

Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week 1997 Parade Rules

The Pride Committee of Houston reserves the right to refuse any applications.

General

As with all rules and guidelines, it is impossible to anticipate each and every situation which may arise. No conduct which violates any statute of the State of Texas or the ordinances of the City of Houston will be tolerated. Any entry violating the same will not be allowed to participate in the Pride Parade. All Parade entrants must fill out the application, include the fee, attend the mandatory meeting and agree to the rules and regulations. The mandatory meeting will be held June 17, 1997 at 7 PM, at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Only entrants based outside a 50 mile radius of Houston will be exempt from attending the meeting. **No applications will be accepted after the June 17th meeting.** The Parade lineup begins at 6 PM and steps off at 9 PM June 28, 1997.

Entry Requirements

The committee encourages individuals, organizations and businesses to have floats professionally built. Floats which are not professionally built are also welcome. The Committee requires the radiator of the float be left uncovered in order to prevent overheating and stalling of the vehicle propelling the float. The greatest delay experienced in prior parades has been due to overheating, and the covering of the radiator has generally been discovered to be the cause.

All entries must not exceed the following requirements:

- The entry must be able to navigate the parade route and make all turns required by the parade route.
- The entry may not be greater than 14 feet in height and no greater than 40 feet in length.
- The maximum width must be no greater than 16 feet and the wheel base width may not exceed 12 feet.
- Trucks, automobiles and other motorized vehicles, such as motorcycles, motor scooters and similar vehicles, will not be considered as floats and subject to float requirements unless the Pride Parade Committee has determined the entry constitutes a float.

A float will be defined as: any motorized or manually powered entry which has been constructed in such a manner that the individual components create a unified whole.

Prohibited Entries

Individual bicycles, roller skates and skateboards will not be accepted as entries in the Parade. Any entry wishing to use bicycles, roller skates, or skateboards must be an official registered entry and must meet additional requirement set forth by the Parade Committee. Any individual or entry not adhering to set rules concerning

bicycles, roller skates and skateboards can and will be subject to arrest by the Houston Police Department.

Parade Image

It is the express purpose of the 1997 Pride Parade to promote a positive image of the Gay and Lesbian Community. It is to be a celebration of the Gay liberation movement started at the Stonewall Bar in New York City in 1969. It is a time for all elements of our community to come together as one group to honor and learn from the past while reaffirming our goals for the future. The Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee requests all people entering the parade show respect for all sexes, ages, races, cultures, creeds and sexual orientations. Please refrain from actions which would demean any segment of our community. The Committee urges all entrants to maintain a high degree of sensitivity to and compassion for the feelings, values and views of others.

Dress Code

The Committee encourages all participants to appear in appropriate and suitable costumes which celebrate Gay and Lesbian Pride. Unity is always the object of the Parade and no entry, presentations, or displays which are demeaning to any sector of the community will be accepted. Both serious and comic male or female impersonations are welcome in the parade providing that such presentations adhere to all rules governing parade dress codes.

All costumes and other apparel worn in the Parade must comply with the Obscenity Statutes of the State of Texas and the public decency ordinances of the City of Houston. Accordingly, the minimum attire for men appearing in the Parade will be clothing no smaller than 'Adidas-type' jogging shorts. The minimum attire for women appearing in the Parade will be the above described shorts and a tank top. No posing straps, 'Speedo-type' bathing suits, jock straps, G-strings, bras, or panties will be permitted to appear in the Parade. No see-through clothing of any nature will be permitted unless the undergarments meet the requirements set out above for proper attire. For an example, but not limitation, any person wearing chaps will be required to have jeans or other suitable attire under such chaps to prevent public viewing of parts of the anatomy which violates 43.21 et seq. or any other sections of the Texas Penal Code. All decision as to the propriety of attire to be worn in the 1997 Parade will be made by the Parade Coordinators.

Conduct of Participants

It is required that all participants in the 1997 Parade conduct themselves in such a manner as to promote pride in being Gay and Lesbian. No participant may use profanity,

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obscene gestures, or other improper conduct towards another participant or towards any spectator viewing the parade. The following are expressly prohibited from use in the parade: sexual paraphernalia, genital or phallic representations, sexual acts, and simulated sexual acts. All entries are encouraged to utilize music and participant enthusiasm as part of their unit. One of the objectives of the parade is to get spectators involved in the spirit of the activities. Cheer, clap, and chant to promote enthusiastic response from the spectators.

Awards

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Each entry will be asked to declare the awards they wish to compete for at the mandatory meeting. The following trophies will be awarded:

- Glowing with Pride - best interpretation of slogan. Any type entry.
- Spirit of Montrose - best overall. Any type entry.
- Stonewall - best unit to commemorate pride. Does not have to conform to slogan.
- Gypsy Rose - best out of town.
- Edison - best non-professional lighted unit.
- Lighting done by a non-professional.
- Rainbow Lights - best professional lighted unit.
- Lighting done by a paid professional.
- Ruby Slipper - best walking unit.
- Houston - best non-professional motorized float.
- Texas - best professional motorized float.

Personal Safety

All persons participating in the parade are urged to be careful of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Please be aware of the dangers associated with marching and participating in a night parade. Flashlights, light clothing

and reflective tape or decals are encouraged. The Committee cannot assume responsibility for the health and well being of any participants. All motorized and/or illuminated entries should carry a fire extinguisher.

ABC Fire extinguisher

Clean-up and Trash

In order to help contain clean-up costs, each entry is required to carry plastic trash bags for depositing all trash and other litter that is accumulated by the entry during the parade. Any entry discovered throwing trash or other litter from the unit will not be allowed in future parades.

Alcohol and Illegal Substances

No participant in the Pride Parade will be permitted to consume alcohol or use illegal or controlled substances before or during the parade, nor at any assembly or disassembly site. Any entry or participant who violates this rule will not appear in the Parade and will be asked to remove their entry from the area.

Item Distribution During the Parade

Items to be distributed or thrown must have prior approval by the Pride Committee no later than the mandatory meeting. Condoms should not be distributed to any person under the age of 17 years. No sexually explicit or sexually suggestive printed materials may be distributed by any participant in the parade. No literature, glitter, confetti, streamers, or other types of similar materials, may be thrown or distributed by any entry in parade.

Rain out Policy

In the event of extreme weather conditions, including but not limited to rain, the Pride Committee reserves the right to cancel the Parade. Notice of cancellation will be posted no later than 2 hours before scheduled line up time with the Committee's answering service. In the event of a cancellation, parade entry fees will not be refunded.

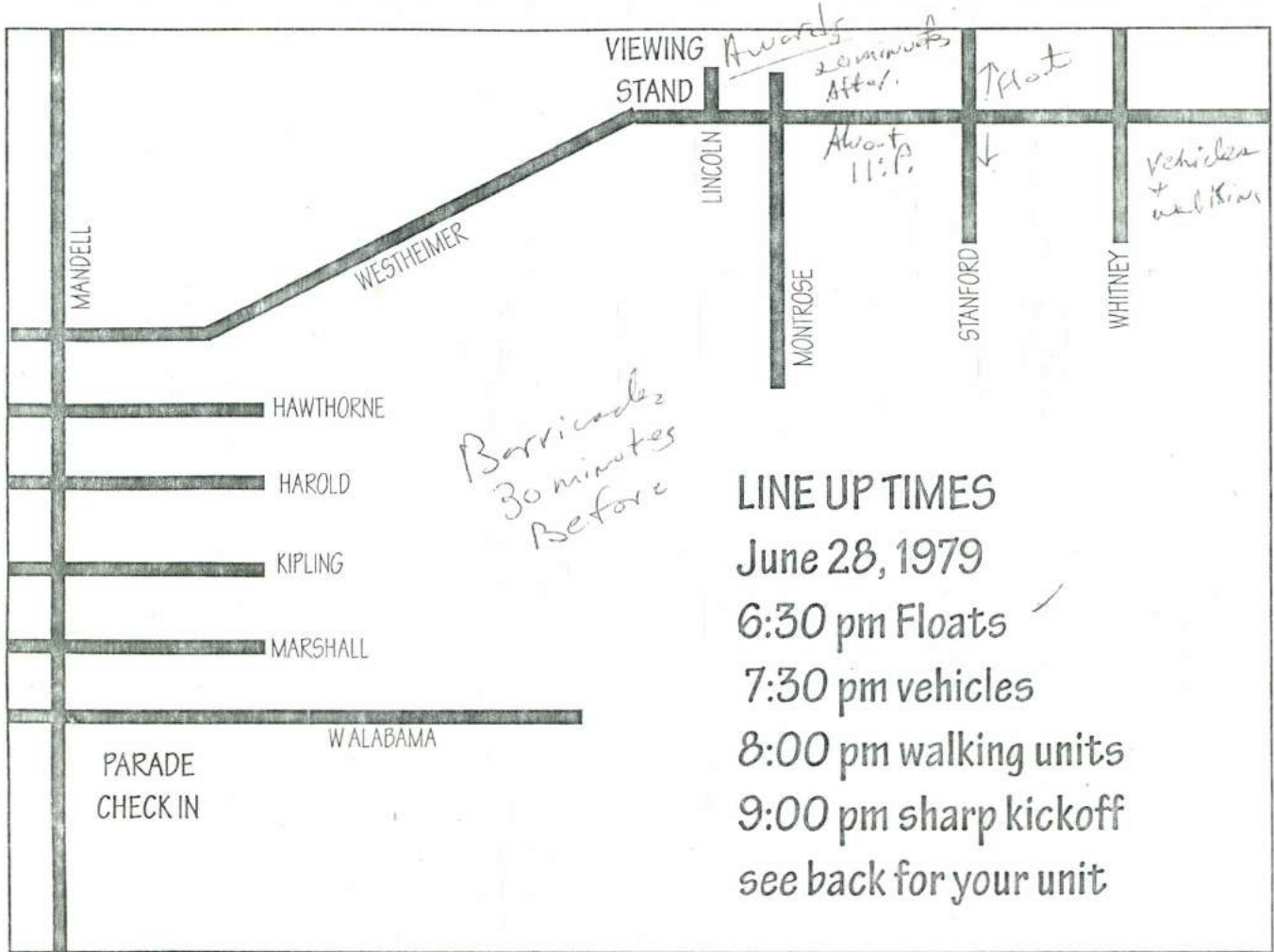
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Flashlights

ABC
Fire extinguishers

Driver's license
of Person Driving
can Perform for
3 minutes
200 lights \$100.00
Bouquet

HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE LINEUP 1997



All units must check in on time, the lineup will be given at check in, all units must place unit number in a prominent position for easy viewing by judges. See back for your time to check in.

1. Toward - Be careful where you park
2. Banner Distric
3. 12 months food raising program - By showing w/pride 7/8 come back to Community
4. Shore Carol - 713 -
Light-Balls White

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Float	Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus
AIDS Foundation Houston	Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)
Assistance Fund	Human Rights Campaign
Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf	Independent Billiard League
Body Positive	Integrity-Houston
Brazos River Bottom	Interactive Voice Mail (Manline)
Bunnies on the Bayou	Jim Carper
Club Evolution	KHMX Mix 96.5
Club Inergy	Kon Tiki Club
Community Gospel Church	Lesbians Over Age 50 (LOAFERS)
Dignity/Houston	LOAFERS, Inc
EJ's	Melan Tejano
Garden Party	Milam House
Heaven, Charles Armstrong Investments	Miss Camp America Foundation
Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)	Montrose Counseling Center
Krewe of Olympus-Texas	Montrose Inn
LiB	Omega House
Maranatha Fellowship MCC	Overland Trail Riders
Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)	Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
Misfits of Houston	People with AIDS Coalition Houston
Montrose Clinic	Pet Patrol
OUTRAGE Inc	Pride Committee of Houston 2
OutSmart Magazine	Southern Country Houston
Pacific Street	Tarrant County Gay Pride
PCOH Coordinatories	The New Heights Theater
Pride Committee-Coordinators	The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Sta
99 Rainbow de Clown	Top Nails
Riches	TV Janett
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church AIDS Respite Care Team	United Cab
Texas Gay Rodeo Association	United States Representative Shelia Jackson Lee
Vehicle	Walking
Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES)	Cheer Dallas
Annise Parker Campaign	Garden & Yard Society
Bricks	Gay Men's Chorus of Houston
Budweiser	Graduate School of Social Work
Budweiser 2	Houston Gay Pilots Association
Chances/New Ranch	Houston Pride Band
Colt 45's, Inc	ICTLEP
Coors Distributers	Supercuts
Deborah Bell	Texas Commerce Bank-Pride Team
Debra Danburg, Texas State Representative 137	United States Mission
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston	
Houston Area Bears	KRBE
	Pride Committee of Houston

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