



# South Milwaukee Heritage Day Parade Float Contest

Only \$10.00 to enter along with your parade sponsor fee  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> cash prizes, 3<sup>rd</sup> place gift basket!  
11:00a.m. Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**The best prize awarded is to see all the  
kids smiles as your float goes by!**

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## PARADE COMMITTEE

Dear Parade Sponsor,

When we asked children who love to watch the Heritage Days Parade, "What more would you like to see in the parade?" They answered, "more Candy, more Clowns and more FLOATS!" We, as a committee, decided to bring the fun and competition back in the parade by introducing a Float Contest. The parade will be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. You already pay a sponsor fee to be in the parade, why not pay \$10.00 more and enter the float contest? Cash prizes will be awarded, but the best reward of all is the smile that will be on the kids' faces when your float goes by. There will be two categories for the float contest. One will be for non-profit organizations and the second is for the businesses. There will be a First and Second cash prize, and Third prize will be a surprise gift basket.

## Ideas, Rules, and Regulations for Float Contest

<b><u>Ideas:</u></b> Grocery Store Cart	Balloons	Flowers
Golf Cart	Streamers	Holiday Themes
Use of a Car	Musical Themes	Wagon
4- Wheeler	Lawn Mower	Trailer
Yourself	Google ideas from the Internet.....	

### **Rules and Regulations:**

1. When you decide on a concept, draw a rough pencil sketch. Most floats use a stair step effect with the most height at the rear of the float. After you have worked out the details, a drawing done to scale is very helpful.
2. All entries must adhere to height, width, and length restrictions, and all must be able to navigate the parade route and make all turns required by parade route. When designing your float, keep in mind that your float may not be greater than 14 feet high, 30 feet long, or 8 feet wide, and the wheelbase may not be over 8 feet wide.
3. Other important design considerations are your equipment and the capabilities of your float builders. If you plan to include elaborate props or woodwork, make sure that you have access to a capable technician who has proper tools and equipment. If your float has electrical requirements, make sure you have consulted someone who is a qualified electrician.
4. If driving and using a vehicle as a float, make sure there is an opening for driver to see out of. You must have a person walking along side of the car to help keep a 360 degree visual. Make sure that the exhaust pipe is not obstructed or near anything flammable.
5. If using a flat bed trailer and people are on board make sure there are handrails or posts for each person to hold onto.
6. No Musical Bands on floats.
7. Must have 2 people walking with float. One person on each side.
8. There must be a fire extinguisher on any motorized float. It is a required by the local fire department.
9. No tossing any kind of items or candy from float. Must be handed out by the float walkers.
10. State Laws prohibits any type of alcoholic beverages.