



SOUTHERN PINES VETERANS PARADE

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Assembly Time 8:00 am - Start Time 10:00 am

Application to Participate in Parade

Submit application no later than October 25

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you by October 31

The purpose of the Southern Pines Veterans Parade is to "Support Our Troops and Honor Our Veterans". We honor our country's living veterans, active military personnel, and congressionally recognized American Veteran Service Organizations from WWI to current day forces and their auxiliaries. To participate in the parade complete and submit this application no later than 25 October. For details visit: www.spvp.org

The parade committee reserves the right to limit the size/scope of individual entries to maintain the best overall quality of the event.

Organization/Individual Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Description (If an individual, indicate branch of service and conflict ERA (WWII, Cold War, Desert Storm, etc.). Indicate if you will be walking, riding on a trailer, or will participate in a wheelchair and, if so, will you need someone to push the wheelchair):

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE APPLICATION UNLESS YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

The following information is critical to provide adequate space for lineup...**Accuracy is required!**

Type of Entry: _____ (Group, Individual)

Vehicle Type: _____ Number in Group: _____

Trailer(s): _____ Length: _____

Motorcycle: _____ Number in Group: _____

Equestrian: _____ Number in Group: _____

(NOTE: Equestrian units must supply a cleanup person for before, during, and after the parade.)

Walking – How many? _____

How many linear feet of space do you occupy (In multiples of 10 feet)? _____

Total length of all vehicles _____ How many people will ride on vehicle/float? _____

Individual veterans are welcome to join the parade section dedicated to their period of service (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Iraq, Afghanistan) at the beginning of the parade. Assembly areas will be marked.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

I, the undersigned, understand that completing this application does not guarantee my entry's approval. I agree that if my entry is approved, it will meet all specifications as noted in the attached rules and subsequent confirmation letter and that I will ensure each member of my group reads and understands the rules associated with this application. I understand that I will not be allowed to go through the parade if my group violates these rules and regulations. My group is fully responsible for its actions, and it holds the parade organizers, owners, donors, sponsors, and coordinators harmless from all claims for damages, injuries (including death), and property damage arising from our involvement in the 2023 Southern Pines Veterans Parade. I release the Town of Southern Pines, the Parade Committee, Parade Chairman, and any board members, volunteers, or affiliates of the foregoing of responsibility for any indemnity.

Signed and agreed to by: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

**E-Mail application to:
spvpapplication@gmail.com**

**Mail application to:
SPVP
P.O. Box 2527
Southern Pines, NC 28388**

RULES:

1. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade. The Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, while assembling, or any time during the parade.
2. Vehicles will not be allowed in the parade unless pulling a float or providing transport of approved dignitaries. Exceptions will be considered for antique vehicles and other organized specialty car groups with prior approval.
3. NO MATERIALS OF ANY KIND - INCLUDING CANDY - MAY BE THROWN ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. WALKERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAND MATERIALS TO SPECTATORS.
4. Forward movement maneuvers only by marching units are permitted. No units may stop forward motion for performances unless there is a specific area for such performances designated by the Parade Committee. A performance stop, if any, may not exceed 90 seconds.
5. A space not to exceed 50 feet between each parade unit will be enforced. All units are required to close gap between units when instructed by parade officials. Failure to do so may warrant removal from the parade.
6. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup. All city, county, and state statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police before, during, and after the parade.
7. Drivers of all vehicles in the parade areas must possess a valid driver's license, required liability vehicle insurance, and be at least 18 years old.
8. Livestock, reptiles, wild, and domestic animals shall not be in the parade without special written approval by the Parade Committee. If approval is granted, all horses must have someone to clean up, if necessary, along the parade route.
9. Use of high intensity sound making devices is strongly discouraged and must be approved in advance. Sound of any type - except for marching bands and/or drill teams - must be approved by the Parade Committee and must be at a compatible sound level. Only patriotic theme music will be allowed. The Parade Committee has complete authority in this matter and reserves the right to withdraw any unit that does not comply with their instructions to turn down or turn off sound when instructed to do so. Failure to comply with official instructions will result in immediate removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation.
10. The Parade Committee reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume or performance does not meet its standards of reasonable public taste and fit the parade theme.
11. Entrants that do not appear at the designated assembly time on parade day without prior notification to the Parade Committee jeopardize future participation in the parade.
12. Political campaigning is not permitted.
13. The Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries, size, scope, and nature is final.
14. The Parade Committee does not accept the responsibility for travel, food, or lodging expense of any unit without advance arrangements and approval.
15. Application fees, if any, are non-refundable for accepted entries. Each entry must pay the appropriate fee (if any).
16. Vehicles that are pulling floats should be incorporated as much as possible into the float and decorated accordingly.
17. The Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

FLOATS:

18. All float type entries must be decorated according to the patriotic theme. Any banners must be neatly lettered and legible. Sketches of floats must be submitted along with the application. The sketch should include all parts of the float, including towing vehicle.

19. No decorations and or float construction material may protrude from the sides of the float. Any electrical devices must be properly grounded.
20. All floats must have handholds or standup holds for each rider on the float. Any self-propelled float must have a spotter beside the float, who is in two-way communication (e.g., two-way radio) with the float driver.
21. Participants are strongly encouraged to be costumed according to the parade theme.
22. Participants may not mount or dismount a float once the parade begins and shall not interfere with any other unit in any way. Designated float capacity will not be exceeded. Participants will not have body parts, particularly legs and feet, extending past the sides, front, or rear of the float. This is an extreme safety hazard.
23. Float platforms should be at least 7 feet wide and 15 feet long with a fixed axle at the rear and a steerable axle at the front. Farm wagons make excellent platforms. Single or tandem axle utility trailers normally pulled by a car or truck are not desirable.

BANDS and OTHER MARCHING/WALKING UNITS

24. All marching units must maintain forward motion. Routines that cause gaps will not be permitted. Forward movement only - see #4 above.
25. If for any reason a gap of greater than 50 feet is created, marching units must increase their pace to close the gap. All members of any marching unit should be at least 10 years old. Participants are strongly encouraged to be suitably costumed. Walking groups must be dressed to easily identify walkers as a part of the same group.

No vehicle may accompany marching units without written approval.

LINEUP

All entries will be assigned a line-up position number and receive further instructions about the parade including assembly point and the parade route upon receipt and approval of the application.

Parade Rules may be revised by the Parade Committee at any time of which due and timely notice will be given.

This parade is designed to honor our veterans of Moore County. All proposed parade event entries must be about, with and for veterans. Entries of a commercial, promotional, or political nature are unlikely to be accepted.

General questions or questions of interpretation should be directed to:

Rick or Susan Herrera - 910-528-1822/2349