



# America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parade

## Rapid City, SD

### ★ Rules and Regulations ★

All entries must adhere to these rules and float specifications.

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1. Entries including **walkers are allowed** provided all walkers can complete the parade route of up to three miles. **Candy tossing to spectators is permitted.**
2. All motorcycles, bicycles, and unicycles must be affixed to floats. They may not ride independent of the float without approval from the Parade Chair.
3. All parade participants shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner. **No alcohol or drugs will be tolerated.** The Parade Chair reserves the right to expel any float from the parade at any time.
4. **Participants are not allowed to mount or dismount moving floats.**
5. Floats must keep pace with the parade (approximately 5 miles per hour). **Floats that cannot maintain the pace will be asked to withdraw.**
6. Floats must refrain from horn honking during the parade.
7. All floats must be self-propelled or towed by either a motor vehicle or team of horses. No motor homes will be allowed.
8. Rapid City ordinance requires that a float and tow vehicle combined may not exceed 80 feet in length or 14 feet in height. **Participants will be responsible for any damage done by oversized vehicles.** Call the Festival of Lights at **(605) 381-4204** for guidelines or technical assistance.
9. Generators used as a power source must be large enough to provide adequate power to supply the electrical needs of your float. **All entries using a generator should muffle the noise.** A three-sided box over the generator works well as long as you allow airflow. A refill of fuel should be available on the float or in the tow vehicle and must be in an approved container, with a manufacturer stamp of approval. A funnel is recommended.
10. Every float must have a **TYPE 2ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER** approved for liquid fuels available on the float. This will be strictly enforced!
11. Floats should be constructed to withstand winds and wet weather. **All objects should be firmly attached to withstand high winds.**

12. Company logos should not be the main theme of the float. However, the sponsor's name should be prominently displayed on the float. Signs should be placed on the float or towing vehicle for easy identification by viewers.
13. Parade entries and float sponsors shall be responsible for the safe construction and operation of their floats.
14. **All entries will be viewed in the staging area to determine if they comply with the rules and regulations as outlined. Entries that do not meet Parade standards may be asked to withdraw from the lineup.**
15. **Obey all South Dakota traffic laws** in route to and from the staging and de-staging area. It is recommended that floats be partially lit as a safety precaution.
16. **Entries must be in place by 6 p.m.** No floats will be allowed in staging area prior to 4 p.m.
17. **Access into the staging area is restricted to floats only. Parking in this area is limited. We encourage float participants to meet up with their float before entering the staging area.**