

PARADE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES

1. Any individuals who operate a truck, car, tractor or any other type of vehicle in the parade **must** possess a valid driver's license.
2. The Seward Fourth of July Committee reserves the right to limit the number/type of vehicles and other entries in the parade.
3. Entries received after June 25, will be accepted only upon approval from the Parade Committee. No entries will be accepted after June 30.
4. All participants are expected to abide by general behavior guidelines.
5. The Seward Fourth of July Parade Committee does not endorse the views, representations, and behaviors of parade participants.

Concerning Animals

6. All entries with live animals are responsible for immediately curbing/cleaning up after their animals.
7. Animals must be of nature that noise and excitement will not frighten them.

Candy, Water, Handouts

8. The throwing of candy and other objects is strictly prohibited. No article such as candy, etc. shall be thrown into the crowd along the parade route from the vehicles in the parade. ALL giveaways and candy must be handed directly to parade attendees by walkers along the route. This avoids the danger of children darting out in front of a moving vehicle. For safety and insurance reasons, this rule will be strictly enforced.
9. NO water spraying, water balloons, or any spraying of the audience of any kind.
10. Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation.
11. Once your entry has started along the parade route, no one may board your float.

ALCOHOL

12. ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED.

§6-312 DRINKING IN PUBLIC. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in the public streets, alleys, parking areas, roads, highways, or inside vehicles while upon public streets, alleys, parking areas, roads, or highways or upon any property owned by Municipality or other governmental subdivision thereof, unless authorized by the City Council; provided, the provisions of this section shall not apply to liquor establishments licensed by the State of Nebraska. (Ref. 53-186 RS Neb.) (Amended by Ord. No. 25-93, 8/3/93)

The presence of alcohol creates huge liabilities. If you are found with alcohol before (line up) and during (while in route) the parade you will leave and your participation in the parade will cease. No alcohol in coolers, disguised with koozies, in buckets of ice, etc... Remember that you are being watched by thousands but most especially by children. We also want to keep the parade a safe one for all. As participants you all have a responsibility to the parade viewers' safety as well as your own. Thank You.

13. Entries with children under the age of 19 must have adult supervision.
14. All entries must have clear identification.
15. No special consideration will be given to cars of any kind. All cars overheat and no special placement can be given.
16. Protocols for line-up of dignitaries and officials are followed.

LINE UP

17. Any misconduct during line up shall result in your entry not participating in the parade. There will be no fighting amongst entries over any subject matter. You will treat all volunteers with respect and conduct yourselves in an orderly fashion. Any concerns that you have will be directed toward the Parade Chair and not amongst yourselves. In the event that you have a concern you may contact the parade chair on her cell phone (402-641-8912) and she will be glad to hear your concerns and find a comprible solution. If there is any argument with the Parade

Chair and/or any Parade Official's decision you will **NOT** participate in the parade. Assignments and Measurements are made based upon information given on the forms that you have filled out. That is another reason why it's important to be as accurate and informative as possible.

18. Sections entry's are marked and are also where you can check in.
19. Roads are marked with your assigned number in your assigned section.
20. Changes in the parade line-up the day of the parade will be at the sole discretion of the parade officials.
21. Semis are not to be left running during line-up. It is difficult to hear and give directions with all the other noise going on all around. Thank You.
22. All entries are to keep out of the middle of the road. It is imperative that the road be kept clear at all times. This includes cars and people.
23. Walkers can stand on the sidewalk/curb until five minutes before the start of the parade.
24. Vehicles are not allowed to park in the middle of the road during line up. This is also why it is important that you be sure to list all vehicles so that proper space can be allotted for your entry.
25. Keeping the road open is imperative in the event an emergency occurs it is important that emergency vehicles have a clear passage.
26. In the event that we are providing signs those signs can be found at your section checkpoint/parade volunteers in your section.
27. Semi trailers are not allowed in the parade due to safety and insurance reasons.

Confirmations

28. Will be sent out after June 26. Please allow time for delivery before calling.

Political Entry

1. Elected Officials are exempt from entry fees except when entering as a candidate in a current election.
2. Please make arrangements with the Parade Chair in advance so that all details may run smooth on the day of the parade.
3. All vehicles must be reported to parade chair to ensure that space is allotted for them. Vehicles CANNOT be parked in the middle of the road until 5 minutes before parade start to ensure emergency vehicles (if need be) can move freely.
4. Please be sure to fill out the entry/registration form to ensure that all information is received.
5. In the event you need a car we need to know that at least two weeks prior to the parade.

Queens, Dignitaries, Color Guards, and Special Guests

1. Queens, Dignitaries, Color Guard, and Special Guests are exempt from entry fees.
2. Please make arrangements with the Parade Chair in advance so that all details may run smooth the day of the parade.
3. Please be sure to fill out the forms/registration form to ensure that all information is received.
4. Please let us know if you need a car or sign at least two weeks in advance.

Awards

Best of Show-Top Parade Award
Chairman's Award-A Favorite Entry of the Judges
Mayor's Award-Best Entry Following the Celebration Theme
The Florence Keller Memorial Award –Best Business or Industry Award
The Mervin Zillig Memorial Award-The Best Equestrian Rider or Unit
The Cecil Drew Memorial Award-The Best Horse Drawn Unit
The Dorothea Bek Memorial Award-The Best Walking or Riding Unit
The Best Musical Unit-The Parade Entry with the Best Live Music
The Willa Koenig Memorial Award-The Best Youth Sponsored Entry
The Mary and Margaret Sweasey Memorial Award-The Best Entry by a Civic Group
The Jim Orr Memorial Award-The Most Patriotic Entry
The People's Choice Award-The Obvious Favorite of the Crowd

Trophies are funded by donations from the Seward VFW Auxiliary, the GFWC Seward Junior Women's Club and the GFWC Seward Woman's Club.

General Information

Parade Line Up starts at 2:00

Everyone needs to be in place by 3:10

Parade starts at 4:00

Enter at your designated Section Entry Point

Please be sure to check in with the parade officials.

Officials will be wearing bright neon yellow shirts with Black letters.

Do not park in the middle of road.

Do not loiter in the middle of the road. Walkers can stand on the sidewalks and curb areas.

Participation ribbons will be handed out when you check in at your entry point.

Confirmations

Confirmations will be sent out after June 26. Please allow time for delivery before calling.

Parking

Concordia University: 800 North Columbia =Larger vehicles like buses

St. Johns Parking Lot located across from Concordia University

Parade Route

The parade route will begin at 1st and Bradford.

Will go two blocks south and turn west onto

Seward Street. From there the parade will

proceed 13 blocks until reaching South 14th

Street. From there you can disperse south to reach Highway 34 or North which will take one past the fairgrounds and eventually to Hillcrest once you cross the tracks and turn north again.

