





# 2021 Homecoming Parade Entry Form

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Theme: Jag Control: Control the Bluff

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The submission of a parade entry form and fee does not guarantee a spot in the parade line-up. Applications are accepted on a first come, first-serve basis for the available slots and applications are reviewed as they are received. There are a limited numbers of slots available for all entry types, i.e. walking groups, bands, floats, horse groups. Once the specified number of slots is filled for entry types, additional entries will be added to the parade waitlist. All entrants will be notified of their entry status (accepted or placed on the waitlist) within one week of the date the entry packet was received, or no later than one week after the entry deadline (for entrants that were placed on the waitlist). In accordance with city ordinances and for the safety of our spectators and parade participants, all parade participants must abide by the following rules and regulations:

- An entry includes 1 unit (i.e. 1 float or 1 band or 1 car or 1 dancing group).
  - No additional vehicles, including, but not limited to cars, vans, scooters and marchers will be allowed to accompany registered units. The only exception to this is vehicles pulling floats. Support personnel walking with the entry should be dressed to compliment and/or coordinate with the entry.
  - Vehicles playing music are not allowed to accompany units.
- Motorcycle clubs are permitted to have up to 8 motorcycles and/or 4-wheelers per unit. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Only Southern University and A&M College departments/units, registered Southern University and A&M College student organizations, as well as high school marching bands are exempt from the parade entry fee. There are no exceptions and all other entrants must pay the required fee.
- Mobile units must be decorated and marching units must be in uniform before entering the parade line-up area.
- Entries, such as floats, should be no higher than 14 feet for clearance of utility lines.
- Drivers must have an unobstructed view of the road.
- All drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive their assigned entries.

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages and usage of drugs are prohibited during the parade, this includes in the parade line-up area.
  - All parade participants and their units are subject to random searches for drugs and alcohol the day of the parade.
- Candy or souvenirs must not be thrown until the parade begins.
  - Participants must have a sufficient amount of candy or souvenirs to disburse in proportions throughout the duration of the parade.
- For Children:
  - Children are not permitted to sit atop cars.
  - Chaperones must accompany children at all times.
  - Beware of children along the parade route as they may run and jump for candy. Kids are likely to approach mobile units without regard to safety
  - Dance units with participants under the age of 8 are not permitted to march/walk. Those participants must ride in a car/float in front of or behind the marching unit.
- Individuals are not allowed to jump on or off moving units at any time nor should individuals hang onto moving units. Spectators from the crowd are not allowed to join the parade line-up.
- All parade participants must conduct themselves in an acceptable and respectable manner. ☹ Music with vulgar language is prohibited.
- The selling of food, drinks, and other items is prohibited.
- Socially acceptable attire must be worn during the parade.
- For safety reasons, water in any form (water guns, cannons, water balloons, hoses, or similar devices) is prohibited.
- Persons with floats are to move their units to an acceptable off-campus site following the parade. Units cannot be left on the Southern University campus, Exxon property, or Scenic Highway.
- Parade entries do not include football game tickets.

Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will prohibit parade participation and/or abrupt dismissal from the parade lineup. Participants are expected to be on time for the line-up, which begins at 6:00am on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Please be advised that entries to the line-up will close at 7:30am. Late arrivals to the parade line-up will not be permitted to join the line-up. **No refunds will be given.**

There will be a mandatory pre-parade meeting on **Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM** in Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Cotillion Ballroom. All entries must have a responsible representative at the meeting or the entry will not be allowed in the parade. The purpose of this meeting is to help prevent misunderstandings by reviewing all guidelines and answering questions. Individuals not on the unit roster the day of the parade will not be allowed to participate.

## **Refund Policy**

**ALL ENTRY FEES ARE FINAL, AND THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.** Unfortunately weather plays a huge role in the success of any parade. In order to produce a quality parade experience many expenses are obligated “rain or shine.” For this reason, if the parade is cancelled due to weather, we will not refund entry fees. You will however be given an automatic entry in the next or rescheduled parade event.

# Homecoming Parade Judging Criteria

All entries are judged during the parade. All units are required to stop in front of the judges stand for at least 30 seconds, but no longer than 1 minute. Float entries include trailers being pulled by a vehicle or flatbed trucks. Standard decorated trucks are not considered floats. Entries must be decorated according to the Homecoming theme. Entries will be awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the below categories.

## Entry Categories

- School Marching Bands
- Marching/Walking Units (Off-campus)
- Marching/Walking Units (Campus)
- Best Decorated Float (Off-campus)
- Best Decorated Float (Campus)
- Best Decorated Car/Truck/Other (Off-campus)
- Best Decorated Car/Truck/Other (Campus)

## Judging Criteria is as Follows:

Entry categories are judged on a scale of 0-5, where 0=Poor 5=Superior.

Entries are rated based on the following criteria:

### School Marching Bands and Marching/Walking Units

- Showmanship
- Performance
- Precision
- Appearance
- Volume

### Floats and Other Types

- Homecoming Slogan
- Homecoming Theme
- School Colors
- Creativity
- Appearance

## PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

Parade entrants are required to sign this document. Entries received without this certification will not be allowed to participate in the parade. Also, note that the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement will only communicate parade information to organizations via the official contact person listed on the parade entry form.

By signing this document, I/We agree to abide by all the rules set forth by Southern University and A&M College. I/We understand that parade participants engaging in behavior outlined in the parade rules and conduct will result in immediate dismissal from the Homecoming Parade and I/We will forfeit our parade entry fee. I/We also understand that there is no refund of entry fees, no matter the circumstance

Group/ Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group/ Organization Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



**PARADE ENTRY FEE (non-refundable) must be paid with  
Cashier's Check or Money Order ONLY**

*Made payable to: Southern University System Foundation*

**All Entry Forms and Payment MUST be submitted to the Akai Smith, J.S Clark  
Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 327, by October 5, 2021.**

**Entry Information**

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

- Float (\$350)**                       **Car/Truck (\$350)**  
 **Motorcycle (\$350)**                       **Marching/Walking (\$350)**  
 **Marching/Walking with Vehicle for Music (\$400)**       **School Marching Band (Free)**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Detailed Description (# of riders/members, car (make, model, and color), etc.)**

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