

Pioneer Reunion Float Parade Contest | 2022

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.

Inquiries and registration should be directed to

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(Rodeo office on the Pioneer Grounds in Henrietta)

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2022; a week before the annual Pioneer Reunion.

A. Rules for Participation in Pioneer Parades:

1. "Parade participants" include all floats, motorized and animal drawn, and pushed vehicles.
2. All parade participants must register with appropriate parade officials no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, September 9, 2022. Otherwise they may not participate in the parade.
3. No two floats entered for judging may have the same idea or theme for their float. First entered gets the idea or theme. Be sure date and time of entry is correctly noted.
4. Once a float is entered and theme and division are accepted, no changes may be made.
5. **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.
6. 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, 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.
7. Currently elected officials holding office will ride in the designated vehicles for such elected official cars in the parade.

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8. Floats must be in place with riders in place by 8:30 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.
9. Floats must be in place by 9 a.m. on Saturday to avoid traffic congestion.
10. There may be no difference in appearance of float or persons on float in either the Friday or Saturday parades.
11. For safety reasons, there will be **no throwing of candy or favors** from float or by persons walking in the parade. Persons walking in the crowd can hand candy or favors to individuals.
12. Vehicles used to pull floats and/or those in them should not distract from the entered float.
13. Exhaust pipes of self-propelled covered floats must extend to the outside of the float.
14. 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.
2. 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.
3. Appropriate numbers will be placed on all judged floats before the parade begins.
4. Each entry should put the theme name of the float and sponsor name on the float so that they may be viewed from both sides of the street.
5. Results of the judging are announced at the Saturday parade.
6. 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.

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7. The Parade Committee will assist float builders in finding places to build floats.
8. The “Kiddie Parade” is judged in a separate division with separate judges and rules and is sponsored by the Henrietta Kiwanis Club.

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. 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 \$100. If there is a Technical/Construction (special effects) Award winner, they will receive a prize of \$100.

**See score sheet for judging criteria.*

The Spirit Float Division

This division includes floats that are built and funded by entrant. Funds for this division may also come from the Parade Float fund (*if available*). These funds are available for building and decorating materials. Funds come from a pool of money donated to the fund from supporters of the parade. The amount of money will necessarily be regulated as to the availability and number of floats applying. Also see rule A-16 on the front page. 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 float having the highest number of points in each category will win one of the following awards: Spirit Special Effects Award, Spirit Theme Award, Spirit Artistic Award or Spirit Costume Award.

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The Parade Partners Division

This division is coordinated by the Parade Committee. A sponsor and/or sponsors fund these floats. The Parade Finance 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. If requested, a design team will help in assuring the quality of the float. 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 awards: The Queen's Award, the President's Award or the Pioneer Award.

**See score sheet for judging criteria.*

The Novelty Division

This division includes all entries of one or more persons who enter the parade without building a float. No funds or monetary awards are available in this division. The top scoring entry will receive the Overall Novelty Award.

**See score sheet for additional awards.*