

Homecoming Parade

OVERVIEW

Each year hundreds of Lumberjack fans make their way to the brick streets of Nacogdoches to support SFA! Both SFA and Non-SFA groups are encouraged to participate and show off their Lumberjack Spirit in this annual tradition.

DAY OF INSTRUCTIONS:

- Floats must sign in on **Mimms Avenue (see attached map)**.
 - Check in is from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- After signing in at Mimms Avenue, floats will be directed to line up on Mound Street, in front of T.J.R. Middle School.
 - **Floats being considered for competition must be in place no later than 9:15 a.m.** Judges will begin inspecting floats at 9:20 a.m. ALL OTHER ENTRIES must be in place by 9:45 a.m.
- The only assigned parade positions are for the SFA Homecoming Court, special guests, dignitaries, and marching bands. No other assignments will be made. All entries are lined up in a first-come, first-served order.
- The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m.
- Parade floats will be sent in order by the staff at the corner of Mound St and Arnold St.
- The parade route goes west on Hospital Street to East Pecan Street; east on Main Street to Walker Street, where the bands and floats with small children will go back to T.J.R. Middle School.

PARADE COMPETITION:

- Participants wishing to be judged in the SFA Homecoming Float Competition must complete a parade registration form and indicate they wish to be judged.
- Judging will take place at T.J.R. Middle School and on Main St in front of The Law Office of Travis Clardy.
- All parade entries must be clearly identified by paper numbers given to each float by parade marshals when checking in the morning of the parade.
- All entries not clearly marked will not be judged.

PRIZES:

Winning organizations must pick up their awards and sign for their cash voucher award in The Student Center; Room 3.105 by Friday, November 4, at 5:00 p.m. or forfeit monetary award.

SFA Float Prizes: NON SFA Float Prizes:

Grand Champion: \$250 Grand Champion: \$250

Lumberjack Spirit (Non-Trailer): \$100 Lumberjack Spirit: \$150

Lumberjack Spirit (Walking Group): \$100

Judging will be based on:

Creativity Construction

Mechanical Devices Eye Appeal

SFA Spirit Adherence to SFA Homecoming Theme

- Judges will award up to 10 points in each category. The entry with the highest overall score will be declared the winner of the Grand Champion Award.

- Winners will be announced at half time at the football game. Photos will be used on various media platforms.

REGULATIONS:

- Instructions from parade marshals must be complied with at all times.
- A maximum of 20 people are allowed on each float. Additional patrons may walk beside the float.
- Floats cannot exceed 40ft. in length, 15ft. in height and 20ft. in width.
 - **FLOATS LARGER THAN THE DIMENSIONS SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- No vehicles exceeding (2600GVW) or considered a “semi- truck” or “18 wheeler” will be permitted to participate.
- A distance of 30 ft must be maintained between each unit.
- There will be NO stopping for photographs. This impedes the flow of the parade.
- **NO LIVE ANIMALS!** *Unless approved by Associate Director of Student Engagement.* This includes equestrian groups.
- **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE TOLERATED.**
- In coordination of Nacogdoches City Ordinance, **ABSOLUTELY NO CANDY, PRIZE THROWING, HANDING OUT BALLOONS OR BEAD THROWING** will be allowed from any parade entry. The possibility of children rushing the street around parade vehicles poses too great of a danger. **PLEASE COOPERATE** with us on this issue!
- Marching Bands and Auxiliary Groups will be coordinated by the SFA Band Office (936) 468-1046.
- ***A FLOAT is defined as “creatively constructed vehicle on display in a procession.”***
- All parade participants riding or standing on floats or motorized vehicles must wear safety belts, have holds or back supports while the floats or vehicles are in motion.
- All parade participants who drive floats or motorized vehicles need a valid driver’s license and vehicle liability insurance.
- Squirt guns, silly string or other items potentially dangerous to spectators or participants are prohibited during the parade.
- All parts of the frame must be high enough to clear surfaces to and from the parade assembly area through the dispersal area. All parts of the full-decorated float must clear the ground by a minimum of 10 inches with the exception of fringe. Flooring must be strong enough for all riders.
- A turn radius of 45 degrees to the right and left is mandatory.
- Portable generators used in conjunction with float lighting must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of a 12-inch clearance must separate any part of the generator from light, combustible fabrication or decorating material. At least one, five-pound dry chemical or 10-pound carbon dioxide fire extinguisher should be placed within easy reach of the float driver. There should be at least one fire extinguisher near each generator.
- All drivers must be licensed and adequately trained to drive their float. The driver should have perfect visibility of the road ahead. Once the float is in position in the line-up area, **the driver must be in attendance at all times**, and available to move the unit as necessary. No one will be allowed to ride on hoods of vehicles etc.
- Wire and lighting devices must have sufficient capability for the use intended for them on the float. Wiring should be properly secured to the float to avoid mechanical damage and injury to float riders and other participants.

SFA Homecoming Parade Registration

Organization or Business Name: _____

Registered SFA Student Organization Community/Non-Profit Group

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Co-Sponsor (if needed): _____ Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Does your organization want to be judged in the float competition? Yes ___ No ___

**See attachment for prize opportunities*

How is your organization planning to participate? ___ Walk ___ Truck/Trailer ___ Other

Student Organizations do not always have a truck and trailer connection but would like to be in the parade. Would you be interested in being paired with a student group who would help decorate and ride with you as a collaboration? ___ Yes ___ No

As the sponsor of the above listed organization or business, I state by signing below that I have read and understand all SFA Homecoming Parade guidelines as stated in the parade packet. I also understand I will be held accountable for all infractions of my organization or business.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Registration forms or any questions can be emailed to: spiritandtraditions@sfasu.edu
Registration forms may be dropped off in BPSC 3.205 or mailed to the following address:

SFA Homecoming
PO Box 13029
Nacogdoches, Texas 75962

Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 13,2023

