



Important Parade Details

- Parade Date is Saturday, October 6th, 2012, 12:00 P.M.
- Parade Application & Payment in Full must be submitted together for approval
- Applications submitted / post marked after September 1st, 2012 will incur a \$100 late fee
- Contact person must be present in staging area the day of the Parade
- Staging / Line Up begins at 9:00 A.M., W. Weatherford St. @ Taylor St.

2012 TARRANT COUNTY GAY PRIDE PARADE APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE: No parade application will be accepted after September 16th, 2012.

Participant Information

Company / Organization / Participant Name: _____
 Street Address: _____ Apt # / Suite: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Title/Position: _____
 Contact Cell Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 Contact Email: _____ Application Date: _____

Fees & Payment

Qty	Description	Fee	Extended
	Standard Parade Entry No items distributed	\$ 150	
	Not-for-Profit 501(c) Organization Parade Entry Must submit a copy of your not-for-profit status with your application. No items distributed	\$ 100	
	Eco-Friendly Parade Entry Hybrid Vehicle, walking group, no items distributed (must meet 2 Of 3 requirements)	\$ 75	
	Clean Up Fee For all entries that will distribute any approved items	\$ 75	
	Late Fee Applications submitted / post marked after September 1st. 2012	\$ 100	
		Total	

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Make checks payable to TCGPWA

RETURN THIS APPLICATION/REQUIRED PAPERWORK AND PAYMENT, BY SEPTEMBER 16TH, TO:

TCGPWA
 ATTN: PARADE
 P.O. Box 3459
 Fort Worth, Texas 76113

Parade / National Theme - "Pride Links Us Together"

Organization Theme - 31st Anniversary Celebration

Parade Image – All parade entries are to reflect a positive image of our GLBT Community and be family friendly of the Community At Large.

Judged Awards - Awards for exceptional Parade entries will be presented for the following categories:

Awards

- Spirit of Pride - Best Overall Entry
- "Pride Around the World"- Best Interpretation of the National Theme
- Pride Partner - Best For-Profit Entry
- Open Heart - Best Not-for-Profit Entry
- Pride Prayer - Best Religious Affiliated
- Pride People - Best Individual
- Brothers & Sisters - Best Out-of-Town
- Diamond Diva – Best Performance
- Stylish Stilettos - Best Walking Group
- Vivaciously Vivid - Best Costume

Winners may only win one category chosen by Judges

New since 2009 - People’s Choice Award: This award is voted on by community leaders

Award Presentation – Awards presented at the Pride Street Festival on October 6, 2012, 3 pm.

Assembly – All entry contact persons must check in their entry no later than one (1) hour before parade begins, for instructions, on W. Weatherford St. @ Taylor St.

Route – Begins on Main St. @ Weatherford St. then proceeds south to 7th St. for disbursement.

Entry Description

Check One Which Best Applies:

- INDIVIDUAL
 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
 FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS
 OUT-OF-TOWN
 RELIGIOUS
 PERFORMANCE GROUP / BAND
 WALKING GROUP

Check All That Apply:

- FLOAT ONLY
 FLOAT WITH MARCHERS
 TRUCK
 CAR
 BAND / MUSICAL
 MARCHING / WALKING ONLY

If entry includes members marching / walking, the estimated number of people _____

By signing, I certify that I have read and understand the application instructions, rules for participation, and the parade contingent contract. As the primary contact person, I understand I will be the only person TCGPWA will contact to inform the group of important information, dates, and requests for additional information. I further understand that participation in the Gay Pride Parade is a privilege and will adhere to the letter, the spirit, and the principles of this event. This is a binding contract and I am 18 years of age or older and have been authorized by my sponsoring organization / myself (if individual) to enter into this contract.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Cell #

Date

2012 Parade Chair: parade@tcgpwa.org

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON NEXT PAGE FOR STAGING AND PUBLIC INFO TO BE READ AT PARADE



ENTRY # _____ Staff use only

Detailed Contingent Specification:

This section is used to prepare the parade line-up, which will allow for the appropriate spacing of entries. Please be very clear as to how much space your entry needs. Include number of people walking or riding, number of vehicles (including vehicles pulling a float), animals, item distribution, how you intend to use music or amplified sound, etc. The City of Fort Worth has a Noise Ordinance, restrictions may apply.

Public Information About Your Entry: (please print)

This information **may be** published on the TCGPWA web site, used for pre-event publicity, and provided to media organizations **unless otherwise requested not to**. Please provide a brief description of your organization, your entry, and why you are participating. Information is subject to editing prior to publication.

Do not include information about this entry on the web site or in media other than pre-event publicity.

By signing, I certify that I have read and understand the application instructions, rules for participation, and the parade contingent contract. As the primary contact person, I understand I will be the only person TCGPWA will contact to inform the group of important information, dates, and requests for additional information. I further understand that participation in the Gay Pride Parade is a privilege and will adhere to the letter, the spirit, and the principles of this event. This is a binding contract and I am 18 years of age or older and have been authorized by my sponsoring organization / myself (if individual) to enter into this contract.

Signature

Printed Name

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Date



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All parade entries must have a signed parade application and parade contingent contract on file in order to participate, unless otherwise approved in writing by the organizers. Each organization must submit an application. Applications submitted without payment in full will be rejected. Applications received / posts dated after September 1st, 2012, are considered "late" and will be charged a \$100 late entry fee. Late applications are accepted at the discretion of the organizers and only as resources and time permit. Each parade contingent must apply separately.

Sponsoring Organization: Each entry shall have a sponsoring organization. This may be a business, government agency, individual, non-profit group, etc. Complete information for the sponsoring organization must be provided.

Contact Person: Each entry shall have one primary contact person. This person will be the only individual contacted by the organizers and must have authority to make decisions on behalf of the sponsoring organization. Please provide complete information for this individual including a mobile phone number that can be called on the day of the parade, should it be necessary.

Fees: Please select the appropriate category (ies) for your entry. If you have questions about the fee structure please contact the parade organizer at parade@tcgpwa.org

Payment: Payment may be by check or money order made out to TCGPWA, memo Parade. Payment in full must accompany your application. Online payments accepted at: www.tcgpwa.org.

Title and Specification: If your entry has a title (other than the name of the sponsoring organization), please include it in the **Public Information About Your Entry** section. Furthermore, please give us as much detail as possible about the nature of your entry. This is very important as it is used to determine parade lineup and spacing. Please include the number of people walking or riding, the number of vehicles, any animals present, and any amplified sound you intend to use.

Public Information: Unless you select otherwise (by checking the box shown), information about your organization and entry may be made available on the Pride web site, in pre-event publicity, and to the media. If you have a description you would like to use for these purposes of your entry, please provide it here.

Signature: Your application is not complete unless it is signed. Please read and understand all terms and conditions. You are signing a legal, binding contract.

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

Cancellations and Refunds: Applications may be cancelled at any time upon written request, however there will be no refunds for parade entry fees unless the event is cancelled by the organizers.

Parade Route & Staging

Parade begins on Main St. at Weatherford St. Proceeds south on Main St. to 7th St. for disbursement. Staging for the Parade will be on Weatherford St. at Taylor St. and the surrounding area beginning at 9:00 AM.

Placement: TCGPWA - Pride Week reserves the sole right to place parade participants in any order deemed appropriate. Placement is not on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries will receive their parade order numbers on or before the day of the event.

Restricted Objects: None of the following items may be handed out or be a part of your contingent without the prior written approval of the Gay Pride Parade Organizers: live animals, bottled water, air horns, or amplified sound (City Ordinance). Furthermore, TCGPWA - Pride Week prohibits the following items along the parade route: literature, glitter, confetti, streamers, coins, tokens, silly string, glass bottles, balloons filled with anything other than helium or air, body armor, bricks, stones, projectile launching equipment (including water guns), operational gas masks, candy or **any other item that may contribute to litter on the street** may not be distributed by any Parade participant.

Item Distribution

Items disbursed by hand should have some intrinsic value, providing enough enticement for spectators to keep the items rather than throwing them on the ground. Items to be distributed during the Parade must have been previously approved by the Parade Committee. The only items that will be considered for "distribution by hand to hand" approval are: glow sticks, stress balls, key chains, plastic cups, temporary tattoos, beads, necklaces, clothing, koozies, 3" frisbees and hats. Condoms, dental dams, and personal/sensual lubricants may be handed directly to persons 18 years of age and older. Approved items **can not be thrown** to the spectators. 4

Conserve “disbursement” items so that they last the length of the parade route. Hand items to the back of the crowds and be sure all clear the parade way. Entries disbursing items should have walking members (monitors) to gather dropped items and be sure they clear the parade way and go into the crowd. No participants in the Parade may distribute sexually explicit or suggestive materials. Any participant in the Parade (and his/her respective entry/group) discovered throwing items by the Parade Committee or it’s designees is subject to an additional fee, removal from the parade and/or suspension from future parade participation.

Alcohol or Drug Use: Alcohol and drug use are prohibited in the pre-parade assembly area or on the parade route.

Good Taste: Nudity, Public Lewdness, Indecent Exposure or obscenities are prohibited by state and local laws. All entries must exhibit good taste or be removed from the parade. TCGPWA - Pride Week organizers shall have sole discretion to determine violations of this rule.

Confirmation Notification: Confirmation notification will be mailed and/or emailed within ten days of receipt of the application. For late applications (September 16), confirmation notifications will be sent as soon as possible.

Contingent Monitors: Each contingent MUST provide monitors for their group based on the following ratios:

1-9 persons in the group: no monitors required

10-20 persons in the group: 2 monitors required

21-40 persons in the group: 4 monitors required

41-80 persons in the group: 8 monitors required

People in or on motor vehicles are considered persons in your group. The contingent monitors will walk along side the parade contingent. Their role will be to ensure proper and safe behavior and adherence to the parade rules. Your monitors must be present for a mandatory orientation on the morning of the parade. Failure to provide sufficient monitors or to attend the orientation is grounds for removal from the parade.

Performances

All performance entries will participate in Prejudging Performances at the Mainstage area at the intersection of Main St. and 9th St. Prejudging Performances begin at 10:00 AM on the day of the Parade. Each performance entry has no more than 7 minutes to perform and will be prescheduled. If an entry misses their time slot it may result in forfeiture of performance judging. The entry will be put at the end of the prejudging performance list and only be able to perform with time and resources permitting.

Live Animals: You must have written permission from TCGPWA - Pride Week to include live animals in your contingent. All animals must be on a leash or appropriately restrained. All contingents must follow safety codes and pet ordinances of the City of Fort Worth and is responsible for ensuring their compliance. You may find info at: www.fortworthtexas.gov

You are responsible for cleaning up after your animals. Any obvious animal abuse will be reported to the SPCA and the Fort Worth Police and will result in removal from the parade.

Motor Vehicles: All motor vehicles in the parade must be properly registered and insured on the day of the parade, and all drivers must have valid driver’s licenses. This will be verified on the day of the parade. Drivers must report to Parade Check-In and will be required to sign a liability release form. Failure to provide valid licenses, proof of insurance, or to sign the release form is grounds for removal from the parade.

Floats: Floats and decorated cars **must have a fire extinguisher** on board at ALL times. Any electrical generators on floats must be properly secured to the float and pass all fire and safety checks.

Fire Inspection: Pre-parade fire inspection will be at: 11:00 AM. Entrants who do not pass all inspections may be removed from the parade.

Check-In: Each contingent must check-in at The Parade Check-In Station, W. Weatherford St. @ Taylor St., beginning at 9:00 AM to no later than 11:00 AM on the day of the parade. Preapproved Late Entries, if not have already received, will receive their sequence number at that time. Late Entries not present by 11:00 AM will be assigned to the back of the parade, resources permitting. Parade Check-In will close at 11:30 AM.

Behavior: Courteous and respectful behavior is required at all times. Individuals or groups exhibiting abusive or inappropriate behavior towards parade organizers or others may be removed from the parade. Please **do not engage or antagonize** any protesters who may be present at the parade.

Political Statements: Any political statements or endorsements made by participants, in the parade, are not necessarily the opinions of TCGPWA - Pride Week

Trademarks: TCGPWA - Pride Week reserves the exclusive right to use of its logo, name, marks, symbols, and other intellectual property. Any use of these without express written consent is a violation of these rules and will result in expulsion from the event.



PARADE CONTINGENT CONTRACT

The applicant understands that Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association (known as TCGPWA) has legal possession and control of the Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade on Saturday, October 6th, 2012, pursuant to our agreement with the City of Fort Worth. The applicant further understands that TCGPWA retains the right to terminate the applicant’s participation if, in the sole determination of TCGPWA, (1) the applicant is found to have falsified any of the statements contained in this application; (2) the applicant is found to have changed or added to the description of the contingent’s activities in this Application without prior written approval; (3) the applicant creates a nuisance to TCGPWA, its licensees, its staff or volunteers, and/or its guests / other applicants; or (4) the applicant’s activities in the parade interfere in any way with the orderly, safe, and successful conduct of the Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade.

The applicant further agrees (1) to furnish copies of the rules set forth in this application to all monitors for his/her/their contingent accordingly; (2) to be checked-in and ready to participate as assigned to him/her/them no later than 11:00 AM or risk being deemed a “no show”, by TCGPWA, with the understanding that any parade contingent “no shows” will (a) not be eligible for a fee refund; (b) all contingents not completely present will be placed at the back of the parade or will not participate at all; (3) to be solely responsible for all the participants in his/her/their contingent; (4) fees are nontransferable; (5) to provide all requested support documentation with the understanding that participation in the parade may be denied without it; (6) to indemnify and hold harmless TCGPWA, its staff, and its volunteers against any and all liabilities arising from the conduct of the operations covered by this Contract.

The applicant agrees participation in Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade is voluntary and the applicant will hold harmless TCGPWA of all liabilities.

This contract also affirms the individual, organization, agency, or business named does not discriminate in hiring, employment, participation or services rendered based on the fact or perception of a person’s race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, disability, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or HIV status.

Signing the application also affirms the applicant is not sponsored by any third party organization or business. Any waiver of the aforementioned is at the sole discretion of TCGPWA and can only be affected by the express written consent of TCGPWA.

By signing, I affirm I have read and clearly understand the information contained in this application and the Responsibilities accorded to me as a participating contingent in the Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade. I understand that fees, once paid, will NOT be refunded except if the event is cancelled by TCGPWA.

By signing I hereby declare all information provided herein is true, correct, and complete. I am over the age of 18. I confirm I understand and accept all terms and conditions in this contract.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Cell #

Date