



April 27-29, 2018

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Dear Parade Participant,

On behalf of the Founders Day Festival Commission, we would like to invite you to participate in this year's Founders Day 31st Anniversary Parade, scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2018.

Our 2018 theme is "Celebrate Drippin'," which provides so many great ways to honor your Dripping Springs community. There will be an Overall Best Entry prize and awards presented for Second through Fourth place. **This year we will limit the parade to 75 entries, so get your entry in today!**

Please review the enclosed Parade Entry Form and return it by mail or deliver it to City Hall by **Friday, March 30, 2018**. If your entry is approved, please plan to attend or send a representative to the mandatory meeting scheduled for **April 12, 2018**. Failure to attend the meeting will result in your entry being denied, since this is the **ONLY** meeting before the parade.

Send in your application and decorate your float honoring your vision of this year's theme.

Please contact Brenda Medcalf at 512-698-4516 if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you for all your support and we hope you will be a part of this year's Founders Day Festival Parade to honor your community with a rich past and bright future.

Sincerely,

Brenda Medcalf

BRENDA MEDCALF

Founders Day Commissioner, Parade Committee

Parade Entry Form 2018

Founders Day Parade Begins at 6:30 pm,
Friday, April 27, 2018

With our theme "Celebrate Drippin'," decorate your float and wear costumes that best fit your idea of the theme. **Have fun and be creative!**



Parade Information:

- * Parade entries will be "staged" between 4:30 pm and 6 pm. Your parade entry (vehicles or floats and participants) must be in place by 6 pm to participate in the parade. Location will be determined.
- * Only 75 entries will be accepted. Floats must support the theme.
- * Deadline to enter is **March 30, 2018. NO LATE ENTRIES.**
- * You will receive a confirmation of your entry by mail or email.
- * Please complete the form below, include your payment and either an email address or a self-addressed stamped envelope, and mail it to (or deliver to City Hall):

Founders Day Commission, City Hall
P.O. Box 384
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
(Or Deliver to City Hall at 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, 78620)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY & FEE

\$40 per vehicle/float
Deadline: March 30, 2018

(No refunds or Rain Date)
\$30 fee for returned checks

Judging will be done during the parade for these prizes:

- * Grand Marshall's Prize for Overall Best Entry
- * 2nd Place
- * 3rd Place
- * 4th Place

RETURN PORTION BELOW

PARADE ENTRY FORM

FEE: \$40 vehicle/float by **March 30, 2018**

Make payments to: City of Dripping Springs Founders Day

___ **Mandatory. Please initial that I have read and understand the parade guidelines.**

Name of Person/Organization/Entry _____

_____ # of people on float _____ # of Animals - If so, what kind _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Music ___ Yes ___ No How long is your entire entry for the parade in feet? _____ Feet (ex. truck, trailer, etc.)

Describe your float _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: CK. Date _____ # _____ - Amount: _____ Date Rec'd _____ LY# _____ TY# _____



Parade Guidelines for Participants!

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Founders Day Festival Grand Parade.

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1. Use of Alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited.
2. Non-parade vehicles are not allowed in the staging area. The staging area consists of Walnut Springs Elementary School Campus parking areas and roadways. Participants may be dropped off at the driveway entrances to the Elementary School campus, on Sportsplex Drive, and walk to their designated staging area.
3. Parade vehicles must enter the staging area using the main entrance to Walnut Springs, off Sportsplex Drive. Please observe the parade volunteer's instructions and directions.
4. Only those vehicles with an Official Entry Card will be allowed to enter the staging area. Those not holding an official entry card will not be able to participate.
5. **Official Entry Cards will be provided at a mandatory parade pre-meeting held on 4/12/18 at 6:30pm at City Hall.** Every approved parade participant must send an adult representative to the pre-parade meeting. Those entries that have been approved, but do not attend the pre-parade meeting, will not be allowed to participate. There will be no refunds for parade entries that have been approved and do not attend the pre-parade meeting.
6. Driving or parking vehicles on any grassy areas of the campus is absolutely prohibited.
7. Staging will begin at 4:30 pm and vehicles will be allowed to enter until 6 pm.
8. Each entry will receive their staging instructions at the meeting on 4/12/18. It is the responsibility of the person attending the meeting to coordinate with the other members of their entry on where to meet for staging. Please observe the parade volunteer's instructions and directions as you enter the staging area.
9. Judging will be done as the parade passes the announcers stand.
10. At the pre-parade meeting you will be given a "**Parade Participant Card**" that must be completed

and returned as you enter the staging area the night of the parade. Completion of this card is required so that the Master of Ceremony may properly introduce your group.

11. If your entry includes animals, you are expected to have a waste detail walking immediately behind your group with the appropriate shovels and buckets. If you do not have the appropriate clean-up detail, entry in the parade will be denied.
12. If your entry includes animals, you are expected to maintain control of your animal at all times.
13. Riders not exhibiting control will be removed from the parade for their own and spectator safety.
14. **EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 ADULT SPOTTERS TO WALK THE ENTIRE PARADE ROUTE.** If you are throwing candy, you must have an ADULT SPOTTER on each side of the entry, at the front and at the back for a minimum of 4, to ensure spectators or children do not reach near or under the vehicles. Each spotter will be given a reflective vest to wear before the parade. Any entry not providing spotters will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
15. Candy must be thrown underhand and at the feet of the spectators. Any group throwing overhand or directly at a spectator will be asked to stop and will not be invited to participate in subsequent parades.
16. Follow the parade route and follow the instructions and directions of the Deputy Sheriff and Parade Officials. Do not ask to leave the parade route early.
17. If emergency vehicles need to leave the parade suddenly to answer an emergency, please get out of the way to facilitate their departure.
18. Participants are not allowed to get on or off the float or vehicle while it is in motion or anywhere on the parade route.
19. Do not allow participants to start dismantling your float until the float has returned to the staging area and is safely parked.