

47th ANNUAL TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE OCTOBER 1, 2016

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016
(ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Please be at parade registration tent at the parking lot of the Winnie Courthouse Annex (Broadway), no later than 9:00 a.m. for check in. You will receive your instructions at this time. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. It is extremely important to be on time to allow sufficient time for proper line-up. **Any entrants later than 9:15 am will be placed at the end of the line-up.** It is very important for **ALL** entries to continue through the parade route without **stopping** in front of the main stage. This will avoid congestion and hesitations in the parade. Floats will unload in the East Chambers School parking lot, so everyone must ride their float and may be picked up at that location. **No one is to get off floats or out of line for any reason until you have reached the school. Pay attention to committee members at end of route pickup.**

THE TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY THAT USES PROFANITY OR THAT WE FEEL IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR FAMILY VIEWING IN ANY WAY.

All entrants will be assigned a line-up number for the parade. Numbers will be painted on the streets. Parade committee members will be available to assist you in locating your number. Committee members will be wearing identification badges. Cold water will be available at the corner of Broadway & 3rd Streets, as well as Chestnut Street, for everyone's convenience.

Once Highway 124 is blocked off, no traffic will be allowed down that street except for vehicles to be used in the parade.

Due to the physical exhaustion of young participants in the past, an age limit on marching participants has been set at 8 years. All participants under the age of 8 will be required to ride. Groups must provide their own vehicle. **No one will be allowed to jump off a float before designated drop off/pickup spot.**

For safety reasons NO items of any kind may be thrown by parade participants.

BANDS

Bands must be at parade line up no later than 9:00 a.m. The parade will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. For student drop off, band buses will turn from Hwy. 124 down Oak Street (next to Dannay's Donuts), continue to First Street (by M & J Fertilizer Co.), right onto Chestnut Street, where students will unload (see attached map). Buses may then go to the site of student pickup on St. Martin Street in the parking lot across from the Winnie-Stowell Park. Bands will line up on Chestnut Street according to the number given you and will enter the parade as their number comes up. Bands will not be stopping in front of the main stage. Bands will disperse in the parking lot at the bus site on St. Martin Street.

ANTIQUÉ CARS

Cars will be lined up on Broadway St. and fed into the parade at random. Antique cars will **NOT** be allowed to carry signs or in any way advertise for a business.

NO HORSE ENTRIES

ALL OTHERS

All floats, vehicles, marching units, etc., will line up on Broadway St. You may enter from Hwy. 124 before 8:15 a.m. After 8:15 a.m., enter from 3rd Street.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE LINE-UP STREETS IF NOT IN THE PARADE!

Anyone needing further information may call the TRF office at (409) 296-4404. Your cooperation will make the 47th Annual Grand Parade a great success.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADD MUSIC TO YOUR FLOAT WITH THE USE OF A GENERATOR. THE PARADE CHAIRMAN HAS THE FINAL WORD ON ANY MUSIC THEY DEEM AS INAPPROPRIATE. MUSIC WITH TASTELESS LYRICS AND PROFANITY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. PLEASE KEEP IT FUN AND UPBEAT!

**Texas Rice Festival
Grand Parade Entry Form
October 1, 2016**

Bands Only: Class _____ #Students _____ #Adults _____

Name: _____

Description of Entry: _____

(Please State Whether It Is a Float, Band, Truck, Etc., the Approximate Size and If There Is More Than One Vehicle.)

If Entry Is a Car - Driver's Name: _____

Name of Person in Charge: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
_____ (Day) _____ (Evening)

Biographical Information: (To Be Used By Announcer from the Main Stage)
(Please Make Bio Info as Brief As Possible.)

Note: Bands, Please State Officers, Drum Majors, Twirlers, Directors, Etc. and Previous Honors. Organizations, Please State History, Purpose And Achievements, Officers, Etc. Individuals Give A Brief Biography And Title.

Notice: There Will Be No Vehicles Allowed On The Lineup Streets Except Those In The Parade. Participants In The Parade Must Walk To Their Parade Group Or Vehicle. This Is For The Safety Of The Participants.

Due To The Exhaustion Of Young Participants, Children Under The Age Of 8 Must Ride, Not March. For Safety Reasons, Parade Participants Are Not Allowed To Throw Candy Or Other Items Into The Crowd.

Deadline for Receiving Entry Forms – Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

No Charge For Entries - Please Call (409) 296-4404 In The Event Of Cancellation.