



Dear Holiday in Dixie Classic Parade Applicant:

Preparations for the annual celebration of the Holiday in Dixie Classic Parade are in full swing. Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc., sponsors of Holiday in Dixie, is now accepting applications for the Classic Parade to be held on Saturday, **April 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** Individuals or groups interested in participating in the Parade should complete the Parade Application and return by **March 25, 2016**.

**Please** complete the application in full including a detailed description and background of your entry. **All applicants are required to submit a photo/color-copy of their group, car or themselves individually in parade attire.** This assists us in identifying you at the staging area on Parade afternoon. **Your application must be complete including photos and description before it will be considered for approval.**

Please read the Parade Bylaws that follow. Parade participants are responsible for abiding by these rules and regulations for everyone's safety and well being. All entries must have public entertainment value. Participation in the HID Classic Parade is subject to the approval of the Parade Committee. Categories include: bands, drill teams/twirlers/cheerleaders, antique or specialty cars, floats, fraternal organizations, or general entries.

Our goal is to have a great time, put on a quality parade, and take care of all participants in a family-friendly environment! We thank you in advance for your time and efforts and look forward to our best Classic Parade ever! Please do not hesitate to contact us at [doodah@holidayindixie.com](mailto:doodah@holidayindixie.com) if you have any questions.

**We look forward to receiving your application by March 25<sup>th</sup> for the Classic Parade.**

Sincerely,

Madge Davis  
Executive Director

# HOLIDAY IN DIXIE CLASSIC PARADE BYLAWS

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED

IMPORTANT: March 25, 2016 (or earlier if the specified number of units has been reached) is the deadline for submitting applications. Participation in the Classic Parade is by approval of the Holiday in Dixie Parade Committee hereinafter referred to as the "Parade Committee". Participants in the parade will adhere to the following rules and regulations. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the parade and future parades.

### **I. ALL ENTRIES**

1. All applications must be complete prior to consideration. All participants must complete the entry description and background on entry form to aid selection process. The Parade Committee must approve all entries in writing. All entries are subject to final approval which shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Parade Committee.

2. Parade participants must not, under any circumstances, throw or eject anything to spectators from parade units, unless approved by the Parade Committee. No political literature or balloons may be distributed to spectators along the parade route.

3. All entries must be in good taste and have public entertainment value. Exceptions or special requests must be approved by the Parade Committee.

4. Parade units must stay in their assigned area and not disturb other units by walking in and through other units during the parade.

5. Dress for the parade must be appropriate for your entry. This is subject to the discretion of the Parade Starter the day of the parade.

6. No glass containers are allowed.

7. Parade staging will begin at 4:00 p.m.

9. Restrooms are available in the Municipal Auditorium

10. No drinking of alcoholic beverages

11. Put at least 2 to 3 car lengths between you and the group in front of you. Keep this space even if parade comes to a halt.

12. If it is raining at 5:30 p.m., the parade will hold until 6:00 p.m.

### **II. MARCHING / WALKING ENTRIES**

1. Marching units will consist of bands (i.e. military, high school, university or college), or adult civic marching groups. All applications must be approved in accordance with the rules set forth by the Parade Committee; as such units must have public entertainment value. Invitations to schools and applications for bands, drill teams and cheerleaders are mailed to the attention of Band Director/Advisor.

2. Each walking group should have no less than ten (10) members. All participants are required to walk the entire 1.5 mile parade route at the appropriate pace or be subject to removal to ensure proper parade timing. The decision to remove such a unit will be at the sole discretion of parade officials on site.

3. Walking groups not associated with bands, must have participants of the minimum age of eight (8) years old and will consist of uniformed participants only. (Non-uniformed parents are requested to leave the staging area after delivering group members and view the parade from the parade route. The child member can be picked up at the staging area when the group has finished the parade.)

### **III. PARADE VEHICLES**

1. Non-specialty automobiles in the parade will be limited to those carrying invited Holiday in Dixie Festival officers, and elected officials of the State, County, and City. These automobiles will be provided by the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc. sponsors of the Holiday in Dixie Festival

2. Other cars will be Shrine units and antique car clubs. Only antique cars will be limited to classic, open touring cars, or roadsters (replicas). Exceptions must be approved by the Parade Committee. Drivers and/or passengers will not be identified by signage on the antique car. The number of antique cars will be limited.

3. Motorcycles or motor bike patrols will be limited to six (6) units with a maximum number of twenty-five persons. Only organized and chartered units can be considered by the Parade Committee. Clubs, bike patrols, or motorcycle groups shall have the same uniform dress and machinery.

4. Cars to be parked and cars dropping off should use Sprague Street between First Methodist Church and exit on Milam.

5. If you are renting a float from another Krewe, that rental must be made directly with that KREWE. A special surcharge fee will be assessed and payable to the Ark-La-Tex Ambassador, Inc....NO EXCEPTIONS

### **IV. Float Riders**

1. a. If you are driving and parking your car: From Texas Blvd enter Austin Place. Park in the Blue lot on the corner of Austin Place, Texas Ave. and Elvis Presley Blvd. (a map will be provided).  
b. If you are being dropped off: From Common Street enter Sprague Street (under the First Methodist Church over pass) and drop in the parking lot on the corner of Sprague and Douglas St.
2. Check in is in front of Municipal Auditorium corner of Milam and Elvis Presley (location on map)
3. Go to assigned float and organize your throws.
4. Do not leave your float and throws unattended prior to parade
5. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FLOATS CLEAN!!!
6. Bring an ICE CHEST with WATER for your group!

### **V. INSURANCE**

Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc., sponsors of the Holiday in Dixie Classic Parade, assumes no liability for accidents by any parade participant. Certificates of Insurance showing proof of Comprehensive General Liability, including automobile, as well as a certificate for Workmen's Compensation, will be required.

### **VI. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS**

All applications submitted will be reviewed by the Parade Committee and those applications approved by said committee will be issued an invitation to participate in the Holiday in Dixie Classic Parade by letter after March 1st. If out-of-town arrangements are necessary, applicant may call to verify approval of entry after February 20th.

### **VI. EXCEPTIONS**

Any exceptions to the above rules must be given in writing by the Parade Committee. The decision to remove any entry or portion of any entry will be at the sole discretion of Parade official on site.

# HOLIDAY IN DIXIE CLASSIC PARADE APPLICATION

**Application Deadline: March 25, 2016**

Application acceptance is based on entertainment value and variety of participants. Number of entries is limited. Parade Bylaws for entries are enclosed. Please read specifications. Photographs are required. Applicants will be notified of entry status after April 1st. Should you have any questions, call (318) 865-5555 or via e-mail to [doodah@holidayindixie.com](mailto:doodah@holidayindixie.com).

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:** (One application for each group)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Entry (including name of School, if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Telephone (Day / Evening/ Cell)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER OF VEHICLE PASSES NEEDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY ENTERED:**

- School Band
- Drum Major(s)
- Jr. Drum Major(s)
- Twirlers
- Jr. Twirlers
- Independent Twirlers
- Color Guard
- School Cheerleaders
- Drill Team
- Jr. Drill Team
- Independent Drill Team
- Shriners
- Antique Car
- Specialty Car
- Walking Unit
- General Unit
- Group
- Group
- Single Car
- Single Car
- Float (providing our own)
- Other

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT A NON-RETURNABLE CURRENT PHOTO OF YOUR GROUP IN PARADE ATTIRE. (ATTACH PHOTO)**

**IF YOU ARE DRIVING A VEHICLE, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR DIRVERS LICENSE WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

**ENCLOSED WITH THIS APPLICATION IS A WAIVER. EACH PARTICIPANT IN YOUR GROUP MUST COMPLETE A WAIVER. MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS NEEDED. YOU CAN BRING THE WAIVERS ON PARADE DAY AND TURN THEM IN AT CHECKIN.**

Name of Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

When was Group/Organization formed? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years has Group/Organization participated in the Holiday in Dixie Classic Parade?  
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List other events Group/Organization has participated in:  
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Description/History of Group/Organization:  
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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

By signing below, I acknowledge that the Holiday in Dixie Classic Parade sponsored and conducted by the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc a 501(C)4 entity, may be hazardous and could result in loss, damage, or death. With full knowledge of these, and in consideration for my acceptance as a parade participant, I confirm that I have read the foregoing and voluntarily assume all risks of such damages occurring in connection with my (our) participation in the parade. I hereby agree for myself, all of my family and heirs to release the Ark-La Tex Ambassadors, Inc. or Holiday in Dixie of its volunteers, employees, agents, officers, directors, or representatives from liability, claims, demands, or my causes of action. As authorized representative for our group, I hereby indemnify the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc., and the Holiday in Dixie Festival that the participants within our organization have been advised and concur with this notice.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

**Send completed entry form and photo to:**

**Signature required.**

**Application deadline: March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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APPLICATION RECEIVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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