



96th Independence Day Parade

The Greeley Stampede produces one of the largest Independence Day Parades in the nation. Join us this year for our 95th event showcasing over 120 entries. Floats, bands and equestrian entries from all over Colorado and many of our neighboring states celebrate our nation's independence and our Western heritage. The parade runs north along historic 10th Ave starting amidst the beautiful University of Northern Colorado campus at 19th Street and ends on 5th Street just beyond our historic Lincoln Park. The parade is so beloved that many people begin roping off their favorite places along the parade route early to ensure a close up view or a shady spot. So mark your calendars now and join us this July 4th as our tradition of parade excellence continues with the 95th Independence Day Parade at 9 am sharp.

Please contact Katie Geist with any questions you may have. Phone: (970) 397-6964 or by email: katie@greeleystampede.org

General Information

The entrance fee for all entries this year is \$95 for entries received through May 31st. Entries received between June 1st and the June 16th cutoff date will be charged at \$115. For Car Clubs (five or more vehicles) the entry fee is \$105 for entries received through May 31st and \$130 for entries received between June 1st and June 16th. As you review the classes of entry below, simply click on the type of entry you have to open up that parade application type. Simply complete the application, complete your payment and then forward your insurance information to the parade offices and you will be ready to participate.

Types of Entries

Marching Band

The Stampede Independence Day parade simply wouldn't be complete without the grand addition of music provided by marching bands. Although the choice of music is entirely up to the band, we would sure love to have some Patriotic or Western Heritage themed music to blend in with our overall themes! The major thing for all band entries to remember is that the judges are located throughout the parade route. You must plan your performance to be in continuing motion along the entire parade route, and play as much as possible since you might walk by a judge at any point!

Float

What's a parade without some fabulous floats –the kind that you used to wait for as a kid? This year, in order to encourage more really fabulous floats, we're going to reward the top three floats with a cash prize and an award plaque! Here's what the panel of three judges will be looking for:

- Demonstration of a patriotic theme befitting Independence Day and/or a demonstration of our Western Heritage.
- Demonstrated use of traditional float building techniques. Points will be given to floats that completely cover the sides of their floats and have an entertaining piece on the float bed.
- Music that enhances the theme being presented in the float.

Float entrants are asked to make the float center around either a Patriotic or Western Heritage theme. All floats will be assembled in one location on parade day and the judges will then complete their evaluations. Once the judging is complete, the banners may come out for use on the parade route.

Equestrian - Group Riders

Equestrian entries are the lifeblood of the Stampede Parade. We ask that all saddle clubs, horse groups and riders wear their respective uniforms during the parade. We would also encourage you to make additions to your normal gear that would enhance either the "Patriotic" or "Western Heritage" themes of the parade.

Equestrian – Horse Drawn Entry

If you are pulling a float, a hitch or some other horse drawn carriage, this section applies to you! We ask that your drivers and outriders wear like or similar colored clothing (a uniform if they have one) so that we may identify which horses belong to your group. Here are the basic guidelines that apply to you:

- For every horse-drawn unit, there must be one outrider/walker on each side.
- Outriders/walkers must be trained and able to control the horses in their entry and must be at least 18 years of age.

Walking Group

Walking parades seems like a great idea until you actually set out to do it! So, for those of you planning to have a walking entry, you should know that the parade route is 1.4 miles in length. We ask that you:

- Ensure that your walkers are all able to walk for that duration.
- Ensure they have fluids throughout the parade route to ensure proper hydration.
- Ensure that every participant in your entry is at least 10 years of age.

Novelty Group

Novelty is defined as something new, unique or unusual. That definition fits perfectly with this category, as it is meant to include all of the unique entries that make our parade so special. So if you're thinking about entering your vintage tractor, a great go-kart or anything in between, this is the category for you.

Vehicle Group

From vintage cars to a shiny new Corvette, America has a passion for really cool vehicles. If you'd like to show off your really cool car, we'd love to have you. Car Clubs are also welcome! If you have five or more cars, there is a separate entry fee.

General Guidelines

Here are the General Guidelines for participation in the 2016 Greeley Stampede Parade. These Guidelines apply to everyone who is participating in the parade.

- Only float units and the towing vehicle will be allowed into the lineup area. This is for safety and sheer availability of space.
- Every entry must be decorated. Entries that are undecorated will not be allowed into the parade line up.
- There are some additional requirements that MUST be followed during the Stampede Parade:
 - o Parade participants WILL NOT squirt or otherwise cause WATER to land on the parade watchers.
 - o Parade participants WILL NOT distribute literature of any kind to parade watchers.
 - o Parade participants WILL NOT throw ANYTHING at the parade watchers. This includes but is not limited to candy, gum, toys, or beads.
 - o This is an all forward motion parade and all parade participants are expected to keep their entry moving forward at the pace of the parade. Specifically:
 - No "Slow Cadences" are allowed.
 - No stopping of any group along the parade route is allowed.
 - Performing groups must choreograph routines to continuously maintain forward motion at the parade pace.
- All entrants must conform to the description stated on their application, without exception.
- No changes to the application will be allowed after June 20, 2016.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any entry not in keeping with the dignity of the parade.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any entry containing a controversial message.
- Any entry which does not conform to the Parade Guidelines and Rules will be disqualified, and not allowed into the parade. In this instance, entry fees will not be refunded.
- Your signature on the parade Waiver of Liability form is evidence that you agree to all rules and will abide by those rules and that you will abide by the decisions of the Stampede Committee and judges.
- Your signature on the entry form indicates that you agree that the Stampede Committee, its associates, employees, agents, and volunteers, are released from any and all responsibility for loss, damage, or injury to any person or property relating in any way to participation in the Parade.
- Entry information, including the parade lineup, your place in line, and arrival information will be emailed to you by June 30th. You are responsible for communicating this information to the members of your group.