

Denver Pridefest 2008

Parade Rules, Regulations & General Information

Event: Sunday, June 22nd, 2008

PRIDEFEST DENVER'S PARADE 2008

The Committee encourages individuals, organizations and businesses to build floats for the parade. Walking and vehicle/motorcycle entries are welcome where building a float is not possible or may inflict a hardship on the entry.

CERTAIN ENTRIES PROHIBITED

Individual bicycles, roller skates, roller blades and skateboards will not be accepted as entries in the PrideFest Denver's Parade. Any entry wishing to use such modes of transportation must meet additional requirements of the Committee (the PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee MUST be contacted directly).

PRIDEFEST DENVER'S PARADE IMAGE

It is the express purpose of PrideFest Denver's Parade to promote a positive image of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region. It is to be a celebration of the work that started with Stonewall in New York City in 1969 and which continues today. It is a time for all elements of our community to come together as one group to honor and learn from the past while affirming our future. The PrideFest Committee along with the PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee requests all people entering the parade show respect for all sexes, ages, races, cultures, creeds and yes, sexual orientations. Please refrain from any displays or behaviors that would demean any segment of our community. The Committee urges all entrants to maintain a high degree of sensibility to and compassion for the feelings, values and views of all.

DRESS CODE

The Committee encourages all participants to appear in appropriate costumes that celebrate our community pride. Unity is always the object of the PrideFest Denver's Parade and no entry, presentation or display that is demeaning to any sector of our community will be accepted in the parade. Cross-dressing is a significant part of our heritage. Both serious and comic male and female impersonations are welcome in the parade, providing that such presentations adhere to all rules governing parade dress codes.

The Committee reminds all participants that all costumes and other apparel worn in the PrideFest Denver's Parade must comply with the Obscenity Statutes of the State of Colorado (C.R.S. sections 18-7-301 and 302) and the Public Decency Ordinances of the City and County of Denver (Denver Municipal Code sections 38-156 and 157).

LINE-UP

The PrideFest Denver's Parade line-up will begin at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008 in Cheesman Park. All entrances to the park will be closed at 6:30 a.m. excluding that at 11th Avenue; sign-in and registration will take place there. Those entrants placed at the beginning of the parade are asked to arrive early and those placed towards the back, later. A specific window of time for your entry's arrival will be determined after the parade lottery and announced in the mandatory meetings. All entries MUST be signed-in, in order and ready to march at 9:00 a.m. Failure to do so will result in removal from the parade order and placement at the end.

Kick-off will be at 9:30 a.m. PROMPT!

PRIDEFEST DENVER'S PARADE ORDER

The parade order will be determined in June, in accordance with PrideFest procedures. **Entries received after June 6th, 2008, if accepted, will automatically be placed at the end of the parade.**

PRIDEFEST DENVER'S PARADE ROUTE

The parade will exit Cheesman Park at Franklin Street, proceed north to Colfax Ave., turn west (left) onto Colfax and continue to Broadway, turn south (left) where viewing stands will be placed in front of the Colorado State Capitol.

CONDUCT OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS

It is highly recommended that all participants in the parade conduct themselves in such a manner as to promote pride in being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender and in accordance with the wishes of the PrideFest Committee, the PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee and the City of Denver. No participant may use profanity, obscene gestures, or other improper conduct towards another participant, Committee member, parade official or spectator of the parade. PrideFest Denver's Parade participants are required to stay in their designated order. No "jumping" or crowding of other entrants will be allowed. Retaliation for discourteous or insulting gestures, name-calling or heckling only brings further abuse.

ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

No participant in the parade will be permitted to consume any alcoholic beverage at the assembly site, on the route, or at the disassembly site of the parade. Use of illegal or controlled substances will not be permitted by any participant before or during the parade. For public safety reasons, the Committee will not permit any entry or participant who violates this rule to appear in the parade. Similarly, those choosing to violate this rule will be subject to the criminal repercussions of their actions, up to and including citation and detention by Denver Police.

ITEM DISTRIBUTION DURING THE PARADE

No participant may throw any item from any float or other unit in the parade. THIS INCLUDES BEACH BALLS, WATER PROPELLED FROM SQUIRT GUNS AND OTHER DEVICES. In the event that an entry wishes to make any distribution of an item such as beads, flowers, condoms, or similar items, such distribution must be made in person by persons walking along the parade as part of an officially registered entry. No sexually explicit material may be distributed by any participant in the parade. In order to maintain low clean-up costs, it is requested that distributions be kept to an absolute minimum. **If you will be distributing items during the parade (including candy), a \$30 clean-up fee will be assessed. If we find your materials after the parade and you have not paid the fee, you will be assessed the \$30 and potentially barred from participation in subsequent parades. No confetti, streamers, or other types of materials, including glitter, may be thrown or distributed by any parade entry. Please note that you MAY NOT hand out or distribute stickers of any kind along the route.**

PRIDEFEST DENVER'S PARADE PARTICIPATION

All entries are encouraged to utilize music and participant enthusiasm as part of the parade. One of the objects of the PrideFest Denver's Parade is to get spectators involved in the spirit of the activities. Cheer, clap, chant or do any legal act that will promote enthusiastic response from the spectators.

PARADE CONTACT AND PARADE MEETINGS

It will be necessary for each entry to designate a parade contact with whom the Committee can coordinate. The parade contact shall be designated on the Parade Participant Information Form and no other person will have the authority to represent the entry to the Committee. It is required for the parade contact to be present at one of the mandatory meetings, at the assembly site on the day of the parade and with the entry during the parade. Those entries based outside a 50 miles radius who are unable to send the parade contact to a mandatory meeting will be requested to contact the Chair of the PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee, and special arrangements will be made.

PERSONAL SAFETY

The PrideFest Denver's Parade will occur during some of the hottest weather we experience in Denver. All persons participating in the parade are urged to be careful of heat related problems.

Please be aware of dangers associated with marching and participating in the parade. Bring lots of water or other non-alcoholic liquids for drinking. The PrideFest Committee, The Center, along with the PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee cannot and will not assume any responsibility for the health and well being of the parade participants. **NOTE: The parade will be held rain or shine.**

TRASH AND PARK CONDUCT

The clean-up following the parade is extremely costly. **Please do your part to keep costs down.** The Committee directs that all entrants in the parade will not throw trash, bottles, cans or similar matter from floats, automobiles, walking units, motor vehicles or trucks along the parade route or at the assembly and disassembly areas. Littering violates the criminal statutes of the State of Colorado and the ordinances of the City and County of Denver. Any entry discovered throwing trash or litter at any time will be subject to citation by Denver Police. The City of Denver takes great pride and care in maintaining the city's parks; thus it is prohibited for any vehicle to drive on any area not designated for that purpose. Similarly, vandalizing, destroying or wanton disrespect for park facilities, including grass and flower beds and trash receptacles, will not be tolerated and subject to immediate action by Denver Police and fines and/or liability for repair and/or replacement.

OVERVIEW

As with all rules and regulations, it is impossible to anticipate each and every situation that may arise. No conduct which violates any statute of the State of Colorado or the ordinances of the City of Denver will be tolerated. Any entry violating the same will not be allowed to participate in the parade. The PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee will monitor all entries during the parade for violations and inform the parade contact of the infraction. Failure to correct the infraction will result in the suspension of the entry. Generally, laws are created in accordance with the standards of the community and the propriety of conduct in public. The application of common sense to any area of concern will most times provide an appropriate and legal answer.

DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEES

The decisions rendered by the PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee will be final unless an immediate appeal to the PrideFest Committee is taken in accordance with the terms hereof. The PrideFest Denver's Parade Committee has the right to refuse any entry or deny any application. Conflict resolution will be handled in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.