25 feet from the entry, that entry will be escorted off the parade route.
10. Each accepted entrant will be notified by mail. Additional information and rules that apply will be mailed with the entry upon acceptance.

SAFETY

11. **Alcohol will NOT be tolerated.** Consumption of alcoholic beverages at any time while in parade line will be cause for immediate removal and disqualification from award competition, and automatic exclusion from participation in the next year's Parade.
12. No throwing is permitted. Items may NOT be thrown from entries. People walking alongside the entry may distribute items to the crowd. Please distribute candy and other give-a-ways **HAND-TO-HAND** by walking along the parade route next to spectators.



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13. Parade marshals are posted along the parade route to ensure the safety of parade participants and spectators. They enforce safety rules and keep spacing between units consistent. Please call the Nevada Day Office at 775 882-2600 if you have questions.
14. No one may step on or off a vehicle or any motorized. Children shall not be placed on or removed from any float or other entry while the parade is moving, except for an emergency. Float riders must be completely on the float, do not hang legs over the sides of the float.
15. Unsafe acts. A parade entrant which operates vehicles or equipment in such a way that can be dangerous to spectators or other participants will be removed from the parade by the marshals.
16. Children under the age of 10 walking in the parade must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

VEHICLES

17. All vehicles participating in the parade must have insurance as required by the State of Nevada. By operating the vehicle in the Honor Our Troops Parade, the owner/operator warrants that the vehicle is in sound mechanical condition with no known defects or safety concerns.
18. Vehicle entries: All operators must have a valid driver's license.
19. Limit trailers to 10 X 26 feet with 20 or less riders unless approved by committee.
20. Entries experiencing difficulties must notify a parade marshal immediately and move to the side of the street so others may pass. If at anytime an entry holds up the parade due to mechanical or obstruction difficulty, the entry will be disqualified.
21. No passengers or riders on farm machinery, other than the operator, are allowed in the parade.
22. One Entry is: Four (4) vehicles with a decorated float or Six (6) Vehicles and No Float. Motorcycles groups are limited to 25. The total length of an entry cannot exceed 70 feet in length (including but not limited to one semi-truck and trailer).
23. Generators- Where used, generators shall be securely mounted on the vehicle with no less than 12 inches of clearance separating it from any combustible material.

ANIMALS

24. Animals in the parade must be listed on the entry application. All animals must have updated vaccinations and be in good medical health and be able to cope with crowds and other animals.
25. All participants with animals must immediately clean up any animal waste along parade route. Nevada Day Inc. Operation First Response and The City of Carson are NOT responsible for picking the animal's waste.

LINE UP

26. On Parade Day: A Division is the location where your entry will be directed to line-up and be staged. This information will be included in the acceptance letter.
27. Parade entries must line up in the spot they are assigned. Entrants may not change their lineup location, setup area or entry order without approval. Staging and line up maps are sent to approved entrants by mail and are posted to the www.nevadaday.com website.
28. Only those entries checking in at the designated line-up area will be allowed to participate. Units may not join the route in



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progress unless special permission has been granted by the parade chair.

PARADE

29. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Any entrant not in formation by 9:00 a.m. will be excluded from the parade.
30. Entries must maintain steady movement of parade with 20 to 30 feet between each entry.
31. Forward motion must be maintained by all units during the parade and there is no stopping in front of judge's stand. Floats or entries may not stop during the parade unless directed by a Marshal.

DISEMBARKATION

32. The parade disembarks at Mills Park. All units must remain in line until the disembarkation point is reached and the Official Marshal directs the unit off the route.