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March 27, 2017

Are You Ready For Some Football?

Get Ready! On Sunday, October 1, 2017, the 81st Mountain State Forest Festival will be host the Parade of Children and give your group the opportunity to show us your spirit! This year's theme, "Are You Ready For Some Football?" provides you with an awesome opportunity to get creative and have fun! Participants will display themed costumes and will feature bands, school and church groups, and business mascots.

On behalf of the Mountain State Forest Festival, it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to participate in this year's event. Children enjoy showcasing their costumes and talent and hundreds of spectators enjoy the array of unique performances by participants. This is a wonderful venue to showcase your talent.

At the end of the parade route, "Children's Fest" will be in full swing and will continue the football theme with activities and giveaways for children participating in and watching the parade.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Application, Parade Rules & Regulations as well as those followed by the Mountain State Forest Festival. Please complete the application and sign the Rules & Regulation acceptance policy and return either by email to me at dempsey.mel@gmail.com or by USPS to the Mountain State Forest Festival at the address above. All entries with a vehicle require pre-registration. The deadline for entry is Friday, September 23, 2017.

On parade day, entries with floats/vehicles will line up at 1:15p.m. and participants walking through the parade will line up at 1:45p.m. with the parade stepping off at 2:30p.m. Awards will be given to group entries in the following categories:

- Most Team Spirit
- Best Incorporation of Theme "Are You Ready For Some Football?"
- Parade Performance Award

We can't wait to see your creativity toward this year's theme and your performance in this year's parade! If you have any questions, please contact me by email at dempsey.mel@gmail.com or by phone at 304-940-9668.

Sincerely,

Melanie Dempsey
Mountain State Forest Festival
Assistant Director





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2017 Parade of Children "Are You Ready For Some Football?"



Registration

(All fields required)

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____
(Please include # that can be used to reach group on the day of event)

Email: _____

Please Circle One Walking Float

Will you have a vehicle? Yes _____ No _____

Will your group use music? Yes _____ No _____

Any other details we should know about your group?

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
You will receive notification that your application has been received

Release: By signing this form, I release the Mountain State Forest Festival from any and all personal injury or property damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival.

Signature

Date





2017 Parade of Children
“Are You Ready For Some Football?”
Rules & Regulations



You must sign at the bottom and include with registration to participate

1. Group or individuals may participate in the parade;
2. Any potential participant not receiving an invitation through our regular mailing may request an application by calling the Mountain State Forest Festival office at 304-636-1824;
3. Costumes will not be judged;
4. Twirlettes will be exhibition only;
5. No motorized vehicles will be allowed in the parade, including pick-up trucks, flatbed trucks, cars, four wheelers, mules, etc. The **only** exception will be one vehicle permitted for each twirlette or dance group for the purpose of music;
6. Pre-registration is required for all organizations with a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle will be required to submit a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Without the information, you will not be permitted to participate. This information should be forwarded with application by September 22, 2017;
7. It is suggested that costumes reflect the annual theme of the parade;
8. No political, controversial or business advertisement may be represented in the Children's Parade;
9. All entrants must obey the instruction of the 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;
10. Businesses or organizations may enter their mascots in the parade if desire;
11. Failure to comply with **the rules and regulations may result in disqualification or ejection from the parade and removal from future participation;**
12. The Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to screen and reject or approve all entries. The entertainment and enjoyment of the parade viewers is of the utmost importance;
13. Candy cannot be thrown along the parade route, however, it can be handed out;

By signing below, I indicate that I have read the Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:

Signature

Date





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Mountain State Forest Festival General Rules & Regulations

1. Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to adjust locations in the event of inclement weather, inclement ground conditions or otherwise if needed;
2. All applications for specific events and entry fees must be received by the deadlines set for specific events;
3. All applications will be reviewed by the designated Mountain State Forest Festival committee. Each exhibitor or vendor will be notified by mail/email if the application is accepted by the committee by the deadline advertised for that event;
4. All applicable registration fees are non-refundable unless specified in the specific rules for that event;
5. A royalty will be charged to any vendor selling wears bearing the Mountain State Forest Festival and/or the official logo of the Mountain State Forest Festival;
6. Please note any special needs on your application. We will attempt to meet the special need, if any additional fees are required for your special request, we will notify you of the additional fee within two (2) weeks of receiving your application & fee;
7. The Mountain State Forest Festival, or any agent acting on its behalf, will not be responsible for damages to exhibitors/vendor's displays, units or property;
8. The Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to advertise the presence of the exhibitor or vendor. The exhibitor or vendor agrees to hold the Mountain State Forest Festival and any agent acting on its behalf harmless from any advertising or other liability;
9. Unless otherwise agreed upon, all hardware (i.e. electrical cords, tables, tents/canopies, coverings, lighting, etc) is the responsibility of the exhibitor/vendor;
10. Alcohol is strictly prohibited at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission from the Mountain State Forest Festival.
11. No merchandise depicting drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may be sold, displayed, or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event;
12. No item used to consume drugs may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event;
13. Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to request a vendor to remove any merchandise or display that the event organizers determine is unacceptable or inconsistent with the Forest Festival rules or philosophy;
14. Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to evict any person/organization/business for failure to follow the general rules or the specific rules for each event.

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