



Celebrate America Committee  
PO Box 1272  
Paris, TX 75461

The Celebrate America committee would like to invite you to participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Paris, TX. This committee was formed in 1993 to instill community pride and demonstrate to our youth what Independence Day is all about. We are excited to announce that our Parade Theme for 2020 is "Honoring All". Help us by honoring all who have been affected by the uncertainty in our world. There will be no Grand Marshall, but we would love to have all our graduating seniors who want to participate to enter and be honored by all those along the parade route. With all the limitation on graduation ceremonies this is a way that they can be honored by those that were not able to attend the ceremonies.

This year's parade will be Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Staging will begin at 8:00 AM in the parking lot north of the Lamar County Courthouse. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM and proceed south on 1<sup>st</sup> NW then turn east on Clarksville St, north on 12<sup>th</sup> SE, west on Lamar Ave and back to courthouse on North Main St.

There is no entry fee to enter parade. We will have cash prize for Best Overall Entry - \$200. Category Prizes will be \$100-1<sup>st</sup>, \$50-2<sup>nd</sup>, \$25- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category. The categories are Commercial, Organization, Church Group and Best Decorated Vehicles. Entries can range from professional made floats, homemade floats, marching groups, equestrian groups, vehicles – cars, trucks, motorcycles, military, tractors, bicycles, tricycle, wagons, etc.

While we have no mandatory requirements on healthcare safety, we recommend following all social distancing guidelines and taking any precautions you feel necessary to keep yourself and your participants safe. There are participation rules concerning general safety measures but not healthcare safety.

Please contact us for an entry form and general rules.

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Celebrate America  
2020 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Sponsor: Celebrate America Committee  
Theme: Honoring All  
Date: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Time: Staging begins at 8:00 AM – Parade begins at 10:00 AM  
Entry Fee: Free

Categories: Commercial / Small Business  
Organizations  
Church  
Vehicle

Prizes: Best of Parade: \$200 (not eligible for category prizes)  
Each Category: 1<sup>st</sup> place-\$100 2<sup>nd</sup> place-\$50 3<sup>rd</sup> place-\$25

\*Prize winners may donate their prize money to the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce to help offset the cost of the annual Firework Show. Please be sure to mark your entry form if you would like to make this donation.

Route: The parade will start south on 1<sup>st</sup> NW along the west side of Plaza making a left onto Clarksville Street along south side of Plaza. Parade will continue east on Clarksville St and make a left onto 12<sup>th</sup> SE continue one block to Lamar Ave and turn left on Lamar Ave. Parade will continue west on Lamar Ave back to Plaza and turn right on N. Main ending back at the courthouse.

### **General Rules**

- 1 Entry Forms should be received by July 3, 2020
- 2 All vehicles must be driven by licensed driver and vehicle must have insurance.
- 3 Due to city ordinance, **ABSOLUTLY NO ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN FROM PARADE ENTRIES.** This includes candy. However, Parade Participants are welcome to walk beside their parade entry and hand candy to the spectators along the parade route.
- 4 All participants must be securely on float before parade starts moving. **ABSOLUTLY NO RIDERS EXITING OR ENTERING FLOAT WHILE IN MOTION.**
- 5 Vehicles not participating in the parade **WILL NOT** be allowed in the staging area for **ANY** reasons.
- 6 Floats should only enter the staging area when they are completely decorated and ready to line up.
- 7 Judging will take place in the staging area prior to the parade start as well as along the parade route. Name of business, organization, church **MUST** be on both sides of the parade entry in order to be judged. Entry number will be given to each entry for window placement.
- 8 Parade entry winners will be announced to the Paris News on the day of Parade for future publication.

**Celebrate America Parade**  
P.O. Box 1272  
**Paris, Texas 75462-1272**  
[www.celebrateamericaparade.com](http://www.celebrateamericaparade.com)  
*Saturday, July 4th. 2020*  
**Downtown Paris, Texas USA**

Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Category: Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Type: Float \_\_\_\_\_ Marching \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Equestrian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Staging / Lineup will begin at 8:00AM @ Lamar County Courthouse.  
Parade starts at 10:00 AM

**\*If my entry wins any prize money from the judges voting, please donate this prize money to the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display Fund**

Donation Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please donate my prize money  
\_\_\_\_\_ No, please mail my prize money to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Send Entry Form to [kcompton@pbsys.net](mailto:kcompton@pbsys.net) or fax to 903-737-9668**

