



NWACA July 4th Float Contest Rules - 2025

1. The float contest is open to organizations, groups, clubs, civic groups, churches, businesses, and families. For the purposes of the contest, all entries must be made using some sort of mechanized vehicle or trailer. All float entries must follow the guidelines outlined in these Float Contest Rules to participate. Candy or trinkets may be tossed to the crowd, well away from the path of the parade and away from the floats. Water guns may be used with discretion. You must not aim at anyone's face, phones, cameras, etc. Let's keep this a fun and safe environment for everyone.
2. 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 float participants or the general public. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float entry during the parade.
3. All entries must complete the parade application, pay the entry fee (\$30), and have confirmation from the parade committee that it was received. **Deadline for registration is 1 PM, July 1st.**
4. Float entries MUST be in place at the starting line by 8:00 a.m. on parade day. See the current parade map at www.nwaca.org to see where to line up.
5. Each organization participating in the float contest must prominently display its assigned float contest number during the judging of the floats. Judging is based upon originality, float design and workmanship, use of color and theme, incorporation of the group's character, and overall appearance. Cash prizes will be awarded for Grand Champion, Most Patriotic, and Best Team Spirit.
6. Winners will be notified of the judge's decisions just prior to the parade. An award banner will be given to each winning entry just prior to the start of the parade at 9:00 am and announced during the Opening Ceremony. Cash awards will be distributed after the parade to the contact person designated for the float on the application.
7. The contest will be judged by a panel of distinguished citizens affiliated with the NWACA neighborhood designated by the NWACA Parade Committee. The Judges' decision is final.
8. These rules are subject to change; notice will be given appropriately. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in removal from the parade and/or disqualification from the contest.

More information and float contest registration form available at: NWACA.org
Use the Green Donate/Shop button, then select 4th of July Float Contest.

Questions? Email info@nwaca.org