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Dear Friend:

It's that time of year again and we want you to be a part of the fun!

The Chamber Parade Committee is seeking entries for the **Bee County Chamber of Commerce Parade on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.** in downtown Beeville. This year marks the 72nd Annual Parade, an integral element of the Bee County Western Week Celebration. The parade is the official kick off of a fun filled day of activities at the Expo Center including the carnival, rodeo, cook-offs and entertainment.

We want you to continue this historic Bee County tradition – come celebrate Western Week with your participation in our community's parade.

First place trophies and second and third place ribbons will be awarded in the following categories: Chamber of Commerce & Cities, Commercial, Non-Commercial, Youth Entries, Decorated and Antique Cars, Mounted Groups & Horse Drawn Vehicles. A grand prize trophy will be awarded to the best overall entry. This year's parade theme is *Celebrate Education-“Education Launches Tomorrow's Stars”*. Use your imagination to promote your business, organization or just enter and have fun.

Remember: All entries must be decorated including vehicles, commercial and personal. Incorporating a theme and adding music to your entry always creates a festive atmosphere!

The entry fee for 2009 is **\$15.00** for Chamber Members and **\$20.00** for perspective members, with the exception of schools or school sponsored organizations and organizations with proof of non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service.

The entry form is enclosed. **Please return it and the entry fee before October 6th** for the best line-up position. Entries received after this date may still participate and will be added to the end of the lineup.

Judging begins at 9:00 AM. Call 361-358-3267 or email info@beecountychamber.org for additional information.

Very truly yours,
Chamber 72nd Annual Parade Committee



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Name of Organization, Individual or Business

Description of entry (car, pickup, tractor, vehicle & trailer)

Size of entry (overall length) _____

Classification of Entry (Circle the class you wish to enter)

Chamber of Commerce & Cities	Decorated & Antique Cars
Commercial	Mounted Groups
Non-Commercial	Horse Drawn Vehicles
Marching Band (# of students _____)	Youth Groups

Contact Person (Print or type clearly)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email address

Important Information: The law allows no throw outs or alcoholic beverages allowed by the parade entries. Please include names of key person who will be on your entry or those leading bands, so our announcers can give them proper recognition. **All participants are strongly encouraged to use music in their entries.**

Attention Mounted Groups: The following qualifications **must** be observed: (1) Parade limited to 10 organized mounted groups, maximum of 20 riders per group (2) Must be judged (3) Minimum dress requirements; hats, long sleeve shirts, neckerchiefs, ties, or vest, jeans and boots. (4) Horse and tack must be in good condition (5) One rider per horse (6) Horse drawn vehicles must be entered separately. **All requirements must be met in order to participate.**



PARADE REGULATIONS

72nd ANNUAL BEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARADE

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Please familiarize yourself with this information and share it with your parade participants. All entries are subject to inspection by parade officials. Any entry that does not comply with these regulations will be denied participation in the parade or will be subject to expulsion and all fees paid will be forfeited.

- All entries MUST be operated in a legal, safe and ethical manner and comply with law enforcement and parade committee directions and community standards of good taste. Any lewd or lascivious behavior will not be tolerated and will be grounds for expulsion from the parade. The consumption of drugs or alcohol by parade participants is strictly prohibited.
- Commercial entries may display only the name of the business/organization submitted on the original entry form. Additional signage, logos, banners, etc. identifying any other business/organization will require an additional \$15 commercial entry fee to be paid.
- All marchers, walkers, etc., not riding on floats or miscellaneous units, must be at least 14 years of age. All marchers, walkers and riders MUST remain with their unit in their assigned position in the staging area and proceed in a steady and continuous manner during the parade, maintaining a minimum of 40 ft. between entries.
- All entries MUST be decorated, including tow vehicles; have flame-retardant decorations or other materials and a working and easily accessible fire extinguisher. Smoking in/on units is not permitted. No entry may exceed 65 ft. in length or 14 ft. in height.
- All towed entries MUST have an approved safety chain between the tow vehicle and the unit/float. All entries MUST have sufficient fuel to operate gas-powered generators. Generators should not be started until the parade begins in order to preserve fuel. DO NOT add fuel to hot generators!
- All floats and miscellaneous entries MUST have easily accessible entrance and exit for participants/riders and a clear, unobstructed view for drivers/operators. Drivers MUST have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

All "Car Club" vehicles MUST have proof of liability insurance coverage. Fire extinguishers are required for each vehicle. No nitrous oxide bottles allowed. All vehicles in a "Car Club" entry must be in "show condition." Limit of four vehicles per "Car Club" entry (one picture of each vehicle must be submitted with entry form). All vehicles will be inspected for safety during line-up.

- Objects, such as candy, gum, flowers, samples, coupons, flyers, etc., may NOT be thrown from or otherwise distributed to spectators by any entry or participant.
- Horse units must provide a "pooper scooper" to follow the entry to ensure public safety and sanitation.
- In the event of an emergency, vehicle breakdown or equipment failure, entries should be moved promptly away from or off the parade route so as not to impede parade traffic, spectator view or emergency vehicles. All issues of public safety rest expressly with the Beeville Police Department.
- All entries MUST disperse quickly and safely from the break-up area at the end of the parade route. There will be no "holding area" for floats or miscellaneous units at the end of the parade. Stopping, blocking units behind you from proceeding or unloading participants is NOT permitted until instructed to do so by parade officials.

The undersigned confirms they have read, understand and agree to abide by the above regulations and accepts responsibility to convey this information to all persons participating in the unit represented by the undersigned.

Name of Entry/Organization _____ Representative Name _____
Representative Signature _____ Date _____