

Pioneer Reunion Float Parade Contest **2025**

Rules and Regulations

The purposes of the Clay County Pioneer Reunion parades are to honor our pioneer heritage, to foster pride and good will, and to promote countywide spirit. All rules and regulations are subject to approval of the Clay County Pioneer Association's Nine-Man Board.

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(Rodeo office on the Pioneer Grounds in Henrietta)

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2025; a week before the annual Pioneer Reunion.

A. Rules for Participation in Pioneer Parades:

1. "Parade participants" include all floats, cars, tractors, fire trucks, motorized and animal drawn, and pushed vehicles. Includes all judged and non-judged participants.
2. All parade participants must register with appropriate parade officials no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, September 12, 2025. Otherwise, they may not participate in the parade unless approved by Rodeo Office.
3. No two floats entered (judging or non-judged) may have the same idea or theme for their float. First entered gets the idea or theme.
4. Once a float is entered and theme and division are accepted, no changes may be made without approval.
5. The association in no way dictates when a class can start or begin building on floats. That is up to the class.
6. **No advertising** of any form is allowed. Signs, magnetic stickers or any other advertising propaganda are NOT to be used and/or displayed during the parade or along the parade route. This includes cars, fire trucks, vehicle or tractor, golf carts, UTVs or ATVs pulling floats. A deduction of 15 points will removed from the judges scores if advertising is used.
7. No political candidates (candidates for public office whether formally announced or not), nor their representatives, may participate in the parade using any kind of campaign material, political propaganda, or advertisement of any form. No campaign material,

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political propaganda, or advertisement of any form may be displayed in the parade or along the parade route. The parades are not a forum for political candidates.

8. Currently elected officials holding office will ride in the designated vehicles for such elected official cars in the parade.
9. Floats must be in place with riders (and optional support students planning to walk with the float) must be in place by **8:00 a.m. on Friday** in order that judges may take adequate time to judge the entries. Floats will not be judged without riders in place.
10. Floats must be in place **by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday** to avoid traffic congestion.
11. There may be no difference in the appearance of float or persons on float in either the Friday or Saturday parades.
12. For safety reasons, there will be **NO THROWING OF CANDY OR FAVORS** from floats, cars, tractors, fire trucks or by persons walking in the parade. Persons walking in the crowd can hand candy or favors to individuals.
13. No confetti or paper products should be used for special effects unless the class picks up off the street where discharged after the parade.
14. Vehicles used to pull floats and/or those in them should not distract from the entered float.
15. Exhaust pipes of self-propelled covered floats must extend to the outside of the float.
16. Follow the Parade Map for parking and route to travel during the parade. **DO NOT STOP & BLOCK THE ROAD AT ANYTIME.** The parade does not end until past the corner of Wichita & Bridge, **past the Rock Barn**. If students need to get off a float to participate with another group pull completely over on the west (**left**) side of Bridge Street but do not block either lane of the rode.
17. The following floats will appear in the “Parade of Floats” in the rodeo arena at 7 p.m. Saturday night:
 - Floats entered in the Parade Partners division
 - The Overall Parade Spirit Award winner
 - The Overall School Class Favorite Award winner
 - The Overall School Technical/Construction (special affects) Winner
 - The Overall Novelty Award winner may but is not required to appear.

B. General information for those entering the Pioneer Reunion parades:

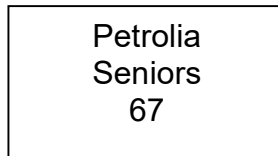
1. Pioneer Reunion Float Parades are at 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday during the annual celebration, which is always the weekend of the third Saturday in September.

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- Floats should be completely covered. Make sides as attractive as possible. Creative use of materials is suggested as funds are limited and expense should be held to a minimum. Float entries may pool their materials and order in bulk to reduce costs.
- Appropriate numbers will be placed on all judged floats before the parade begins. If possible, the schools are encouraged to make their own float number which includes the name of the school, class and number.

a. Example:



Size 8 ½ x 11 inches

- Each entry should put the theme name/class name of the float and for Parade Partners the sponsor name on the float so that they may be viewed from both sides of the street.
- Results of the judging are announced at the Saturday parade.
- The Clay County Pioneer Association's Nine-Man Board may pay for up to \$150 worth of building material for each float in the Parade Spirit Division. Copies of invoices with a cover sheet showing name of who entered the float and where to mail check should be mailed to the above address. For quicker payment, bring to the Rodeo Office on Monday immediately following the Reunion.
- The "Kiddie Parade" is judged in a separate division with separate judges and rules.

C. Divisions:

The School Class Favorite Division

This division includes all classes in the four Clay County High Schools. This division is judged inclusively. Top scoring float from each school is considered for the Overall School Class Favorite Award. There may also be a Technical/Construction (special affects) Award, if the judges deem it appropriate, selected from the top scoring float from each school. The same class should not be awarded both the overall and technical award. The Clay County Pioneer Association's Nine-Man Board will award prizes as follows:

1 st place	\$300	2 nd place	\$275
3 rd place	\$250	4 th place	\$225

The Overall School Class Favorite Award winner will receive an additional prize of \$125. If there is a Technical/Construction (special effects) Award winner, they will receive a prize of \$125.

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The Spirit Float Division

This division includes floats that are built and funded by entrant. The Clay County Pioneer Association's Nine-Man Board will pay for up to \$150 worth of building material for each float in the Parade Spirit Division. Copies of invoices with a cover sheet showing name of who entered the float and where to mail check should be mailed to Clay County Pioneer Association, PO Box 4, Henrietta, Texas 76365. For quicker payment, bring to the Rodeo Office on Monday immediately following the Reunion. The top scoring entry will receive the Spirit Float Recognition.

The Parade Partners Division

This division is coordinated by the Parade Committee. A sponsor and/or sponsors fund these floats. The Committee will oversee acquisition and distribution of funds. Funds are to be used for building and decorating material.

Building and decorating will be by volunteer float crews. Each crew will have a name and get recognition for building the float. The name of the sponsor will appear on the float and they will be recognized as the sponsor. Entry in this division is limited to the number of available volunteer crews. Design and theme are to be coordinated between the sponsor and the crew. These floats must be, or appear to be, self-propelled. The entire unit should be decorated to represent one coordinated unit.

The float having the highest number of points in each category will win one of the following recognitions: The Queen's Favorite, the President's Favorite, or the Pioneer Favorite.

The Novelty Division

This division includes all entries of one or more persons who enter the parade and want to building a smaller size mini float or without building a float yet still follows the parade theme. Mini floats can be designed and created utilizing golf carts, UTVs or ATVs with or without trailers. All entries must follow the theme, turn in entry with theme title prior to the deadline and have decorations worthy of our great parade. No funds or monetary awards are available in this division. The top scoring entry will receive the Overall Novelty Recognition. The top Novelty Division will be allowed to showcase their mini float at the Rodeo on Saturday evening.

**See score sheet for additional awards.*

Non-Judged Division

This division includes school/community clubs, sports teams, cheerleaders, and other organizations wanting to participate in the parade without being judged. No funds or monetary awards are available in this division. Participates must register their group and follow all rules for participates in the Pioneer Parade. When registering please communicate plans for a car or pickup pulling a trailer. Parade Marshal needs to know the size and number of vehicles/trailers per group to plan parade map.