



## **Watercade Parade Schedule, Rules and Entry Form**

Welcome to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Watercade Celebration Parade and thank you for being part of our celebration and making the parade a success.

**Watercade Parade Schedule:** Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A parade unit setup area will be available starting at 12:00 pm. All Units Check-in with the Parade Official at the Litchfield Civic Arena, only units in the parade should come to the check-in area. **There will be no drop-off or setting up in the line up area, all drop-offs and setting up shall be in the setup area.** Line-up begins at 4:00 p.m for parade units 1-60 and 5:00 pm for parade units 61 and up. Please comply with this schedule to avoid over crowding the lineup area prior to the parade start. The Parade will start at 6:00 p.m. There will be limited bathroom facilities at the Litchfield Civic Area.

The parade route is 7,580 feet long.

Units with horses shall check in with the Parade Official at the Litchfield Civic Arena, but shall then line up by the south gate of the Meeker County Fairgrounds. If the access to the Fairgrounds is needed please contact the Meeker County Fair Board for permission.

All units will have numbers assigned to them. Your unit's number will be displayed in the Civic Arena parking lot, please line up accordingly.

**Parade Route:** The parade will start at the Litchfield Civic Arena and proceed south down Gilman Ave until 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There will be a right turn onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, heading west until Marshall Ave North. There will be a right turn onto Marshall Ave North, heading North until East 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The Parade will end at this point; units may then turn right onto East 10<sup>th</sup> Street heading back to the lineup area by the Litchfield Senior High School, Meeker County Fair Grounds, and the Litchfield Civic Arena for the tear down and disbursement of units.

The Parade Map and Entry Form are available on the Watercade web site at [www.watercade.com](http://www.watercade.com).

**Parade Rules:** Please follow instructions of the Watercade Parade Officials and Police Officers. Any unit not following instructions or any of the parade rules may be immediately removed from the parade. It is your unit's responsibility to know and follow all instructions and rules.

1. **No Items May be Thrown From Parade Units.** Due to the risks associated with small children and others running onto the parade route to retrieve candy, advertising novelties, et cetera, no parade unit participants shall throw any items to the crowd. Items may only be distributed to the crowd by having people associated with a parade unit walk along side on the street and distribute the items hand to hand.

Parade participants walking with a unit are to stay behind a parallel line from the front of the float or vehicle. Participants are to cross from one side of the street to the other only behind said float or vehicle.

It is not the intent of this rule to discourage the distribution of candy, coupons or other advertising novelties, rather it is intended to prevent personal injury and limit the amount of street litter.

2. **Spacing and Flow.** To ensure a smooth flow, please allow approximately 30 feet of spacing between units and avoid gaps and crowding of units.

Parade Officials will strive to ensure that units do not become spread out creating a gap in the parade. If a gap in units does occur you will be required to proceed at an accelerated rate to close the gap or be removed from the parade.

3. **Stay Within Your Space.** All parade participants associated with a parade unit must stay within that unit's allotted space. No personnel shall go ahead of or fall behind to solicit or distribute any items.  
  
Other parade units have paid for their "parade space", so please be courteous and not interfere with their space by entering it.
4. **No Alcoholic Beverages.** Alcoholic beverages are prohibited during the parade line-up, the parade or during the taking down of a parade unit.
5. **No Racing of Engines.** No racing of engines or careless driving during the parade line-up, the parade, or during the taking down of a parade unit.
6. **All Animal Units.** All parade units with animals must provide for immediate cleanup through out the entire parade.
7. **Musical Units.** All units including Royalty floats playing music are not allowed to do so unless arranged previous to the parade.
8. **No Water Squirting.** No unit may spray water from handheld water guns or other devices.
9. **Riders on Units or Equipment.** Absolutely no riders on units or equipment not designed for such use (tractor fenders, running boards, etc).

#### **PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION**

**\*Litchfield Watercade Inc is not liable for any injuries associated with entering the Parade. All entries in the Parade are participating at their own risk. By completing and returning this entry form you are assuming all liability for your group's participants.**

**Entry Fee:** Business/Politicians- \$100.00 /unit if entry is received prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, \$150.00/unit if received after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Non-profit Organizations and Visiting Royalty- No Charge if entry is received prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, if after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 \$150.00/unit.

**No entries will be accepted after June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

After completing the online form or the attached form, along with payment payable to Litchfield Watercade Inc, mail to: Litchfield Watercade Inc. Attn: Parade Committee, PO Box 217 Litchfield, MN 55355. **No entries will be accepted until the entry fee and form is completed and returned.**

Each entry is allowed one unit. If you have more than one unit you must remit another parade entry fee for each additional unit. Each vehicle, tractor, etc, or group of horses is considered one unit.

Your Parade Unit Number will be available on the Litchfield Watercade web site [www.watercade.com](http://www.watercade.com) after June 24, 2009. Parade Unit numbers will also be mailed out.

If you have any questions please contact:

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**Watercade Parade Entry Form**

Name of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ (The way you want it listed in the Parade Program)

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Set-up Considerations:                      Space Required (In Feet) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants (Approx.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Car/Truck Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Royalty w/ Convertible

\_\_\_\_\_ Animals

Other Considerations, please specify

\_\_\_\_\_ Float

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle and Trailer

\_\_\_\_\_ Royalty w/ Float

\_\_\_\_\_ Music/ Other Noise