

GENERAL INFORMATION & STAGING AREAS FOR THE WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO PARADE

DATE OF PARADE: Saturday, September 8, 2018

STAGING TIME: All units should be in place by 9:30 a.m., as the parade will be televised.

PARADE ROUTE: The parade proceeds under the underpass North on Pine Street to North 6th Street, West one block to Cypress to North First Street, East on North First Street to Pine Street, back under the underpass. Try to maintain a 30-foot space between units. Disband in the 200 & 300 block of Chestnut & disperse to the South or West.

TICKETS: Each parade participant will be issued a West Texas Fair ticket. One person from each Unit must retrieve your parade number, and tickets, from the Marshal in your area.

FIRST AID: A Metro Care Ambulance will be located at the corner of Pine Street and North 1st Street (N.E. corner) to administer first aid if needed. We are grateful to Metro Care Ambulance for providing this service.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS:

1. The following rule is in effect for the safety of small children: **NO** items, including candy, gum, buttons, t-shirts, business cards, etc. are to be tossed, thrown or handed out by any parade participant, or moving vehicle, during the parade. Parade Marshals and Law Enforcement have been instructed to enforce this regulation.
2. All music, drum cadence, sirens, bands or other loud noises should cease under the under-passes.
3. Drivers should note that the under-passes are only 13' 3" high. Any vehicle over 13' will enter the parade at North First & Pine Streets from the East and will leave the parade at the same location.
4. Motorcycles, four-wheelers and bicycle riders should be extremely cautious around horse groups.
5. Place Entry Numbers on both sides of the lead entry.
6. After a unit has entered the parade – no one is permitted to board or dismount that unit.
7. If your vehicle has problems – please move to the side and let the next entry proceed. You must complete the parade route to receive your prize, if awarded.
8. Riding units must have at least 6 riders to be judged. Riding Clubs will be judged by AASP & RC Rules.
9. This is a marching parade. Bands should NOT stop to play a song during the parade.

STAGING AREA INFORMATION:

VIP & MILITARY UNITS

Your Unit should report to **Stacy Bryan**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **300 Oak Street**.

DECORATED FLOATS

Your Unit should report to **Caroline Kreitler**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 3rd & Cherry**. Enter South 3rd from Treadaway where you should pick up your packet at the East side of the old Courthouse (picnic table). If being judged – your decorated float MUST be in place by 8:30 a.m.

UNITS TALLER THAN 13 FEET

Your Unit should report to **Caroline Kreitler**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **North 1st & Pine Street**. Caroline will deliver your packets to you prior to the start of the parade.

SINGLE / COMMERCIAL UNITS

Your Unit should report to **Mark and Trena Shields**, the Marshals for your section. Located at **South 4th & Cherry Street**. Enter South 4th Street from Treadaway to pick up your number.

VEHICLES

(ANTIQUE CARS, CAR CLUBS, CUSHMANS, MOTORCYCLES)

Your Unit should report to **Connie Keaton**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 5th & Chestnut Street**.

ANTIQUE TRACTORS

Your Unit should report to **Rickie Johnson**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 6th & Oak**. You may use 6th Street, East of Oak & the Southwest parking lot to park and unload.

BANDS

Your Unit should report to the Marshal for your section. Located at the **300 Block of Chestnut**. Buses should drop off band members on the West side of the Courthouse, 300 Block of Chestnut. Then proceed to the Enterprise Building parking lot at South 4th & Sycamore. After the parade, band members will return to buses at this parking lot to disperse.

EQUINE UNITS

All Equine Units should report to **Deedra Scott**, the Marshal for your section. Located at **South 7th & China Street** to pick up your parade number.

PLEASE WAIT TO BE ESCORTED, ACROSS TREADAWAY, TO THE PARADE ROUTE.
COGGINS TEST REQUIREMENT (STATE REGULATION). ALL Equine Units must have a negative Coggins test paper. These papers should be checked at staging area. Papers should include name, number, date of test and name of laboratory.