

Montpelier's Independence Day Celebration

RULES & REGULATIONS for 2010 Parade

From the Montpelier Alive Festival Committee

Assembly time: **5:00 PM SHARP** Parade start: **6:00 PM**, immediately following the Road Race

1. Politicians

ISSUE: politicians running for office hold up the parade

RESOLVED: **no politicians running for office will be allowed in the 3rd of July parade**; only elected office holders such as Senators Leahy and Sanders, Rep. Welch, Gov. Douglas, Mayor Hooper, Washington County senators and representatives and city council. If they are up for re-election, they will be discouraged from stopping to kiss babies.

2. Boring Groups

ISSUE: too many groups simply walk with their banner

RESOLVED: **"New Rules" regarding creativity**

- use creativity around historical or circus theme
- bring animals
- dress up: costumes, masks, historical etc
- have music, live or recorded
- don't walk, dance!
- bring puppets or sculptures – creations and creatures
- be red, white and blue
- sing songs
- choreograph acrobatic or athletic moves
- bring mechanical things: robots, bicycles, skateboards, unicycles, antique vehicles, farm vehicles etc.

In general, be creative, interesting and visual! No boring elements allowed, by decision of the planning group.

Feel free to contact Jimmy Swift for ideas or concerns (802-238-6888 or jimmy@montpelieralive.org).

3. Trophies

ISSUE: parade groups need inspiration and incentive to get creative

RESOLVED: **there will be judges and trophies in several categories; winner's keep their trophy for the year**

JUDGES: 3 celebrities

TROPHIES: Best Adult Group; Best Kids Group; Best Float

Plus 1st and 2nd Runners-Up in each category

4. Spotters

Safety is our #1 concern. All motorized units will be required to provide a **minimum of two spotters walking along side** to keep the crowd away from your moving vehicles.

5. Candy and other giveaways

Please refrain from tossing anything into the crowd, **INCLUDING CANDY**. You may hand out give away items on the sidewalk. **DO NOT TOSS ANY ITEMS FROM VEHICLES**. Failing to abide by this request will hinder your participation in next year's parade.

6. Performances

If your group is stopping to perform along the way, please be aware and respectful of the time schedule for the parade. Notify Jimmy Swift if you are planning to stop and perform.

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JOBS INCLUDE:

PARADE SUPERVISION

SECURITY & CROWD CONTROL

INFORMATION BOOTHS

TECHNICAL COORDINATION

ARTIST COORDINATION

COORDINATION OF FUN

JOIN US!!!!

Volunteers will have a great time and will be rewarded!

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