



## PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

### GENERAL

The “McCleary Second Growth & Bear Festival” parade is open to all. All entries are subject to approval of the Parade Committee. Safety precautions and polite behavior by the participants will be observed at all times. Failure to comply with these rules will result in expulsion from the parade. Positions will be assigned and all participants agree to keep to their assigned position with the line of march. Participants agree to maintain parade spacing and must not slow down the parade. All large entries (tow trucks, buses, etc.) must have a safety walker on all four corners of the entry. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. A person consuming alcohol prior to parade start will not be permitted in the Parade. Riding on the top of or outside of vehicles without belt or harness is prohibited. Fire or open flame on any entrant is prohibited. All drivers of vehicles and floats shall possess a valid driver’s license. Fire extinguishers rated 2A – 10BC are required on all motorized decorated vehicles. Exhaust systems shall extend beyond any and all decorations so that drivers or riders are not exposed to carbon monoxide fumes. Compressed gases (such as helium) shall be properly secured and safeguarded. All decorative materials must be fire retardant. **NOTE: Bales of hay are not fire retardant.**

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All floats, motorized vehicles and equestrian entries **MUST** provide their own insurance and provide proof of insurance with the completed application, or forward before the day of the parade. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE APPLICANT’S NAME IS ON THE CERTIFICATE!**

All floats and motorized vehicles **MUST** provide a certificate of insurance for bodily injury and property damage with combined single limits of \$300,000. The certificate must name the McCleary Bear Festival Association, Grays Harbor County, and the City of McCleary as additional insured on their policy. Car clubs and private vehicles may submit their private insurance card for vehicle liability insurance in lieu of a certificate of insurance.

All equestrian units **MUST** provide proof of insurance for bodily injury and property damage with combined single limits of \$50,000. A copy of your insurance card or declarations page for homeowner’s or comprehensive personal liability insurance is all that is required.

We **MUST** have evidence of your insurance in our possession setting forth the limits of liability provided and the name of your insurance company **BEFORE** we can accept your entry into the Grand Parade.

### FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

-The length of the float should be governed by the proper proportions for the design and should be so constructed that it will be able to make the turns at street intersections.

- Maximum length will be 60 feet per unit and clearance to the ground from the float frame will be a minimum of 8 inches.

-Floats must be entirely decorated. No part of the vehicle on which the float is built shall be visible.

-Sponsors must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view, drivers must complement the float.

-Float drivers must remain with their floats at all times in the staging area until they have completed the Parade and the float are returned to the setup area or the place designated by the sponsor. Your float is valuable and you should make plans so that it will not be a hazard to traffic before, during or after the Parade.

-No person is permitted to ride on a float in the Grand Parade other than those persons designated by the sponsor to appear thereon.

-All participants riding on floats must be anchored/seat belted to the float and using handholds while the float is in motion.

### BANDS, MARCHING UNITS AND VOCAL GROUPS

-All marching units **must maintain a forward motion and may not stop and perform** along the parade route. Routines, which cause a unit to hurry in order to catch up with the group in front of it, will not be permitted.

**Please be considerate of others performing in the parade.**

-Band directors and all marching units **must** obey all directions from Parade officials, especially if told to close the gap, stop performing reverse maneuvers, etc. Bands and Marching Units **are not** allowed to stop to perform at the reviewing stands. Judges are located along the entire parade route and are not primarily at the reviewing stand. Please assist in keeping the gaps closed.

-Vocal groups must perform numbers in good taste and subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the McCleary Bear Festival Association. Any offensive language will automatically eliminate you from the Parade.

### **HORSES/ANIMALS**

- \_ Each rider or group must provide its own clean-up unit.**
- \_ Any rider showing inability to control their animal will be removed from the Grand Parade by the Parade officials.
- \_ Each group or individual is responsible for leaving the areas they use as clean as they found it.
- \_ Each rider or group must provide proof of insurance.

**REGISTRATION:** All entrants who wish to be included in the judging must complete and return the attached Entry Form no later than Saturday, June 19, 2010. No EXCEPTIONS.

**CHECK-IN AND FORMATION:** Parade line-up begins at 9:30am. All groups are to report to the registration table at 9:00am. (Please remember under what name you registered!)

**JUDGING:** Begins promptly at 10:30 am. Each entry wishing to be judged must be pre-registered and in line prior to 9:30 am. **Late entries will not be eligible for judging.** All entries will be judged on originality, color, and interpretation of the parade theme: "Out of Hibernation". Pets or Livestock: Judging of animal costumes will be based on originality and creativity. Dogs and other small pets may be entered, provided they are on a leash and under full control at all times. **Owners are responsible for their animal's safety, comfort, water and sanitation. All horse group entrants must provide their own pooper scooper.** Please anticipate hot weather and give consideration to your pet!

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** All awards, with the exception of Bands, Drill/Dance Teams and Baton Groups, will be presented prior to or at the start of the parade. They will also be announced by the parade MC during the parade route.

**CANDY:** Candy may only be handed out along the parade route by a member of the group on each side walking and tossing to the children. **No candy may be thrown from floats or vehicles of any kind.**

**DISBAND AREA:** Please follow parade route all the way back to the start. Please obey street closures that will include the entire parade route and surrounding streets.

**Indemnification Agreement:** We wish to participate in the McCleary Second Growth and Bear Festival Grand Parade. As a condition for participation, the individuals or organization identified shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of McCleary, the McCleary Second Growth and Bear Festival Committee, Inc. and its Directors from any and all claims, suits and losses, damages of expenses on account of bodily injury or property damage arising out of participation in the parade. Our entry also agrees not to throw any objects (including but not limited to: candy, toys, balloons, etc.) from our entry. We understand if we violate this rule, our entry will be removed immediately from the parade. **There Are No Exceptions!**

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return entry form, liability release, and proof of insurance to:

McCleary Bear Festival Parade Chairperson  
PO Box 408  
McCleary, WA 98557