



2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
FOUNDERS DAY PARADE  
Saturday, December 6, 2008 ~ 10:00 am Step Off

## 2008 RULES & REGULATIONS

**WELCOME!** This letter confirms acceptance to take part in the 2008 Founder's Day Parade. Thank you for participating in this fun and meaningful event and making this a special day for the children and families of our community. Here are a few reminders. Please review this information carefully. **We suggest making copies for everyone in your group.**

### ROUTE

**This is your information packet for the parade** including a route map with your staging area marked. The route is approximately 1.3 miles. We strongly encourage everyone to preview the line-up areas, route and pick-up areas in advance of December 1. **Please COMMUNICATE and copy the information to EVERYONE in your group!** The parade will last about 90 minutes from start to finish.

### LINE UP

Numbered lots will be assigned for line up. These are for Parade vehicles **ONLY**. **Personal vehicles are not allowed in these areas. Please inform your participants and their families that PRIVATE VEHICLES (not participating in the parade) ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE LINE UP & STAGING AREAS. These vehicles will be removed at the owner's expense and the participant's entry will be disqualified.** Please make arrangements with parents & participants about transportation (drop-off & pick-up) both before and after the parade. To assist with drop off and pick up, there is a shuttle bus running from Dolvin Elementary School to the parade staging area from 8:00 am to 9:15 am. The shuttle will be moved to Ocee School to return parade participants to Dolvin Elementary School once the event ends. Your entry must be in position, ready to go by 9:00 am ~ inspections & judging begin at 9:00 am. Lots will open as early as 8:00 am to insure prompt step-off at 10:00 am.

## **SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR THE FOUNDERS DAY/HOLIDAY PARADE**

### VEHICLE SAFETY

1. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Proof of insurance is required for all vehicles.
2. Vehicles should try to maintain even spacing from the float/entry in front, allowing for controlled stops, **BUT NO LARGE GAPS!** Any entry causing the pace to slow (intentional or not) will be pulled out of the Parade.
3. **NO** throwing candy or any other object from any vehicle. **HANDING OUT CANDY OR OBJECTS TO THE CROWD IS PERMITTED BY WALKERS ONLY.** This is a safety issues and will be enforced! **Violators will be removed from the Parade.**
4. Children under the age of 10 **must ride**. Small children get tired and can't keep pace. For their safety, please have them in a vehicle or on a float. An adult must be present with children riding a float. Safety rails, barriers, or ropes can be helpful in preventing a fall from a float.

### PERSONAL SAFETY OF FLOAT RIDERS

1. No fireworks or pyrotechnics allowed on any tow vehicle or float.
2. No consumption of alcohol on any floats or tow vehicles.
3. Float decorations will not interfere with the driver's field of vision & the operation of any vehicle lights or safety features: ex: brake lights, directional or back-up lights.
4. If there is any potential for inclement weather, be sure that additional warm clothing or blankets are available for those riding on vehicles or floats. Be prepared for any surprises the weather can offer. If at any time leading up to or on parade day the weather/street conditions are deemed unsafe, the Parade will be cancelled & will **NOT** be rescheduled.
5. No float riders may have their feet hanging over the sides of the floats. Jumping off or on the vehicles/floats during the parade is prohibited. Participants must stay on floats at all times once the parade is in motion.

### ELECTRICAL AND GENERAL SAFETY

1. All entries are encouraged to decorate their floats with lights, music and decorations. Electrical decorations are beautiful but safety is paramount. All decorations should be in good repair, no bare wires exposed to prevent shock hazards as well as fire hazards.
2. All extension chords should be rated to carry the current load and have grounding type plugs in place if so equipped.

3. All plug connections will be taped over to prevent them from coming apart or allowing moisture from getting into the connection. Power strips should be waterproofed by wrapping them in plastic.
4. **All floats will be inspected prior to the start of the Parade.** Please try to have your float ready to go before arriving at the designated staging area.
5. Once the Parade starts, there will be no refueling of gas powered generators. Most generators are capable of running for the duration of the Parade. Test the generator to make sure that it is in top running condition and that it will carry the load prior to arriving on the parade route.
6. Some helpful items to bring along are twine, rope, electrical and duct tape, staple gun and staples, hammer and nails, cordless drill and deck or sheetrock screws. Let's not forget the ever-useful roll of bailing wire, too. Last minute glitches can be fixed quickly and easily with these items.
7. Also, for the human side of this festive event, bottled waters, a thermos of hot coffee, tea or cider can make the event more pleasant.

#### Frequently Asked PARADE Questions:

- **Can we give candy to the children during the Parade?** We welcome entrants wishing to give treats to the children; however, there are a few guidelines we MUST follow: 1) All candy must be individually wrapped and 2) All candy/treats must be handed to the children. **Throwing candy from a float/vehicle is NOT allowed** as it could cause potential harm to a child. Children don't always look before running out to get a piece of stray candy; they could reach under a float, or run in front of a car.
- **How long does the parade last?** The parade starts promptly at 10:00 am at the corner of State Bridge Road and Bridgemor Drive **rain, shine or snow.** Depending on the number of entries, the parade will take approximately 90 minutes to complete. NOTE: if at any time leading up to or on Parade day the weather/street conditions are deemed unsafe, the parade will be cancelled & will NOT be rescheduled.
- **Where should children participating in the Parade be dropped off and picked up?** All Entrants are responsible for making arrangements with parents/participants about transportation (drop-off & pick-up) both before and after the parade. Some prearrange a designated area to meet after the Parade. Other units simply disband at the end of the Parade which concludes in the Ocee School parking lot. It is each group's responsibility to make their own arrangements. **REMEMBER NO PARKING OF PERSONAL VEHICLES in the line-up area** once the Parade begins. Westbound on State Bridge Road will be affected and Ocee School WILL NOT be available for parking since this is the need of the Parade route and must be kept clear to avoid congestion at the end of the Parade. Public parking is available on State Bridge Road. No public parking is allowed at Ocee School since it is the end of the parade route and must be kept clear to avoid congestion at the end of the Parade.
- When will we receive our final line-up information? You will receive a detailed information packet approximately 1 week prior to the parade including a route map with your staging area marked.
- Other questions? Email us at [grant.hickey@johnscreekga.gov](mailto:grant.hickey@johnscreekga.gov) or call 678-512-3351.

#### ~ Judging Guidelines and Criteria ~

All entries must be a holiday theme & decorated accordingly. This parade is designed to entertain families, especially children; it is not a commercial endeavor. Entries are encouraged to display their name or sponsor in a non-commercial manner. No commercial or political entries making a social statement or for the sole purpose of soliciting business or votes will be accepted.

On Parade day, judges will be given a brief orientation by Parade personnel and judging forms will be presented. The judging process is "pre-parade;" no judging is done while the Parade is in progress. At approximately 9:00 am, judging will begin. A float sponsor/representative must be available to answer any judge's questions. Judges may ask questions about the float/entry concept, decorating materials, etc. All costumed personnel should be in place, and sound working, if applicable. Once judging is complete, scores will be tallied and winners' names will be provided to the press. Winners will be announced to the public at the Parade reviewing stand.

The following is a list of categories used for the judging of parade entries at the Founders Day/Holiday Parade. The description below is how the judge will award Points Awarded in each particular category:

- General Effect in Presentation: Maximum 10 points awarded. Overall effective presentation. (beauty, creativity, originality)
- Workmanship: Maximum 10 points awarded. Craftsmanship in creation. Detail in design and creation of objects with the effective use of colors and materials.
- Parade Theme: Maximum 10 points awarded. How well the entry design concept adapts to the parade theme and/or applies it uniquely.
- Originality: Maximum 10 points awarded. The creativeness and originality in the float/entry design concept.
- Performing: Maximum 40 points – 10 points each. Entries will be judged on presentation, originality, movement creativity and music selection.