

Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 2022 Preston County Buckwheat Festival

General Parade Participants Rules and Requirements

Those submitting the 2022 General Parade Participants Entry Form AND those bringing your entry to our parade(s) **MUST BE GIVEN A COPY OF ALL OF THIS MATERIAL.**

Requirements for General Parade Entries:

- NO SOLICITING, THROWING OR HANDING OUT OF ANY ITEMS: Because of the safety hazard it presents, the throwing from any parade units and/or the handing out of any objects, or soliciting directly to parade spectators along the parade route before or during the parade(s) is PROHIBITED.
- All motorized parade entries participating in our parade(s) must be: clean, in safe mechanical order, adequately fueled, operated in a safe manner in the parade line-up area and through the parade route. Any entry that is judged as unsafe or allows riders to be inadequately protected will not be allowed to participate in the parades(s).
- Any parade participant under the age of ten (10) must be on a float or in a motorized vehicle.
- Entries will make an appropriate presentation including signage fitting a family-oriented festival parade. Any parade entry deemed inappropriate for family viewing will be removed from the line-up.
- NO political or controversial issues(s) may be represented alluded to in any way on any parade entry.
- Individual(s) riding in our parade(s) who currently hold or are running for any type of political office SHALL NOT represent their candidacy, nor the political or public office held in any manner on any parade entry.
- The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and/or the misuse of prescription drugs by any parade participants before or during the parade(s) is PROHIBITED and may result in legal action by the local authorities. Inappropriate language or behavior by any parade participant(s) WILL NOT BE TOLORATED.
- Parade Line up will be available at: buckwheatfest.com on Monday, September 26, 2022.

Parade Day:

All parade participants **MUST** be on their line-up spots by:

12:00 noon on Friday, School Community Day. The parade starts at 2:00 pm.

10:00 am on Saturday, Farmers' Day. The parade starts at 12:00 Noon.

Enter the parade line-up area where East High Street intersects Veterans Memorial Highway - WV Route 7 East at the Advanced Auto Parts store (318 E Main St., Kingwood).

You will be assigned a line-up number when you enter the line-up area on East High Street. These numbers are painted on the pavement.

Once lined-up, a driver or person in charge **MUST** remain with your entry at all times.

Porta-Johns are available along the parade line-up area.

There are no facilities available within the parade line-up area for changing clothes.

Food is available from the vendors on the Buckwheat Festival grounds.

Parade Route:

Any parade unit intentionally stopping or slowing forward movement of the parade(s) will be asked to withdraw.

Maintain a distance of sixty (60) feet between the parade units while the parade(s) is in motion unless otherwise instructed by parade officials/firemen.

In case of mechanical difficulties, or other emergency on your unit or within the parade, the parade unit **MUST** move, or be moved to the right-hand curb if at all possible, as quickly as possible so as not to impede the forward movement of the parade, or hinder emergency individuals/vehicles.

ALL riders MUST REMAIN on the parade unit and parade participants in the line of march throughout the entire parade route. The parade(s) will end on South Price Street. KVFD firemen will direct drivers of any parade unit or other motorized parade units needing to disembark riders and/or tear down to **A SPECIFIC SITE TO PARK.** To avoid blocking the flow of the parade and emergency vehicles, **DO NOT PARK** until directed to do so by a KVFD fireman. Once parked, disembark riders as safely and quickly as possible and then quickly tear down your parade unit. Once torn down, move out of this parade/festival congested area to make room for other parade units to accomplish these same tasks.

DISCLAIMER AND AGREEMENT:

The Board of Directors of the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. or their designee, reserves the right to screen and approve or reject any or all requests or applications to participate in our parades. The right is further reserved by the above to exclude objectionable, or unsafe parade entries, or inappropriate, non-compliant participants once observed in the parade line-up area or during participation in the parade.

Failure to comply with any or all of these written regulations, verbal instructions, or requests made by our Parade Marshal(s), firemen and/or their designated parade staff could result in competitive disqualification, removal from participating in the parade(s), removal from our float and/or parade invitation mailing list or any combination of these consequences as determined by the appropriate designated Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department/Festival Official(s). These Individuals have the authority to enforce these regulations and to issue additional instructions for the smooth execution of our parades for the safety of our parade participants and spectators.

We respectfully request that you and your group cooperatively comply with these instructions, requests, and any directives made by the Parade Marshal(s), parade staff, and/or KVFD Firemen.

We have read and understand all of the information herein including the "2022 General Parade Participants Rules and Requirements" document. We certify that we will comply with **all** of these regulations as well as any additional requests and instructions issued by KVFD fire fighters, the Parade Marshal(s) and their designated parade staff.

We **will not** hold the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. nor the Preston County Buckwheat Festival or subdivisions thereof liable for any personal injuries or property damages caused to persons or objects participating in or viewing either parade as a result of our parade participation. We understand that we are participating at our own risk.