

Parade Rules, Regulations & Information

Please review the following rules, regulations, and parade day information carefully to help ensure a safe, organized, and enjoyable experience for participants and spectators alike.

Parade Formation

Parade formation will take place on the streets surrounding the L.I.S.D. schools at the corner of Hackberry and Bowie Streets. Numbered stakes will be visible to help guide entries into position.

Line-Up Time

7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Check-In / Assistance

Formal check-in is not required. However, if you need information or assistance on parade morning, please report to the intersection of Hackberry and Bowie Streets.

Dressing / Restroom Facilities

The high school gym located at the intersection of Bowie and Hackberry Streets will be open for dressing and restroom use.

Judging

Judging begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. sharp. All entries must be in place, fully set up, and ready to go with riders in position by 9:00 a.m.

To qualify for an award, participants must remain in place until all judging has been completed.

Parade Start Time

The parade begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. sharp — rain or shine.

Parade Winners

Parade winners will be presented with their awards before the parade begins.

Safety Rules

For the safety of our spectators, especially children, no candy, gum, flowers, promotional items, samples, or any other objects may be thrown from parade entries during the parade. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Entry Spacing / Movement

Please maintain a safe distance between your entry and the one ahead of you throughout the entire parade route. A spacing of approximately 2–3 car lengths is recommended.

Entries will not be allowed to stop and perform along the parade route.

Parade Route

No entry may proceed through the parade route more than once without permission from the Parade Committee.

Alcoholic Beverages

Consumption of alcoholic beverages by drivers before or during the parade is strictly forbidden. Any driver observed consuming alcohol while operating a parade entry will be removed from the parade formation.

Youth Groups

Each youth group must be represented by an adult supervisor who will be responsible for ensuring the group follows all parade rules and regulations.

Vehicles

All automobiles and vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver.

Car Clubs

Car clubs are limited to 5 vehicles per club. Total participation is limited to 3 clubs on a first-applied, first-approved basis. Multiple chapters of the same club are not allowed. Vehicle weaving is not permitted.

Horns and Sirens

Extended blaring of loud air horns or sirens is not permitted. Intermittent use only is allowed. Train horns are not allowed.

Trucks and Tractors

Undecorated private or commercial large trucks and tractors are not permitted in the parade. This restriction does not apply to antique vehicles.

Water / Crowd Safety

Water guns and water balloons may not be used to spray or throw water into the crowd.

Liability

The Luling Watermelon Thump Association and the Parade Committee assume no responsibility for accidents, injuries, or loss of any kind.

Line-Up Information

Line-up numbers and additional parade information will be emailed during the week of the parade.

We hope your participation in the Watermelon Thump Parade will be a pleasant, safe, and memorable experience for your organization.

Registration

Please register using the online form below, or download the printable form and follow the submission instructions provided.

Contact Information

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