



Dear Parade Participant;

The **Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation** and the **City of Missouri City** have collaborated now in our **seventh (7th) year** to honor a significant, historical occasion by implementing a Juneteenth Celebration.

One of the highlights of this year's celebration is our signature
"One Mile of Smiles" Juneteenth Parade.

We would like for you to join with the nationally renowned **WillowRidge High School Band**, the **Buffalo Soldiers Color Guards**, the **Thurgood Marshall High School Band**, the **Houston Texans Cheerleaders**, the **Madison High School Band** and various other corporate & civic groups, celebrities, dignitaries, and beautiful floats in celebration of **The Emancipation Proclamation.**

This year's parade will take place on Saturday, June 13th, 2009 and will begin promptly at 5:00 PM.

If you choose to participate, event staging has been arranged for your arrival at **Progressive High School**, located at 1555 Independence Road and Texas Parkway in Missouri City beginning at 3:30 p.m.

After the parade concludes, we welcome you to remain and enjoy the continuation of the celebration with the "Battle of the Bands" competition, our "3-on-3" Basketball Tournament and a full evening of food, fun and live entertainment during the Juneteenth Festival which serves as our big finale.

Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation
P.O. Box 1007
Missouri City, Texas 77489

Enclose please find a parade entry form to be completed and either mailed or faxed back to me at your earliest convenience. If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact at the number listed below.

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Juneteenth Parade.

Sincerely,

Don Smith

Event Chairperson

MCJCF Parade Committee

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PARADE ENTRY FORM

ANNUAL JUNETEENTH PARADE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Entry Category: (please check one box only!)

All Organizations will be eligible for judging. Please indicate the category of your entry:

Civic Commercial Government School Youth

Type of Entry:

Float Riders Band Steppers

Will your Entry have sound? (Recorded or Live or Instrumental Music) YES NO

Announcement Information: (when passing the Announcer's Stand):

Note: For spectator safety, we ask that **no** candy or trinkets be thrown from floats. Individuals are allowed to walk along the side and hand out such items to the spectators.

***Deadline for receipt of parade entry application is June 1st**
Applications received after posted deadline are subject to MCJCF Board Approval!

Please **mail, fax or drop off** your entry application for the MCJCF
“One Mile of Smiles” Juneteenth Parade:

Mail to:
P. O. Box 1007
Missouri City, TX 77459
Attention: Juneteenth Parade

Fax to:
(281) 582.8182

Judging Categories

Parade entries will be judged in the following categories.

Best Float

Best Walking Entry

Requirements for this category include:

(At least 10 walking/mounted participants; also walkers must be uniformed and present choreographed routine. Vehicles, Bikes, Motorcycles, etc. are considered in this group;)

Most Spirited

Best Theme

(Most unique idea)

Best Overall

(Best visual, spirited and crowd pleaser)

Website: www.mocityjuneteenth.com

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JUNETEENTH PARADE
FAQ's

Where does the parade begin/end and where do we report?

- ⓈParade begins at exactly 5:00 pm at Court Road and Texas Parkway
- ⓈParade ends at Progressive High School parking lot.
- ⓈAll entries are required to report to the parade staging area no later than 3:30 pm (Court Rd and Texas Parkway)
- ⓈRoad closure begins at 4:00 pm (i.e., Independence, Texas Parkway [FM2234], etc.)

Where do I place my parade entry number and what's it for?

- ⓈPlace the entry number in the upper right corner of your windshield
- ⓈThe entry number insures that you are in the correct order and assists the judges in entering your score correctly
- ⓈDo not forget your entry number, only numbered entries will be allowed in the staging area

What about parents dropping off their children?

- ⓈThere will be a designated drop off and pick up zone in the Progressive High School parking lot
- ⓈEach entry is required to assign someone to meet and assist his or her children at the drop off zone. *We suggest a poster board sign on a hand-held stick*
- ⓈDue to the closure of Independence and Texas Parkway during the parade, parents picking up children at the conclusion of the parade must be at the end of the parade route no later than 6:15 pm

Are there any special rules that we should know about?

- Ⓢ**Please bring a copy of your entry form to check in.**
- ⓈOnly parade participants are allowed to march in the parade. Support staff may walk along the parade route on the sidelines.
- ⓈNo one is allowed to ride on a car top, fenders, hood, etc.
- ⓈNo one is allowed to throw objects (candy, gum, pencils, etc.) from a vehicle at anytime during the parade
- ⓈThe Foundation reserves the right to prohibit any entry from participating in the parade if the entry downgrades the parade or negatively reflects on the Foundation in any way