

Division Number _____ Position Number _____ Location _____

**Mountain State Forest Festival
Grand Feature Parade
Float Application**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Name of Float Sponsor _____

Address _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Person in Charge _____ Title _____

Telephone (Office) _____ Home _____ E-Mail _____

Please check classification for which you are applying:

_____ Professional Float-----Name of Builder _____

_____ Amateur Float (not-professionally built)

Please give a complete description of float, including theme and message you want to convey. Furnish sketch if possible.

FLOAT BUILDER / SPONSOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PULL VEHICLE / DRIVER.

Please check all appropriate categories:

Type of Towing Vehicle:

_____ Motorized

_____ Non-motorized

_____ Horse Drawn

_____ Self-Propelled

_____ Other (explain) Be Specific

Please complete and return to: **Grand Feature Parade Chairman**

Mountain State Forest Festival

PO Box 388

Elkins, WV 26241

We have read the rules, regulations and policies governing participation in the Grand Feature Parade of the Mountain State Forest Festival and agree, if we participate, to comply with them as prescribed. We understand that the Mountain State Forest Festival Association is not liable for injury to persons participating in the parade, spectators or damage to vehicles or personal property.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mountain State Forest Festival
Grand Feature Parade
Float Regulations

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mountain State Forest Festival is to showcase West Virginia, by focusing on the people, beauty, natural resources and recreational facilities. With this in mind, the object of the Grand Feature Parade is to entertain our visitors with a tasteful display of talent and original artistic design, using the skill and ingenuity of the people to highlight the beauty, and usefulness of our forests and streams and the need to preserve them for recreational use.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Any group or individual can build or obtain a float from any source and enter it in The Grand Feature Parade, if issued an invitation and if all rules and regulations herein are met.
- B. Those potential float sponsors not receiving an invitation through our regular mailing may request an invitation by contacting:

Grand Feature Parade Chairman
Mountain State Forest Festival
PO Box 388
Elkins, WV 26241
www.forestfestival.com

- C. The parade float application for competitive entries must be completed and returned to the parade committee chairman by September 1, 2011. Acceptance and parade location will be given when line-up is completed. No verbal float entries will be accepted.
- D. It is suggested that you attempt to build a float that reflects the annual theme of the festival, as listed in the letter of invitation.
- E. No political or controversial issues may be represented or alluded to in any way on any float.
- F. No individual running for political office may ride or be represented in any way on any float.
- G. All vehicles used to pull a float must have prior approval.
- H. All floats must be in their line-up position by 10:00 am on parade day.
- I. All float entrants must obey the instruction of parade officials in order to provide event movement of the parade as a whole. These officials will be properly identified and have authority to disqualify or eject entrants from the parade.

- J. A distance of 40 to 60 feet must be maintained between any two entries.
- K. Floats are not allowed to stop during the parade.
- L. In case of mechanical difficulties, the float must be moved to the side and out of the parade flow as quickly as possible, so a gap will not be created in the parade.
- M. Float riders must remain on the float through the entire parade. Exception: Appointed Jesters in the Court of Queen Silvia.
- N. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in competitive disqualification, ejection from the parade, and removal from future invitation lists.
- O. The Mountain State Forest Festival reserved the right to screen and reject or approve all entries. The entertainment and enjoyment of parade viewers is of the utmost importance and the quality of each unit are very important.

III. STRUCTURE

- A. Decorated automobiles, trucks, station wagons, boat trailers, scooters, or motor Bikes are not considered floats and will not be accepted to participate in the Parade. Log Trucks, representing the lumber industry, are an exception to this Rule and are addressed on the Special Unit application form.
- B. Float Dimensions
 - 1. Maximum of 40 feet in length, excluding the towing vehicle.
 - 2. Maximum of 12 feet in width.
 - 3. Maximum of 12 feet in height.
 - 4. The rigid part of the float structure must have at least 12 inches in ground clearance.
 - 5. A builder or sponsor may request, in writing, an exception to these measurements, by explaining the function and need for excessive dimensions. Large floats should not cause any delay in their movement through the parade.
- C. ANY FLOAT CONSIDERED UNSAFE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE.

IV. SAFETY

- A. Plans for distribution of product, novelty items, or informational fliers, will be submitted for approval by the parade committee. If approved, items will be distributed from the sides **(NOT THROWN)** off the float during parade route to ensure crowd safety.

- B. THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY DRIVERS, AS WELL AS RIDERS, BEFORE AND DURING THE PARADE, ARE PROHIBITED.
- C. If any children under the age of 12 are riding on a parade float, AT LEAST ONE ADULT MUST accompany float driver in towing vehicle throughout the parade. Children under 12 must ride a float and are not allowed to walk or march.
- D. Safety devices must be incorporated into the float for each rider, whether seated or standing.

V. PULLING VEHICLES

- A. Floats must be pulled by cars, pick-up trucks or 4-wheel drive vehicles (washed on parade day).
- B. Advertising WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON pulling vehicles. Only company name will be permitted.
- C. No dealership promotional signs will be allowed except for office vehicles or drivers for float entries.
- D. PLEASE NOTE: The Mountain State Forest Festival will not provide pulling vehicles or drivers for float entries.
- E. All drivers pulling floats MUST be at least 18 years of age or older.

VI. JUDGING

- A. All float riders must be in costume and on the float, parked in proper location, by 11:00 am to be eligible for judging.
- B. Floats will not be judged during the parade. Floats will be judged by impartial Judges working independently. The judge's decisions are final. The official List of awards will be completed for announcement by approximately 1:30 pm.

Parade Adjudication:

Originality.....	20 Points
Use of Color.....	15 Points
Spectator Appeal.....	30 Points
Excellence of Design.....	20 Points
Execution of Festival Theme.....	15 Points

VII. COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

Manufacturing/Industrial Business

President's Award-Professional
Division

President's Award-Amateur
Division

Commercial Business

Director General's Award -
Professional Division

Director General's Award –
Amateur Division

Government Organization or
Departments

Assistant Director's Award –
Professional Division

Assistant Director's Award –
Amateur Division

Fraternal, Civic, Service, Professional
Youth, Religious Organizations

Parade Marshal's Award –
Professional Division

Parade Marshal's Award –
Amateur Division

Festivals / Fairs

Maid of Honor Award –
Professional Award

Maid of Honor Award –
Amateur Division

Winners in each category above will receive a Forest Festival Plaque.

GRAND PRIZE AWARDS

The float receiving the highest number of points, regardless of category, in the Professional Division will be awarded the Queen Silvia Grand Float Award (Professional) and a check for \$500.00.

The float receiving the highest number of points overall, regardless of the category in the Amateur Division will be awarded the Queen Silvia Grand Float Award (Amateur) and a check for \$500.00.

The Mountain State Forest Festival Grand Feature Parade will be televised on a local cable station. In order for our parade commentators to give your float the best possible coverage, please provide information and comments you would like expressed.

NAME OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION / BUSINESS

SPONSOR / BUSINESS LOCATION

THEME OF FLOAT _____

NAMES OF RIDERS ON FLOAT _____

AWARDS FLOAT HAS WON AT OTHER PARADES _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS _____

Thank you for the information, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Mountain State Forest Festival.