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Reardan Mule Days Parade

Help us celebrate the 107th Reardan Mule Days by participating in our annual parade on June 4, 2011. The largest parade in Lincoln County, it kicks off the Mule Days Celebration. You'll join the fun with other community floats, bands, equestrian teams, cars, horses, mules, farm equipment, commercial floats, children and more!

What Can You Win?

In addition to the fun you have by participating in the Reardan Mule Days celebration each parade category is judged and presented with special recognition and awards.

Top Float will receive a plaque for Grand Sweepstakes winner and all other awards are in cash. Each royalty member receives participation ribbons. Equestrian and Marching entries are awarded ribbons.

Motor Vehicles are urged to participate in the parade to show off autos and motorcycles. (Certificate of insurance is required.) Car show cars line up on the street south of the post office. Judging is part of car show.

What Publicity Do You Get?

Your parade entry will be announced at three different locations along the course of the parade using the description of our entry that you provide on the entry form at the right. Each emcee is an experienced speaker and will give you plenty of recognition at each location. To guarantee we announce your entry return registration form by June 1, 2011.

When Should You Register?

This year we are going high tech! To guarantee the accuracy of your entry we request that you register online at www.reardanmuledays.net. When you reach our website simply click on the *Parade Button*, look for "Parade Registration" and fill out the form. Hit submit, to send automatically to the parade chairman. Final registration begins Saturday June 4 at 7:30 in the City Park at the Pavilion Building. An adult representative for your entry will sign an "Indemnification Form" at that time and receive two stake/line-up numbers. Please attach one to the front and back of your entry. Plan to arrive no later than 8:30 am, be in place by 9:30 am. Class reunions provide their own transportation and signs.

When Are Entries Judged?

Community Floats will be judged at 8:30 a.m. where you unload at Ag-Link west of Reardan. Afterwards floats will proceed to the park to line up. Judging for Equestrians, Commercial Entries, Rodeo Royalty, Drill Teams and Marching Groups will be judged during the parade. Return to the pavilion in the park immediately after the parade to receive awards and ribbons.

Where Do I Go When In Town?

All floats and farm equipment will unload at Ag-Link just north of Highway 2. Other entries should proceed to Reardan City Park located on South Oak Street. Horses and mules may unload at the north end of Lake Street. If you are competing at the arena you may unload there and ride the marked trail into town. Tractors and car show entries that want to be in the parade should follow instructions on their registration forms. Cars in the car show should line up two abreast on the south side of the post office. Coffee, donuts, hot chocolate and soda are available at the Pavilion.

What Can Be Given From Floats?

Due to liability concerns our insurance carrier forbids anything to be thrown from floats or other moving vehicles. You may pass out candy or other advertising premiums. DO NOT THROW! Candy may be dropped along the curb. Bring a container to carry giveaway items. The parade staff will provide volunteers for out-of-town exhibitors to walk with you to help distribute giveaway items. Local exhibitors must provide staff to help. Volunteers are limited so advance registration is important.

What About Music?

Guests viewing the parade enjoy taped and live music on floats.

Parade Route and Security?

A map of the parade route is available from the Parade Page. The route will be marked with security tape to prevent pedestrians from entering the route. Officials and law enforcement officers patrol the route during the parade. An official or parade chairman may halt the parade for safety reasons if spectators move too far into the route.

Where Does The Royalty Dress?

Visiting royalty may use the Methodist Church for dressing rooms. The Royalty Luncheon will be at the same location. Please use the registration form to RSVP for your Royalty and Crew for the complementary Royalty Luncheon and the girls for the overnight party. In appreciation for your participation, Reardan Mule Days provides a complimentary barbecue lunch.

PARADE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30-9:30	Registration
8:30	Arrive by 8:30 if being judged
8:30	Float Judging
9:30	Be In Position
10:00	Kiddies Parade
10:15	Main Parade
11:00	Royalty Introductions At Park
11:30	Royalty Luncheon

Do I Need Insurance?

Proof of insurance is required. Insurance requirements are on an individual basis but all moving vehicles must have proof of insurance. Proof of insurance forms required by the State of Washington will suffice. Indicate on the entry form that you have a moving vehicle, your insurance carrier, and attach a copy of insurance.

What About The Royalty Party?

Friday evening, June 3rd, there is an overnight party for all Royalty. A teen dance takes place from 8:00-11:30 p.m. at the Jr. High School Multipurpose Room free to all Royalty. Royalty may also attend the Mule Days Play or participate in a scavenger hunt. Dinner is provided along with breakfast and snacks. Two adult female chaperones stay with the girls and help them get ready for the parade the next morning (Saturday). We encourage everyone to bring movies and snacks. The Committee will contact you.

What About Graduation?

Often the Mule Days Parade occurs the same weekend as graduation exercises, SATS, or other school activities. If you find you have a conflict that prevents you from bringing your float to the parade you may still attend by sending royalty to ride in a convertible. We have a limited supply of cars available on a first come, first serve basis.

How About the Kiddies Parade?

We encourage everyone to bring their children to participate in the Kiddies Parade. Mule Days is a lot of fun for all ages and the kids always enjoy themselves. Free entry forms are required to be filled out for each child who participates and are available the day of the parade in front of the library. Any child riding a 4/wheeler or motorcycle must be accompanied by an adult and proof of insurance is required. Each child who enters the parade receives a special participation award plus FREE ICE CREAM from *The Swan Food Company*.