

2024 Armed Forces Torchlight Parade Instructions

Date of Event: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time of Event: 7:30 pm

Theme: Dare to Dream

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Armed Forces Torchlight Parade. We want this to be a great experience, and with that in mind, please read through this information carefully. Some important topics have changed from previous years.

1. The Parade starts promptly at 7:30 pm on May 18, 2024. Staging and line-up information will be released in late April. We anticipate the parade route to be like previous years. Please pay close attention to the maps that will be sent to the key contact prior to the parade.
2. Parade Theme: Dare to Dream.
3. Applications must be approved for entry by the Parade Krewe. A notification of approval/denial should be received within 30 days of application.
4. Anyone 12 years or younger is not permitted to march in the parade. Please consider the Junior Lilac Parade as an alternative.
5. Entries will be required to provide proof of insurance no later than Friday, April 19. You can upload the certificate into the application or email it to: parade@spokanelilacfestival.org.

Evidence of insurance for both bodily injury and property damage liability with combined single limits of \$1m (each occurrence and aggregate) for all floats, motorized vehicles and equestrians are required.

Cars require fewer rates of insurance, but still need at least \$300k.

Insurance requirements may rise.

Added to the rate of insurance is a 'rider' attachment of "Additional Insured". It is ALWAYS to include "The Spokane Lilac Festival, City of Spokane".

6. Due to insurance requirements candy or any other items may not be handed or thrown out during the parade.
7. Floats:
 - a. Driver must have a 180-degree forward vision when sitting in the driver seat.
 - b. All drivers of floats must have a valid driver's license and should have it in their possession.
 - c. The driver must always stay with the float, this includes the staging area.
 - d. Equipped with an approved UL 2A 10BC fire extinguisher. If the engine is a gas generator a second fire extinguisher is required. All must be tagged, serviced, and dated within one year.
 - e. Towed trailers or floats must have safety cables or chains in place and attached to tow unit. Tow unit must be capable of towing the unit.
 - f. The exhaust pipe must extend 12" beyond float apron. Where pipe is within 12" of decorative material, pipe is to be protected by pipe lagging.
 - g. Each standing rider must have a wraparound body support or a body support with an approved automotive seat belt. Each seated rider must have body support or two hand-

holds. Seat belts shall be worn on the outside of the user's clothing/costume and always used when float is in motion.

- h. The float will be inspected by the Fire Marshall prior to the parade. You will receive instructions on arrival time for inspection.
 - i. Maximum Float Dimensions:
 - i. a. Height – 13 ft 6 in
 - ii. b. Width – 16 feet
 - iii. c. Length – 60 feet
 - iv. d. Ground clearance – 8 inches
 - j.
8. Other Vehicles in Parade:
- a. Drivers must always have a valid driver's license in their possession.
 - b. Driver must always stay with the vehicle.
 - c. Vehicles will be inspected by the Fire Marshall for safety. This will be done prior to the parade's start.
 - d. Equipped with an approved UL 2A 10BC fire extinguisher. All must be tagged, serviced and dated within one year.
 - e. See float standards (h) for rider safety requirements.
9. The SLF Parade Krewe will not accept, allow, or permit into the parade related activities, any group or organization whose primary or underlying thrust carries any controversial agendas.
10. Persons or units not listed in the official parade line-up will NOT be permitted to participate.
11. Use of political signs, or units advocating political or social positions or issues are not permitted.
12. Units which pose a risk to public safety, health, comfort, which offend the sensibilities of others, or are indecent are not permitted.
13. No firearms, fireworks or open flames are allowed by any parade participant.
14. Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or cannabis products are forbidden.
15. The American Flag may only be displayed by units so designated by the parade committee.
16. Golf carts are prohibited in the parade. Only SLF Parade Krewe and SLF Directors are permitted to use it during parade.
17. Approved equestrian units are the ONLY animals allowed in the parade. No other pets are allowed.

Please direct any further questions to: parade@spokanelilacfestival.org

Let's have a wonderful parade!