



PO Box 384  
Vinton, VA 24179

**Deadline: March 25, 2012**

**VINTON DOGWOOD FESTIVAL  
PARADE FORM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012  
2:30 P.M.**

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry:  Band  Float  Walking/Marching  Vehicle(s)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ # of Marchers \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Entry (including tow vehicle)

Will this entry have: Music? Yes or No

Generator? Yes or No

**MUST PROVIDE THE DETAILS ABOVE FOR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED!**

**Any special requirements for your entry?** (Example: would you like to be near particular groups or any other considerations) Parade organizers will review each request and make decisions based on the entertainment value of the parade.

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**Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry. Deadline is March 25**

**NO** refunds after deadline date - Entry Fee after March 25, 2012 is \$40.00.

**MAIL THIS FORM AND ENTRY FEE TO:**

Vinton Dogwood Festival of VA · PO Box 384 · Vinton, VA 24179

For additional information, contact Craig Sheets @ 540.537.9863

A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any returned check. Each entry is limited to three vehicles.

**I understand and agree to the rules and guidelines set forth by the Dogwood Festival of Virginia, Inc.**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. and parade lineup location is subject to change.**

Final location will be sent with your confirmed lineup entry. The following is a list of rules and guidelines that have been set forth for the smooth operation of the parade and **most importantly the safety of all participants, volunteers, and spectators**. The rules and guidelines **MUST** be followed by all participants and will be enforced by police and Parade Officials. If a participant does not adhere to any of these rules and guidelines, the entry will be removed from the parade line and will **NOT** be permitted to participate in future parades. Parade marshals will be stationed along the parade route with police watching all entries.

- 1. NO THROWING OR DISRIBUTING OF FAVORS OR HANDOUTS.** We do not allow the throwing of candy or other objects during the parade. **VIOLATORS WILL FACE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.** Police officers will be monitoring the parade route for this activity and violators will be removed from the parade. This is an insurance issue and it will **NOT** be tolerated. We will allow walkers to move to the side of the parade route and hand out items. We do ask that you respect the integrity and purpose of the event and not hand out handbills or promotional items.
- 2. COMMERCIAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION:** Any commercial business entering a unit or sponsoring a unit in the parade **MUST** be a parade sponsor. No commercial advertising is allowed on floats, vehicles, or participants other than parade sponsors. This includes any type of signage on vehicles in the parade. **ALL** signs or business advertisements **MUST BE COVERED** if they are not a parade sponsor.

For Sponsorship information, please contact Bill Tyree at 540-892-6837 or [bill@vintondogwoodfestival.org](mailto:bill@vintondogwoodfestival.org)

- 3. NO ADVOCATING, OPPOSING OR DEPICTING OF ANY POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, OR SOCIAL ISSUES.**
- 4. NO SPRAYING OF WATER OR OTHER LIQUIDS FROM UNITS.**
- 5. NO BLOWING OF SIRENS OR VEHICLE HORNS IN THE PARADE.**
- 6. NO PERSONS OR ARTICLES HANGING OVER THE SIDE OF FLOATS OR VEHICLES.**
- 7. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**
- 8. NO FORM OF DRILLING OR DANCING IN STOPPED POSITIONS.** The parade must continue in a forward motion at all times, unless your unit is specifically notified to stop by a parade official.
- 9. VEHICLES:** Any authorized vehicle accompanying the entry **MUST** be clean. Cars must have mufflers.
- 10. EQUESTRIAN/ANIMAL UNITS:** Each equestrian/animal unit **MUST** provide their own cleanup crew, in costume, in the parade following directly behind the unit.
- 11. WALKING GROUPS:** Drill, dance, baton teams, and other walking groups must consist of 10 members or more unless approved by parade organizers.
- 12. CANCELLATION POLICY:** The Parade takes place rain or shine. Only a significant act of nature will cancel the parade, of which all units would be notified.
- 13. CHILDREN:** Children should be properly chaperoned at all times. This includes the line-up area as well as the parade. Only those who are personally participating in the parade or are chaperoning an entry, will be allowed in the parade line-up area.
- 14. ARRIVAL:** Please have all floats and parade vehicles in the staging area at least 1 hour before start. Due to the limited space in the staging line-up area, early arrival is **ENCOURAGED** and will help the safety and organization of the event. **Space does NOT allow participants to be dropped off in the line-up area.**
- 15. PREPARATION:** Please have all floats decorated and other entries in "parade ready" condition upon arrival. Due to limited space in the staging line-up area, non-parade vehicles are prohibited.

A few days before the parade, entrants will receive their line-up number and location. Please inform all participants with your entry number.

**IF YOUR ENTRY INVOLVES A GROUP OF PEOPLE, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE EACH PERSON KNOWS ALL OF THE ABOVE RULES.**

**NOTE: THE PARADE ORGANIZERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY ENTRY AT ANY TIME AND ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

**PARADES ARE TO BE FUN, ENTERTAINING, AND SAFE FOR PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS. ENJOY!!!**