

**St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

## **FLOAT AND TROOP APPLICATION Saturday, March 19, 2011**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Thank you for your interest in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We appreciate your time in properly completing the application below with all required information.

The theme for this year's parade is:\_\_\_\_\_ We encourage everyone to be creative with the theme and "Think outside the bun". We are looking forward to another great parade made possible by your participation!!!

Sincerely,

The St. Patrick's Day Committee

**Parade Entry Checklist:** (Please make sure the following item is included in your envelope before submitting to the St. Patrick's Day Committee to help ensure your entry is accepted)

- Entry Form completely filled out and Waiver of Liability signed

***Note: Incomplete submissions will not be accepted for entry in the parade and will be returned.***

## **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION**

Organization/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: (Check One Please)

Float       Marching Band       Walking Troop       Motorized Vehicle

Musical Walking Troop       Musical Truck Troop       Equestrian (Horses)

## **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the above signed, as the person authorized to act on behalf of the organization listed above, hereby release, remise and forever discharge The St. Patrick's Day Committee, it's board members, officers, employees, agents, sponsors of and from any and all liability, claims, actions and possible causes of action which may accrue to any member of the group from every and any loss, damages and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in the parade.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have received and agreed to all the terms set forth in the St. Patrick's Day Application, Rules and Procedures.

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL ENTRIES**

*Theme:*

#### **1. DISRUPTIVE PARTICIPANTS:**

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee reserves the right to bar or remove from the parade any entry which refuses to follow all instructions from parade pacers, parade officials, The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee staff and/or police.

#### **2. SPECTATOR SAFETY:**

No Solicitation, literature, toy guns, candy or other materials may be handed out or thrown along the parade route... **Please do not encourage spectators to enter the parade route for any reason!**

#### **3. EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS:**

Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is forbidden by anyone anywhere throughout the parade, on any float or vehicle, or on the person of any participant.

#### **4. PACING:**

**Spacing between each unit will be enforced by parade officials.**

A unit will be required to close the gap between itself and the preceding unit when directed by parade officials. **Each unit must appoint a unit captain (to be named on the application) to pace the unit and work with the St. Patrick's Day Parade Pacers.**

#### **5. "NO SHOWS"**

An entry which fails to appear for the Parade without first notifying The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee or an entry which does not comply with all rules, will jeopardize future invitations to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

#### **6. SIGNAGE:**

Use of political signs or other political material on any entry is prohibited on or around the parade route. In addition, any controversial statements or pictures on your unit will be reviewed for acceptance before the parade.

**7. MARSHALLING TIMES:**

Participants must arrive at their designated marshalling spot at the specified time (per acceptance letter instructions), or they will not be allowed to participate.

**8. IDENTIFICATION:**

Must be a part of the unit or appear on a tasteful banner preceding the unit. A carried banner should be weighted at the bottom and contain slashes to permit the flow of air.

**9. PARADE NUMBERS:**

Will be supplied by The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and are to be placed on the front right and/or left corners of the entry. This includes walking units. The numbers must be visible.

## BAND UNITS

1. Bands are encouraged to perform over as much of the parade route as possible for the enjoyment of the crowd. Bands must perform while passing in front of the judging and reviewing stands.
2. All members of a band **must** continue to march forward while turning a corner, thus keeping pace with the rest of the parade.
3. Bands may not be followed by transportation buses or other large vehicles. This rule will be **strictly** enforced. Decorated golf carts or wagons are allowed.
4. Bands may be identified by banners or signs preceding the groups or by signage that is an integral part of the group. Vehicles may not be used to identify bands.
5. The band is encouraged to dress appropriately. If the band chooses not to wear regular uniforms, then it should select the dressiest uniform possible for summer weather. While uniforms are not included in the judging criteria, visual appeal has an impact on the judges.
6. All units must be at the specified marshalling spot on time or they will not be allowed to participate.

## WALKING UNITS

1. **Each walking unit should be costumed or have a choreographed activity/routine designed to entertain the people along the parade route.** This routine/act should be performed while the unit is moving at the parade pace, and should continue along the entire parade route. (The routine doesn't need to be elaborate... just simple, creative and **entertaining**).