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**Subject: GRAND FLORAL PARADE
*SPECIAL UNIT APPLICATION FORM***

From: Bob Braamse, Parade Chairman

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The theme for this year's parade is "Where Dreams Come True" **The parade start time is 1:00 P.M.** on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

This is an application to participate in the 2010 Grand Floral Parade. This form is designed to provide the Blossomtime Festival with important information about your proposed participation.

Please note there is no third-party sponsor identification permitted on any part of the specialty unit. The Blossomtime Festival reserves the right to review and accept/deny any special unit entry request in accordance with the festival's rules and regulations.

Notification of acceptance will be provided no later than March 31, 2010. Your marshaling information (including unit #, time of arrival and maps) will be sent to you on or before April 17^h. If you have any questions, please contact us.

We would appreciate an early reply using the enclosed entry form. Please use the back of the form or attach additional information for the television and radio scripts.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MARCH 2, 2010

SPECIAL UNITS

BLOSSOMTIME FESTIVAL GRAND FLORAL PARADE RULES AND INFORMATION

SPECIAL UNITS CONSIST OF:

Clowns	Horse drawn wagons	Musical Units (other than
Equestrian Teams	Precision Drill Teams**	High School bands)
Antique Vehicles	Novelty Units	Balloons

1. Cars, Vans, Trailers, Go Carts, ATV's, etc. and equipment trucks are not permitted.
2. Musical units must consist of at least eight members and be at least 14 years of age.
3. Precision drill teams must consist of at least eight members and be at least 14 years of age.**
4. No sirens or horns may be used by any unit other than those directed by the parade committee.
5. Political figures will be limited to invited guests of the Board of Directors.
6. No objects of any kind (including autographs) may be distributed or thrown to parade spectators.
7. Public address systems or use of amplification equipment for music will be allowed only with written permission of the parade committee.*
8. Entries must not stop forward motion in order to perform. Those doing so may be removed from the line up. You are reminded to keep the proper **75 foot** interval between units at all times.
9. The use of convertibles will be restricted to those carrying dignitaries for the festival.
10. Antique vehicles must be entered as individual units and must display a current license.
Enclosed antique cars: Driver and one passenger in front seat, 2 passengers only in back seat. Convertible antique cars: Driver and one passenger in the front seat. **No one in the back seat.** It is suggested those entering antique cars consider dressing in clothing appropriate to the period the car was manufactured. If you choose not to follow that suggestion, and for all others, your dress may be casual. Please NO jeans, cutoffs, tank tops or jean jackets. Remember, dress for the weather.

Car clubs, motorcycle clubs or any groups consisting of antique, current or other motorized vehicles are not eligible for entry.
11. **Identification of sponsorship is limited to 4" letters on most units. Any other sponsorship identification (such as banners) must be approved by the Blossomtime Festival office.**
12. Animal units will be limited to horses only*
 - A. Equestrian units must consist of at least six members with appropriate uniform dress.
 - B. Equestrian units and/or horse drawn wagons MUST provide a clean up unit.
THIS WILL BE ENFORCED!
13. All drivers must hold a valid operators license.
14. The use of alcohol by parade participants before or during the parade is strictly prohibited. Those doing so will be asked to leave the parade.
15. All special units must be in place by 10:30 a.m.

Any variation from the rules defined herein must be applied for in writing and sent to the Blossomtime Festival office prior to March 2, 2009. **Please include a photograph of your unit if you are a first time entrant. Approval may not be considered granted until it is received in writing.**

**Precision drill teams may consist of those on foot or motorized such as (but not limited to) motorcycles, scooters, mini cars etc.

BLOSSOMTIME FESTIVAL GRAND FLORAL PARADE

"Where Dreams Come True"

MAY 1, 2010

**SPECIAL UNIT APPLICATION FOR PARADE PARTICIPATION
AND
MEDIA INFORMATION FORM**

TODAY'S DATE: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR: _____

CONTACT/CHAIRPERSON: _____

E MAIL: _____ Cell Phone _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY ZIP

CONTACT'S HOME PHONE: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN YOUR UNIT: _____

PLEASE GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF YOUR UNIT FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES:

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST APPEARANCE IN OUR PARADE, YOU MUST SUBMIT A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR UNIT FOR APPROVAL.

THE BLOSSOMTIME FESTIVAL GRAND FLORAL PARADE DOES NOT SPONSOR OR ACCEPT AS A SPONSOR ANY "ISSUE ADVERTISING" THIS INCLUDES: POLITICAL CANDIDATES OR THOSE GROUPS WHO SUPPORT CANDIDATES; GROUPS WHO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY QUESTION THAT WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A REFERENDUM; LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE OR JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2010

THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ENTRY, NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2010. YOUR MARSHALLING INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO YOU ON OR BEFORE APRIL 17, 2010

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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