

TO: Prospective Parade Entrants  
FROM: Walt Kelley, Parade Chairman  
RE: 84th Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Parade

Please note the entry deadline of **AUGUST 29, 2008**. We will accept no entries past that date. The sooner you submit your entry the better position you will get in the parade as lineup is determined by type of entry and date.

The dates of the 2008 Texas Ford Dealers Tri-State Fair Rodeo are September 12 - 20. The parade will be held on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 A.M. in Downtown Amarillo.

This year the parade theme is: **Tri-State Fair - Winds of Change**

A cash award of \$600.00 will be given to the **top three parade floats (1<sup>st</sup> - \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100)**. Trophies awarded to the top three placing floats. Additional trophies will be awarded for the Outstanding Entry in the following categories: **Military, Equestrian, JROTC Unit, Youth and Adult, Bands (Jr. High, 1-A - 5 - A)**. Any entry may be entered and judged in only **ONE CATEGORY**.

Winners will be notified by telephone no later than 2:00 p.m. on parade day. A list will also be posted outside the Fair office. Awards will be presented at the Children's Stage Area on the grounds at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, September 13, 2008.

The Amarillo Emergency Services will be in charge of parade line up and issuing parade numbers. Each unit must have a number in order to be judged.

The parade unit will begin at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Polk Street and disperse in the north parking lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between Buchanan and Johnson Streets. **Each entry will receive a final parade order ONE WEEK in advance of the parade.** Each entrant will have a number to match on a "map" of the streets and Emergency Service will help line up entries according to this map. The Parade Coordinator reserves the right to change the station of any parade unit. Please call the Tri-State Fair office, (806) 376-7767, if you don't receive your parade order one week in advance of the parade.

**All parade entrants will be required to have some form of identification at the front of their entry...such as a banner or sign.**

**Equestrian entries MUST provide individual unit manure pickup.**

**\*\*\* BANDS AND OTHER PARADE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP IN FRONT OF THE REVIEWING STAND. SUCH GROUPS MAY PERFORM A MANEUVER AT THE REVIEWING STAND, BUT MUST NOT STOP.**

**\*\*\* Handling out of anything from an entry in the parade is permitted by side marchers only. Tossing ANYTHING from an entry is specifically prohibited. There shall be no depiction of violence of any kind and the use of real theatrical blood is strictly prohibited. Violation of any of the**

**rules for the Tri-State Fair Parade will subject the entry to removal from the parade.**

**\*\*\* NO PARADE CRASHING WILL BE PERMITTED**

**\*\*\* THE USE OF AIRHORNS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED - VEHICLE ENTRIES  
(ALL WHEELS MUST REMAIN ON THE GROUND)**

**AMARILLO TRI-STATE FAIR MANAGEMENT & PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY PARADE ENTRY FROM THE PARADE THEY DEEM UNSUITABLE, OBJECTIONABLE, OR IN RULE VIOLATION. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE SCREENED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PARADE.**

If for any reason your unit must withdraw from the parade, we would appreciate it if you will telephone the Fair office at **(806) 376-7767** immediately.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN US AT THE 2008 TRI-STATE FAIR & RODEO**