

## **\*2023\* Parade Rules \*2023\***

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ADHERE TO MERCED COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES.
2. All participants must disband at the END of the Parade in the disband area (PASTJUNIPER). There will be no riding on vehicles illegally back to the starting point.
3. Parade numbers will be obtained at the registration desk at Ralston Park on Monday July the 3rd from 3:00pm to 6:00pm (late check in at 8:00am - 8:15 am on Tuesday July the 4th at Atwater High School in front of the office area)
4. Participants will maintain numerical order.
5. Control of vehicles or animals must be maintained at all times.
6. All participants must clean up after themselves or any animal they are in charge of.
7. Living things on floats must be secure.
8. **There is to be no “entourages” following along with the participants.**  
Chaperones should be a part of the parade and not interfere with other spectators. Please remind family and friends that they may not walk along the parade route with parade participants.
9. **There will be no large gatherings at the judging booth.** All spectators should remain in one spot for the duration of the parade. Please remind friends and family that they may not crowd around the judging booth.
10. Entries under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult over 21.
11. Music from floats/cars will maintain a volume so as to not interfere with others.
12. Vehicles must be decorated except for windshield and radiators.
13. No items may be thrown by parade participants. **Items MAY be handed out by walkers.**
14. No water may be sprayed from any entry except the Fire Department.
15. There is a return check charge of \$25.00.
16. Entries received after June 28th will be placed at the end of the parade.
17. Entries are randomly placed in the line-up to provide a variety throughout the parade. Early entries do not guarantee placement at the front of the parade. Last minute entries will be placed at the end of the parade.

**Please adhere to all rules to make this a comfortable, family friendly, and safe event.**

