

# Float Building Schedule

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The building will open tentatively August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011      TBD

- No parking in building (cars may enter only for dropping off of materials)
- No Smoking in building
- No Alcohol in building
- **You must use paint drop cloths; the city has asked that we not get any paint on the floors.**
- Special needs to get into the float building call Don Schweitzer at 643-3820 or 672-3846.

## Float Building Rules, Regulations and Awards

### Helpful hints, Plus a Rule or Two:

The rules noted are for the protection of the participants and observers. The size limitation, for example limits the height to clear overhead obstacles. In the spirit of helpful cooperation, devotes the following pages covering construction, decoration, and judging to the participants who make this parade an outstanding event.

Rules, Regulations, Requests

#### *Size:*

Ohio Code 5577.05 stipulates that parade floats conform to the following limitations:

Width – 11 feet high

Length – 35 feet (except tractor and trailer operated in combination not to exceed 60 feet)

**\*The float building has a smaller clearance than the pervious building. Please be advised that the door clearance is 9 feet 5 inches with a width of 10 feet 5 inches.**

#### *Float:*

A float shall be deemed as a personally designed, constructed and self decorate self propelled or towed unit.

#### *Chassis:*

A float framework must have sufficient strength to adequately support the displays. No part of the framework shall be so low as to stop the float from clearing obstacles and in no case less than 6 inches from the ground.

#### *Fire Extinguisher:*

It is advisable to carry a CO2 fire extinguisher with in easy reach of the driver.

## **Visibility:**

Adequate space for the driver is essential. The driver must face forward at the controls.

### *Tail Pipes:*

The exhaust manifold must be vented through a leak-free pipe projecting beyond the apron of the back or side.

### *Radiators:*

Keeping the engine cool is one of the big problems facing self propelled units. Check out the radiator system on your vehicle. A 5 gallon canteen of water should be carried as a matter of insurance. Air cooled engines should have proper air ventilation.

### *Variances:*

Any variation from these regulations must be approved by the Float Committee Chairman.

### *Ventilation:*

Drivers must have proper ventilation from asphyxiating exhaust fumes.

## **Creativity, Ingenuity, and Spirit**

Floats must fit the theme of the parade and be in good taste. Materials for decoration can range from painted paper, cardboard, construction paper to chicken wire with tissue paper.

Floats will bear the name of the group or organization on both side aprons. The name of the theme depicted by the float may be placed on the front or plainly indicated in some other approved manner. Floats may not bear advertising for any commercial or political or private gain, nor may the vehicle that pulls the float. They may say "Sponsored by..." With letters no more than 12 inches high.

## **Those Who Ride or Walk**

No entry shall be accompanied by persons on foot unless they form a integral part of the entry. Absolutely no candies, balloons, or other favors are to be distributed from the floats.

Floats may not be stopped during the parade for demonstrations or any other reason. If motor failure or other trouble is experienced, get help and move the unit to the curb.

## **The Judges**

Floats are judged for prizes awards by judges who have no connection with Kettering Holiday at Home Committee, nor with any participant in the parade. They are chosen from the best apt to evaluate floats in accordance with the judging points.

Judges will base their decisions on the following points:

1. Excellence of design and execution of theme.
2. Originality and overall appearance.
3. Use of color harmony.
4. Display of animation and sound.

The judges will take into consideration the workmanship and attention given to detail, costumes of participants, and the finished appearance of aprons.

Only one award will be made to an entry.

## **Awards**

### *Grand Award:*

The float exemplifying excellence in execution of theme, originality, design, color harmony, appearance and animation.

### *Theme Award:*

Most fitting presentation of the theme of the parade.

### *Grand Marshal's Award:*

Best display of originality.

### *Holiday Queen's Award:*

Excellence of design, color harmony and overall appearance exemplifying beauty.

### *Mayor's Award:*

Best display of a float by a youth group.

### *President's Award:*

Best use of natural resources.

**Judging will take place before the parade on Labor Day at 7:00 am and awards 8:00 am on Far Hills along the float staging area.**

A good source of float building supplies:

FBS Building Supplies

1.888.327.3524 or [flagman@fbsind.com](mailto:flagman@fbsind.com)

Helpful Hints, Suggestions and a few rules:

The building is HOT so bring fans.

There is running water (YEAH!) for drinking and cleaning up.

There are restrooms in the building.

Bring lawn chairs and tables for your area, none will be provided.

Extension cords will be needed.

Bring a broom, dust pan, trash can (with wheels are better), and trash bags.

Children are welcome, but **must** be supervised.

Please do not park in the float building unless you are dropping off and picking up supplies. If you need your car in the building please let us know and we will make arrangements.

Smokers please sit on the loading dock, the float building is smoke free.

Second hand stores are a great place to find float items and costumes.

Remember the art of illusion, it doesn't have to be a real rock or dog, just look like or resemble one. Get into the 'Disney' frame of mind.

Fellow float builders are a great resource of helpful hints.

Most important it is fun and a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and co-workers. Have fun and don't forget someone from your group will have to be at the float building to move the float to the parade route very early in the morning of the parade, at 2:00 am

### **Float Staging**

As stated above, floats in the building will be escorted to the staging area by the Kettering Police at 2:00 am the morning of the parade and will be set in their assigned location along Far Hills in the float staging area.

For those organizations not using the float building, but wanting to be judged for the awards listed above, the floats need to be in place no later than 6:00 am at your assigned location. For those organizations that are not wanting their floats to be judged, your floats need to be in place no later than 8:00.