

## Spokane Lilac Festival Association – 2024 Junior Lilac Parade Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Junior Lilac Parade. The Spokane Lilac Association is excited to continue the parade under the SLFA umbrella. It's the perfect way to start Lilac Week each year.

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 10:30 A.M. on May 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. Great news! Fees have been reduced from previous years and are outlined in the application.
4. Applications must be approved for entry. A notification of approval/denial should be received within 30 days of application.
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: [juniorkilac@spokanelilacfestival.org](mailto:juniorkilac@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 item, may not be handed or thrown out during the parade.
7. Equestrian units will not be accepted into the Junior Lilac Parade. We invite you to apply for the Torchlight Parade on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Judging:
- a. Drill and Marching unit judges will be spread out over the course of the parade route. To avoid congestion and potential disqualification, all units should perform though the entire route.
  - b. Once all parade applications are received, the SLFA will determine the final categories for judging. Notification to key contacts will be made prior to the parade. Judging could look like the following:
    - i. Drill Team/Marching Unit Elementary:
      - 1. Units comprised of students up to and including 6th grade,
      - 2. Secondary: Units comprised of students in middle/junior high school that may include 6th , 7th , or 8th grade.
      - 3. Secondary Division 1: Participants totaling 1-19 students.
      - 4. Secondary Division 2: Participants totaling 20+ students.
    - ii. Bands
      - 1. Division 1: Bands comprised of students in 4th, 5th and/or 6th grade only.
      - 2. Division 2: Bands comprised of 6th, 7th & 8th graders. Musicians total 1-85
      - 3. Division 3: Bands comprised of 6th, 7th & 8th graders. Musicians total 86 +
      - 4. Division 4: Bands comprised of 7th, 8th and/or 9th graders. Musicians total 1-60
      - 5. Division 5: Bands comprised of 7th, 8th and/or 9th graders. Musicians total 61
    - iii. Club/Organization/Scout Unit
    - iv. Best Adherence to the Theme: This trophy will be awarded to the unit best exemplifying the overall theme of the parade "Dare to Dream".
    - v. Grand Sweepstakes For band units: A Sweepstakes award is given to the top overall band in either division. The winner of this award will be honored by marching the following week in the Lilac Parade (May 18, 7:30 PM). You must designate in the parade application if your unit is to be judged for this award. Please do not sign up for this award if your unit cannot attend the May 18 parade.