

# Bertram Oatmeal Festival Association

## Grand Parade Entry Form

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### Grand Parade Rules & Regulations

You will be directed to your staging area when you check-in. The parade route will proceed east on Vaughan Street through downtown ending at East Street. All entries must be 18 years or older or have parental consent.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Parade forms are due Tuesday, August 29, 2017. **Anything received after this date will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be announced by the MC.** Please note that if you do not get your entry in by the due date we would still like for you be in the parade. It does however complicate things for the Parade Director.

**CHECK-IN LOCATION:** In front of the Bertram Swimming Pool on Vaughn Street.

**LINE UP TIMES:** LINE-UP Start Time to be judged: 8:03am – 9:03am ~ JUDGING: 9:13am ~ AWARDS 10:03am ~ LINE-UP not being judged 9:33am PARADE START TIME: 10:33am

**JUDGING:** ENTRIES MUST BE OF A CREATIVE NATURE: Our goal is to have the parade be a fun and entertaining activity for spectators and participants.

- Judging for entries will take place prior to the parade.
- If you would like your float to be judged please be in line by 9:03. If you do NOT want to be judged please do not get in line until 9:33. This will help things run more smoothly.
- Start Time: Judging starts at 9:13a.m. Participants should be checked in and lined up by this time.

#### **FLOAT EXTRAS:**

- If you plan to give out items (wrapped candy, toys, business cards etc.) during the parade you will need to have **walkers** to distribute the items to the spectators. **Do not throw candy from moving vehicles.** This is a safety and liability issue and is to prevent children from running into the path of oncoming vehicles.
- Plastic toy water guns may be used to squirt the crowd. Please use courtesy when doing so (don't squirt people in the face or if they don't seem open to the idea.) Do NOT squirt the horses or their riders. Water will not be provided.
- Music is aloud. Be considerate of other floats around you and have your volume at an appropriate level. Please no loud music or vehicles near the horses. Be considerate of the animals and their riders. We don't want any of them spooking or becoming uneasy.

**ASSIGNED PARADE FORMATION:** Participants must maintain assigned position throughout the parade. Please DO NOT cut in line. This creates a hazard and we want everyone to have a safe and pleasant experience.

**SPEED:** Entries must maintain a minimum speed throughout the parade and maintain a reasonable and safe distance apart from other entries. Be aware of those that are walking in the parade and do not 'crowd' the entry in front of you.

**INSURANCE:** Personal insurance will not be provided. We encourage all entries to check with their insurance providers to ensure coverage while participating in the parade.

