

DIVISION D: PARADE Saturday, July 22, 2017 * 10 a.m.

Theme: The Place to be Seen in 2017

Superintendent: Mark Wicks

Grand Marshals: George and Vicki Lawson

GUIDELINES:

1. ENTRY FORMS are available at the back of this book, online at www.whidbeyislandfair.com or at the Fair Office. Entry forms will be accepted in the Fair Office from June 1 through the July 15 deadline. Each entry is required to have a responsible adult (over 18) who will be in charge of all members and animals in the unit, accompanying their unit along the parade route. This adult should also review parade conduct with each member of the unit and arrange prior to parade day a meeting location close to the parade staging area at the WICA parking lot.
2. UNIT DESCRIPTION – with your entry form submit two typewritten lines, double spaced, of instruction and/or introduction of your unit as you wish it to be announced by the Midway stage MC.
3. PASSES – prior to the July 15 deadline, purchase sufficient day passes for each member of your unit. The reduced fees for parade participants are as follows - \$5 each adult and \$3 each child ages 5-18. Children under 5 are free.
4. Parade Day – Check-in at the WICA parking lot between 8:30-9:00 a.m. The parade begins promptly at 10 a.m. Numbers and starting positions will be provided at check-in, unless Superintendent has contacted entries beforehand. Parade route is approximately 1 ½ miles long.
5. All entrants must be able to complete the parade route of approximately 1 ½ miles, with a medium decline and a slight incline along the parade route. All participating vehicles are required to have a braking system and be in sound mechanical condition prior to staging. Marching and individual participants need to be physically able to complete the parade route. Animal entrants must be well cared for prior to, during and after the parade to ensure no harm to the animal.
6. Awards – Judging of all units will be done prior to and along the parade route, by the American System. All entries will be judged by this year's Fair theme, "The Place to be Seen in 2017." Awards will be based upon the best use of theme, color, animation, costume, music, movement, visibility, presentation, coordinating effects, and relevance to the Whidbey Island Fair. Choose your category on the entry form.
7. Candy or other items can be fun for bystanders along the parade route. Please offer these in a safe manner so all can enjoy the experience.
8. No smoking within 50 feet of any vehicle or float is allowed. All vehicle entrants must carry a fire extinguisher on the vehicle during the parade.
9. ANIMAL GROUPS – All group animal entries must have a pick-up person (pooper scooper!) immediately following its group, responsible for keeping the streets clear of animal waste. There will be an award for the most creative scoopers!
10. Horse groups should be in position at the WICA parking lot by 9:45 a.m.

11. Political entries will not be judged. All political endorsements or advertisements on any Whidbey Island Fair equipment or units must have written approval of the Island County Fair Association.
12. ROUTE – The parade starts at the WICA parking lot and finishes on the Fairgrounds.