

Dear Participant,

Over the past several years, we have watched the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Parade grow and change. Some changes have been a necessity based on the world around us, some are due to growth in our community, while others are based on input from a variety of sources. Overall, we as a committee, strive to give everyone the BEST possible experience, from participants to parade watchers. This year is no exception. These will be some of the biggest changes we have put forth, but as a committee, we feel strongly about giving everyone an even better parade experience. Please read through the following items prior to filling out and returning your entry form (enclosed). Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Parade Director via the information provided at the bottom on this page.

The Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Grand Parade will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020; with step off promptly at 1:00pm. Line-up will begin at 9:00am, based on line-up number, with no exceptions.

- ❖ Entries are limited to 100. *No entries will be accepted once we reach #100.*
- ❖ Entries **MUST** be received by June 6, 2020. *No entries will be accepted after this date.*
- ❖ Entries are limited to **2 motorized vehicles**. *The only exception to this will be the Shriners' Kamels. Any other exceptions will be at the discretion of the parade director.*
- ❖ Important guidelines will be sent along with your parade number, 2 weeks prior to the parade. We request that you share these guidelines with **every** person in your group. These guidelines **MUST** be followed in order to maintain safety during the line-up process. Any violations of these guidelines may result in removal from this, and future parades.
- ❖ **Fee guidelines for 2020 will be as follows:**
  - Non-Profit Entries ...free
  - Children's Organizations ...free
  - Great Friend Sponsors (and up) ...free
  - Commercial Entries ...\$50
- ❖ All fees must be paid prior to entry being accepted.
- ❖ **Cash prizes for winning entries will be awarded based on those who build a float, follow the theme, and win the hearts of the judges and will be as follows:**
  - Director's Choice ...\$100
  - Mayor's Choice ...\$50
  - Commercial 1<sup>st</sup> Place ...\$100
  - Commercial 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ...\$50
  - Non-Commercial 1<sup>st</sup> Place ...\$100
  - Non-Commercial 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ...\$50

The theme for this year's Festival is, "**Once Upon a Time in Bourbonnais**". All entries should portray this year's theme to the Director and judges. Those not participating in the theme, will not be marked for judging. All entries are encouraged to build a float that follows the theme.

Your entry form includes a section to add a brief description of your organization to be read at the reviewing stand. Remember your time at the reviewing stand is approximately 60 seconds. Descriptions should be brief and contain simple information. Phone numbers and web addresses may be omitted at the Director's discretion. Please feel free to have your walkers pass out information along the parade route as directed by the instructions in your parade packet to come.

We thank you for your continued support of this great event and look forward to seeing you all come parade day!!!

Any questions may be forwarded directly to the parade director at [friendshipfestivalparades@gmail.com](mailto:friendshipfestivalparades@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

The 2020 BFF Parade Committee