

REGULATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

Arrive By: 11:00 AM but **NOT** before 10:00 AM

ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING FLOATS (EXCLUDING FIRE EQUIPMENT, SHRINERS AND EQUESTRIAN UNITS): Must enter parade lineup from Red Toad Road. NO EXCEPTIONS!

FIRE EQUIPMENT: Please enter the Town of North East from Rt. 272. You will be placed on N. Main St.

EQUESTRIAN UNITS ONLY: Please enter the Town of North East from Rt. 272. You will be directed to line up along Race Street by a police officer/volunteer.

MARCHING UNITS: Due to limited space, please arrange to car pool to drop off participants. Suggested meeting areas are North East Station or North East Shopping Center. **Carpooling cars will be allowed to only stop long enough to drop off participants and must leave staging area immediately.** Please have your child dressed in their costume and ready to go. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FLOATS: All floats and vehicles may not be higher than 11 feet, cannot be wider than 12 feet and must be able to make a 90 degree corner within two traffic lanes. Length of float including the tow vehicle cannot exceed 60' without prior approval. All floats must use fire retardant materials and carry a fire extinguisher. All floats must have handholds or barriers to secure riders in case of sudden stops or non-smooth movement. Vehicle and float drivers must be able to have a clear view of the front of the vehicle.

Parade Route: West Cecil Avenue to Main Street to Walnut Street. Vehicles will be directed to exit parade route by the police officer via Mauldin Avenue. Marching units will be directed down Walnut Street into the North East Community Park so they may be picked up. Vehicles will exit the park via Cherry Street.

Awards: Winners will be listed on www.northeastmd.org. Prizes will be mailed to each winner.

General:

1. The Committee has already arranged for one Santa Claus who will appear at the end of the parade. **No one may have a Santa in their entry – please do not confuse the children with other Santas!** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
2. Judge Reviewing Stand: North East Town Hall, 106 S. Main Street.
3. **JUDGING:** To aid the judges, please have some way of identifying your unit or car – a sign, banner, etc. Don't forget to identify yourself from both sides of Main Street. Antique/Modified vehicles please have the model and year of your vehicle on both side windows. Parade units can compete in only one category. Each unit will be judged on its overall presentation. **ANY ONE WHO DELAYS THE PARADE BY STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE REVIEWING STAND LONGER THAN 90 SECONDS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL NOT BE INVITED BACK! WHEN THE WHISTLE SOUNDS, PLEASE MOVE ON! THE JUDGES' DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**
4. All cars, trucks, and other motorized vehicles must be driven by licensed, insured drivers.
5. Horses, dogs, cows, reptiles and any other wild or domestic animals shall not be in the parade without being identified on the Parade application.
6. ***Due to the increased number of the spectators and safety concerns, no candy, gum or distribution of gifts, etc. is permitted by anyone walking, riding or participating in the parade!***
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7. **NO FLYERS OR ADVERTISING MEMBERSHIP ON SIGNS ALLOWED!**
8. All applicants must return the application with a signature.
9. All entries must stay 25-30 feet (3 car lengths) behind the entry in front of you. Please do not bunch up or allow a large gap to form in front of you.
10. You may not park the staging area unless your vehicle is to be driven in the parade.
11. The Parade Committee will be wearing orange reflective vests – please follow their directions!
12. Entries depicting violence, drugs, illicit or illegal activities and otherwise inappropriate for a family audience, will be disqualified and not be allowed in the parade.
13. Parade participants' cars, buses, and vehicles may park at the North East Community Park, Walnut Street after dropping off participants at their assigned locations. Fire Police will be in the park to assist parking.
14. Placement in the parade will be assigned upon arrival.
15. Cancellation: If the weather prevents the parade, notice will be given on the answering machine at 410-287-5801.
16. **Snow date is December 11, 2010 at Noon.**

Note: The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse entry into the Parade of any unit that violates the Directions and Regulations aforementioned In the Application Package.