



Celebrate America Committee
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Paris, TX 75461

The Celebrate America committee would like to invite you to participate in the 28th annual July 4th Parade in Paris, TX. This committee was formed in 1993 to instill community pride and demonstrate to our youth what Independence Day is all about.

This year's parade will be Saturday, July 3rd, 2021. Staging will begin at 8:00 AM in the parking lot north of the Lamar County Courthouse. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM and proceed south on 1st NW then turn east on Clarksville St, north on 12th SE, west on Lamar Ave and back to courthouse on North Main St.

There is no entry fee to enter parade. We will have cash prize for Best Overall Entry - \$200. Category Prizes will be \$100-1st, \$50-2nd, \$25- 3rd place in each category. The categories are Commercial, Organization, Church Group and Best Decorated Vehicles. Entries can range from professional made floats, homemade floats, marching groups, equestrian groups, vehicles – cars, trucks, motorcycles, military, tractors, bicycles, tricycle, wagons, etc.

While we have no mandatory requirements on healthcare safety, we recommend following all social distancing guidelines and taking any precautions you feel necessary to keep yourself and your participants safe. There are participation rules concerning general safety measures but not healthcare safety.

Please contact us for an entry form and general rules.

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Celebrate America
2020 July 4th Parade

Sponsor: Celebrate America Committee

Date: Saturday, July 3rd, 2021
Time: Staging begins at 8:00 AM – Parade begins at 10:00 AM
Entry Fee: Free

Categories: Commercial / Small Business
Organizations
Church
Vehicle

Prizes: Best of Parade: \$200 (not eligible for category prizes)
Each Category: 1st place-\$100 2nd place-\$50 3rd place-\$25

*Prize winners may donate their prize money to the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce to help offset the cost of the annual Firework Show. Please be sure to mark your entry form if you would like to make this donation.

Route: The parade will start south on 1st NW along the west side of Plaza making a left onto Clarksville Street along south side of Plaza. Parade will continue east on Clarksville St and make a left onto 12th SE continue one block to Lamar Ave and turn left on Lamar Ave. Parade will continue west on Lamar Ave back to Plaza and turn right on N. Main ending back at the courthouse.

General Rules

- 1 Although entry is free and pre-registration is not required, it makes organizing and planning easier if you register early. Please try to have registration in by Thursday, July 1st, 2021.
- 2 All vehicles must be driven by licensed driver and vehicle must have insurance.
- 3 Due to city ordinance, **ABSOLUTLY NO ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN FROM PARADE ENTRIES.** This includes candy. However, Parade Participants are welcome to walk beside their parade entry and hand candy to the spectators along the parade route.
- 4 All participants must be securely on float before parade starts moving. **ABSOLUTLY NO RIDERS EXITING OR ENTERING FLOAT WHILE IN MOTION.**
- 5 Vehicles not participating in the parade **WILL NOT** be allowed in the staging area for **ANY** reasons.
- 6 Floats should only enter the staging area when they are completely decorated and ready to line up.
- 7 Judging will take place in the staging area prior to the parade start as well as along the parade route. Name of business, organization, church **MUST** be on both sides of the parade entry in order to be judged. Entry number will be given to each entry for window placement.
- 8 Parade entry winners will be announced to the Paris News on the day of Parade for future publication.