2015 WTAMU HOMECOMING PARADE PARTICIPANTS GUIDELINES

Time & Route

- Staging will be at the First United Bank Center parking lot. All floats and parade entries MUST enter the parking lot through the two designated entrances on Russell Long Blvd.
- Float line up will be from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. All parade entries and participants must be lined up by 9:30 a.m. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.
- NEW PARADE ROUTE - The parade will begin at the First United Bank Center and proceed west on 4th Ave to 26th Street, on 26th Street, take a right and proceed north towards Russell Long Blvd, take a left onto Russell Long Blvd and proceed west, ending at the Randall County Justice Center; safety officials will be at the end of the parade route to direct parade exit. Please note that the new parade route includes two sharp turns – in order to be prepared, please notify and make your vehicle driver aware.

Float Guidelines

- Name of organization must be visibly displayed on the float/trailer/vehicle or by marching unit.
- If you are a WTAMU Organization, you are responsible for providing your own “Text to Vote” sign for the People’s Choice Award. Details on your “Text to Vote” ID number will be e-mailed to the contact on the registration form by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd.
- Float dimension: maximum of 10 feet in width, 12 feet in height (from the ground) and 45 feet in length (including vehicle pulling float/trailer). Poming is not required to participate or for judging.
- Student and Campus Organizations - please remember you are representing West Texas A&M University. Good judgment should be used in decorating float. Homecoming parade chair and committee representatives reserve the right to disqualify the float if it is decorated in a way that is inappropriate or shows the University in a bad light.

General Parade Guidelines

- Maximum speed limit of the parade is 5 miles per hour.
- Candy and other giveaways may only be given out if it is handed to the people in the crowd. ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING FROM A MOVING VEHICLE, FLOAT OR A MARCHING UNIT WILL BE ALLOWED.
- For safety reasons, individuals on floats/trailers MUST remain on the float/trailer until their float is at a complete stop and parked. Individuals may not jump on and off the float/trailer during the parade.
- Any individual who shows or exhibits inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the parade.

Judging

- Only float entries of WTAMU Student and Campus Organizations will be judged.
- Judging will be on a 5 point scale (5 being the highest score) and rated on creativity, adherence to theme, craftsmanship, school spirit, overall appearance and enthusiasm.
- Prizes will be awarded for first place ($300), second place ($200) and third place ($100). Text to Vote will be used for the People’s Choice Award ($100 prize).
- Winners will be announced at the football game and notified via phone or e-mail contact on registration form.

WTAMU Student & Campus Organizations

- Organizations may be eligible for up to a $300 reimbursement for float supplies and materials. Expenses for candy, gifts, etc. to distribute to audience will not be reimbursed. For more information, please e-mail Donna at dmakkhavane@wtamu.edu.