

2011 Pride Parade Confirmation

As the authorized representative of this group/organization you have already agreed to the terms and conditions below when you submitted your registration. This is just a friendly reminder to help make your participation fun, safe and easy! Thank you for following instructions! A marshal will greet you when you arrive. We encourage you to drive in from East Ave and give your assignment/unit number to the marshal and they will help you with line up.

Line up begins at 2p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011 - Rain or Shine! Your unit is lining up facing Park Avenue on Argyle or Brunswick as indicated in the e-mail. You and all your unit's participants must be ready to step off by 3pm sharp. The route is approximately 2 miles. You will proceed west on Park Avenue, turn right on Goodman Street, going north over East and University Avenues to College Avenue (past The Memorial Art Gallery) where you will disband following marshal instructions on College Ave facing Prince St. The route is likely to take one hour to an hour and a half hours (1-1,1/2 hours). You are ending at The PRIDE Festival.

2011 Parade Terms & Conditions:

- No float can be higher than 13 feet or wider than 25 feet. Remember that there are street lamps, wires, and curves along the parade route. Consider these factors when designing and decorating your entry. It is recommended that you view the parade route prior to July 16th. **The streets will NOT be cleared of parked cars.**
- All floats must have walkers or monitors on all four sides to ensure the float does not interfere with street lamp, wires, and pedestrians. ***Safety First!!!***
- You may not throw anything to parade guest but you may **hand distribute** items. **Violators will be held responsible for all clean-up costs and/or fines, and may not be allowed to enter the parade the following year. Be mindful of children!**
- Walkers and monitors are not allowed to sell items and you are not allowed to sell anything from your float, unit or entry.
- If you are decorating your entry at the staging area, remember to bring your own materials. You are responsible for all items that you brought with you and you must take them with you when you step off. Bring bags to recycle and/or dispose of waste.
- All decorations must be properly secured - decorate with wind, rain and/or hot sun in mind for the best and long lasting (3 to 4 hour "life" from start to completion).
- Explosives or open flames are **not** allowed. We discourage use of water guns, cannons, etc. Be sensitive of others' clothing and belongings.
- The GAGV is not responsible for any loss, damage or injuries caused to participants, spectators or animals during the event.
- Make sure your float can safely accommodate all riders. To prevent injuries, each rider must be able to easily grab hold of a reinforced portion of the float. Anyone riding on a float is responsible for his or her own safety. Protect all!
- Marching units assume all responsibility for the safety of all monitors, marchers, spectators, bystanders and property.

- **There is absolutely no alcohol or drug use permitted by parade participants at the line up area or while on route.**
- Genitals must be fully covered. You are required to follow New York State, County of Monroe, and City of Rochester laws and ordinances. If you do not you can be fined and/or arrested.
- **The SPEED LIMIT is 5 m.p.h.** be prepared to **stop occasionally and most especially at The Judges' Stand which is between Oxford and Goodman Streets at the entrance to The Rochester Museum and Science Center park grounds.**
- To be judged your Line up numbers must be displayed in front and visible to the judges. Judges will score your presentation using your line up number. They will be under a tent on the right hand side and you will be told by a marshal where to stop and when to move on. PLEASE take directions AND be patient until you are called up to present to the Judges. Really show off and have fun!
- Winners will be announced and awards presented at the Pride Festival at 5:45p.m. Please have at least one person to represent your organization/unit.
- **All floats and units must be Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual/Transgender supportive.**
- Parking of floats and vehicles participating in the parade is the responsibility of the contact person at the end of the route on College Ave. Marshals will help but be mindful of your fellow participants always **be in the forward moving traffic mode and keep the road itself clear. You will be directed to either side as far down College Ave as possible (which is closed to public traffic for the day) as to fit approximately a 1000 marchers, dozens of vehicles and significant sized floats. You may do better to go to Prince Street at the end of College Ave to unload and/or depart if you want to leave immediately.**
- You are encouraged to observe all laws, watch for police and marshals' direction at all time and be observant of what is going on ahead of you and what spectators are doing to keep the parade safe for all. Call 911 if at all necessary!
- Have people dress for the weather or better yet, changing weather – layers may be wise, wear comfortable shoes and bring water to stay hydrated. Often an umbrella is helpful for rain or as a sun screen. Sunscreen and a fist aid kit are always good to have on hand too. Rural Metro will be in the parade and on site at the festival.
- **This is a celebration of our community PRIDE, history and contributions we make, but often there are protestors who try to ruin the event. DON'T let them. We are advised NOT to interact with them. Ignore them and move forward past them in a calm and orderly fashion. Police and marshals will be present to monitor our safety. Remember we won Repeal of DADT & Equality Marriage!**

Be "Animated on Park "It is a Gay World Afterall!" Enjoy our 22nd Parade! Thanks for being a part of it! Stick around for The Festival 4:30-9:30pm! Come to our 26th Picnic on Sunday, 7/17/11 from, 1-7p.m. at Genesee Valley Park see

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Be PROUD!