



Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade Entry Form

**PO Box 384
Vinton, VA 24179
540-983-0614**

April 24, 2010, 2:30PM

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 (inc. 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.

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry. Deadline is April 12, 2010 **NO** refunds after deadline date
Entry Fee after April 12, 2010 is \$40.00.

Please include payment with entry form. Make checks payable to Vinton Dogwood Festival of VA

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

Return Address: **Dogwood Festival of VA**
 PO Box 384
 Vinton VA 24179

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

Name (please print) _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use Only: Date Rec'd Entry Fee Paid Check# Staging Area Entry #

Rules and Guidelines:

The parade will begin at 2:30PM and start from the RCCC lower parking lot and wind through the streets of Vinton and concluded in front of the Vinton War Memorial on Washington Ave.

The following is a list of rules and guidelines that have been set fort 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.
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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. Groups participating in the parade need to park in the downtown area or Gearhart Park and walk to the line-up area. **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.
16. **AWARDS:** A monetary award will be given for the best float in their particular category. Trophies will be awarded to the best presentation of a High School Band.

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!!!