

Homecoming 2009 Parade Packet

“Homecoming Heroes-Saving the World Since 1884”

General Parade Rules:

1. All parade entries must reflect the theme “Homecoming Heroes.”
2. RSO’s and Residence Halls should use the full-page “RSO & Residence Hall Parade Entry Form” and FSU Departments, businesses, political entries, and community organizations should use the half-sheet “Community Parade Entry Form.” Both forms can be found on the Homecoming Website www.ferris.edu/alumni/homecoming or by emailing parade chair, Liz Albright at albrigel@ferris.edu or at the Student Leadership & Activities (SL&A) Office, Rankin 164.
3. Those RSO’s and Residence Halls entering the competition should also see “Competition Entry Rules 2009” below. Note: Competition is no longer limited to floats – SEE NEW RULES AND PRICING!!!
4. RSO’s and Residence Halls with non-competition entries in the parade will not be charged as long as they are promoting themselves. Note: RSO’s and Residence Halls representing businesses will be charged – details are on the RSO/Residence Hall Entry form.
5. Businesses and political groups will be charged \$30 for each float, \$15 for each vehicle, banner and/or marchers.
6. FSU Departments and off-campus non-profit groups will not be charged for parade entries as long as they are promoting themselves.
7. All entries are subject to the approval of the Student Homecoming Committee.
8. Line up begins at the Big Rapids Middle School at 11 am on Saturday, October 10th (*see special line up time for competition entries).
9. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE **NEW PARADE ROUTE**. WE WILL BE EXTENDING THE ROUTE THROUGH CAMPUS ALL THE WAY TO FLITE LIBRARY!!!
10. ABSOLUTELY NO DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE AND/OR ON THE PARADE ROUTE.
11. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS AND LOCAL CITY ORDINANCE - NO CANDY THROWING WILL BE ALLOWED. Entrants may walk alongside the float/vehicle and hand candy out, but NO THROWING.

RSO/Residence Hall Competition Entry Rules 2009:

1. RSO's and Residence Halls are eligible to enter the competition category. Please note that this category is no longer referred to as "Float Competition." Competition entries can be:
 - a. Traditional float entries that are a motorized vehicle pulling a non-motorized vehicle
 - b. A walking or non-motorized entry consisting of people on foot or a person- or animal-powered vehicle
 - c. One or more motorized vehicles without a float; and unique entries that do not fit the previous categories.
2. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place winners. Entries will be judged in the following categories:

- Correspondence to theme (<i>Heroes</i>)	<i>(40 points)</i>
- Originality/Difficulty/Overall effort	<i>(30 points)</i>
- Use of color and spirit	<i>(10 points)</i>
- Appearance/Operation during parade	<i>(20 points)</i>

Total possible points (per judge)	100 points
(See sample Judging Sheet)	

3. The judging will be based on the point system above. Each of the judges can give a maximum score of 100. The judges' sheets will be tallied (explained in #15 below).
4. The maximum width of entries will be 9 feet; maximum height is 15 feet and a maximum length of 35 feet.
5. The deadline for the \$10.00 entry fee is Wednesday, September 30, by 5:00pm in Rankin 164 (SL&A).

****Late entries will be accepted until Wednesday, October 7. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged (total \$35.00). ****

Note:
Entry fee must be paid (check payable to Ferris State University) at the Rankin Center Information Desk. You will be given two receipts. Turn one receipt in with the completed entry form to Rankin 164 (SL&A) and retain the other receipt for your records.
6. Members (non-professional) of the participating organization must construct entries.
7. Distasteful or unfinished entries will be disqualified.
8. Entries with poor trailer hook-ups will be removed from the parade at line-up time.
9. All ideas of construction and materials must be those of the sponsoring organization.
10. Design of entries must be submitted in advance to Homecoming Parade Chair.

11. We must have the owner's name, telephone number, and address of the location your entry is being constructed.
12. If you have a float, please take the proper safety precautions while transporting your float to the parade site. It is suggested that you have a car driving behind it with a sign on the back reading "slow moving vehicle."
13. The trailer and the towing car must have air-filled tires.
14. We ask that you begin to line up at the **Big Rapids Middle School** at 10 am on Saturday, October 10th. This early line-up is to allow you to make last minute repairs that may be needed as a result of the trip to the parade site.
15. All entries must be completely assembled by 10:30 am Saturday morning so that the judging may begin.
16. After judging, the top three (3) entries will be announced. Those three entries will be directed to Top Taggart Field after the parade. All other entries are free to leave at the conclusion of the parade.
17. Only the top three (3) entries will be displayed at Top Taggart Field.
18. Prizes for the top three (3) entries will be:

1st Place = \$150 and Trophy
2nd Place = \$100 and Trophy
3rd Place = \$50 and Trophy
19. ABSOLUTELY NO DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE AND/OR ON THE PARADE ROUTE.
20. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS AND LOCAL CITY ORDINANCE - NO CANDY THROWING WILL BE ALLOWED. Members may walk and hand candy out, but please NO THROWING.

SAMPLE Judging Sheet 2009

Rules:

1. Judging must stay within the categories listed and should not be based on personal information gathered before the time of judging. Feel free to touch any materials.
2. Fractional points are not allowed.

Total Possible Points: _____ **100**

Correspondence to theme

40 pts _____

Does it keep within the theme of "Homecoming Heroes?"

Would you have been able to guess the theme if you had only seen this entry?

Originality/Difficulty/Overall effort

30 pts _____

Use of color and school spirit

10 pts _____

Appearance/Operation during parade

20 pts _____

Special effects, does it look good? Are moving parts moving properly?

Are rounded parts "more square" than round?

Are materials sagging and faded or firm and bright?

Total points _____

Comments: