

OFFICIAL 2012 DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FLOAT and BAND CONTEST RULES

1. The following rules govern entries requesting to participate in the 19th Annual Dacula Memorial Day Parade Float and Band Contest and are in addition to the Official Parade Rules.

2. There are three contest categories as follows:

A. Most Original Theme Float * 1st Place = \$100.00 Cash and a Trophy *****

Entries will be judged on:

- (a) The incorporation of the 19th Annual Dacula Memorial Day Theme
- (b) Creativity and originality
- (c) Cleanliness and neatness of the area surrounding the entry in the staging area.

B. Most Patriotic Float * 1st Place = \$100.00 Cash and a Trophy *****

Entries will be judged on:

- (a) Display of Patriotism
- (b) Creativity and originality
- (c) Cleanliness and neatness of the area surrounding the entry in the staging area.

C. Best Marching Band (Excludes military bands) * 1st Place = \$100.00 Cash and a Trophy *****

Entries will be judged on:

- (a) Sound Quality
- (b) Straightness of lines and rows while marching; including being in step.
- (c) Relevance of songs played along the parade route. (Patriotic songs must be included)
- (d) Presentation and appearance.

Monetary awards and trophies for Float contest winners will be awarded prior to parade start in the staging area. Band contest winners will receive their monetary award and trophies during or after the parade.

Monetary awards may not compensate for the cost of the float, but it acts as an incentive to the creative minds of our community.

3. Parade Float contest line-up process and staging will begin at 7:00 AM, Monday, May 28, 2012, in the Hebron Baptist Church parking lot, located at the intersection of Hebron Church Road and Dacula Road, in Dacula. **All entries competing in the Memorial Day Parade Float contest must be in position and ready for judging by 8:20 AM.**
4. Float judging begins promptly at 8:30 AM, Monday, May 28, 2012 in the staging area and finish prior to the parade start. The float must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judged. All participants on the float do not need to be present for judging unless they are vital to the theme of the float. The decision of the judges is final!
5. Pulling units must be decorated and should be made as much a part of the float as possible. Undecorated pulling units will cause points to be deducted during judging.
6. Floats must be decorated for a family atmosphere and constructed in a safe manner as well as not present a health or safety hazard to the entrant or the general public.
7. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float entry during the parade, and floats should space at least 25 feet behind entries ahead.
8. The completion of the float and the area surrounding the float must be cleaned up and neat by 8:45 AM parade day as well as, at the end of the parade, participants are responsible for disposal of any and all float materials.
9. Each float entry must display the entries name or result in point deduction.
10. The float requirements are as follows: A float, for purposes of this contest is:
 - A. Displays built on or around a flat bed being towed manually or by motor vehicle
 - B. Displays that are self-motorized or that are towed by a motor vehicle
 - C. The display dimensions must not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width by fifteen (15) feet in height by thirty (30) feet in length at its greatest points.
11. All floats must have hand holds for all people who are standing on the float and secure/safe seating is required for all others riding upon the float.
12. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in entry member or entire entry removal from the parade.