

The YWCA York Presents
the 61st Annual
2010 York Halloween Parade



General Parade Regulations

It is the intention of the YWCA York to present the 61st Annual York Halloween Parade as a fun, family oriented community event. The mission of the YWCA York is to work proactively and collaboratively to provide programs that promote racial justice, empower women, eliminate domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of violence, and strengthen our community.

1. Entries that detract from the celebratory nature of the Parade or the mission of the YWCA will *NOT* be permitted to participate in the 61st Annual Halloween Parade.
2. Parade participants must complete a "registration application" to enter in the York Halloween Parade (hereinafter referred to as "the Parade"). Deadline for entry applications is September 27, 2010. Applications post-marked between September 28, 2010 and October 4, 2010 will be assessed a \$50.00 LATE fee, which is non-refundable. Applications post-marked after October 4, 2010 will not be accepted. The Halloween Parade Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") encourages the submission of applications as early as possible. Applicants will be notified in writing of their entry's status. All applications are subject to the sole discretion of the YWCA. YWCA York is not obligated to provide any applicant with a reason for the denial of any application.
3. Applicants are responsible for communicating all rules and regulations to each member of his/her organization, group, company and/or entry. Each member of the organization, group, company and/or entry shall be responsible for reading the rules and regulations associated with the Parade. The violation of these rules and regulations by any member of the organization, group, company and/or entry before, during or along the Parade route will result in disqualification and immediate removal from the Parade and will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
4. Any application construed as a public hazard or likely to cause any unsafe condition at the Fairgrounds or along the Parade route will be denied.
5. A completed application to participate in the Parade will be taken as a firm commitment by the Committee. "**No shows**" for two consecutive years will be denied entry into the Parade for one year.
6. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE PARADE!!!!**
7. In case of emergency (fire, ambulance, police, etc.), all participants shall move to the right side of the street.
8. Motorized go-karts, motorcycles, mini-bikes, mopeds, and bicycles **are not permitted** except as approved by the Committee upon review of the entrant's application. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the Parade the following year.
9. All entries/participants are encouraged to reflect Halloween decorations and/or a Halloween-type theme. The Parade Officials' decisions regarding adequate decoration pertaining to Halloween and/or a Halloween-type theme will be final!! Halloween decorations and/or a Halloween-type theme shall pertain to the depiction of any person, place, thing and/or costume or otherwise typically associated with the celebration of the October 31st holiday of Halloween.
10. All float and vehicle categories, including buses, must be **at least 75% decorated**. Exceptions to this rule include antique/classic cars, school royalty floats/vehicles, Grand Marshall vehicle, and others as approved by the Committee. Signs indicating the organization and theme are encouraged to be displayed on the front or sides of the entry. The Parade Officials' decisions regarding adequate decoration will be final!! If you do not comply with this regulation, you will be disqualified.

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11. The maximum number of entries for any organization, club, group, or individual is three (3), except by special invitation of the Committee.
12. Royalty entries are limited to the homecoming queen only (one vehicle), unless a float is provided on which the royalty court may ride.
13. **Entrants may not conduct any type of solicitation.**
14. Due to safety concerns, the throwing of anything from floats or vehicles in the Parade is not permitted along the Parade route. Items may be handed out by walking participants but must be approved by the Committee beforehand. **Anyone planning to hand out any type of food must get a valid license from The Bureau of Permits and Health Licensing.** Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's parade.
15. All Parade participants **must** stay in the line of march. **DO NOT GO INTO THE CROWD.** The Parade route is narrow, many children and adults sit on the curb, and we do not want anyone to be hurt during the Parade. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's parade.
16. No drilling or performance will be permitted in the line of march by any unit unless the unit is moving forward at the same time and does not stop the forward movement of the Parade.
17. Baton marching groups must march with a minimum of six (6) abreast.
18. Fire batons are not permitted along the Parade route or at the Fairgrounds.
19. Power tools, knives, swords, guns or replicas are not allowed to leave the Parade route and go into the crowd. Power tools used as Parade items/decorations **must be turned off throughout the Parade and at the Fairgrounds.** Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
20. Absolutely no firearms or weapons of any kind are permitted on the Parade route or at the Fairgrounds. Any entry violating this regulation will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law. The only exception to this regulation is for York City Police Officers, fire police or other police officials patrolling the Parade route on the day of the Parade.
21. Explosives, fireworks, or any other exploding devices are not permitted along the Parade route or at the Fairgrounds. Anyone found with explosives, fireworks or any other exploding devices will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law. If a float decoration includes a "prop" or other item that may be construed as an exploding device, the entrant/participant must get prior approval from the YWCA before using such device at the Fairgrounds or along the Parade route. Any entrant/participant violating this provision will be escorted from the Fairgrounds and/or the Parade route and not be permitted to participate in the following year's parade.
22. Children under six (6) years of age are NOT permitted to walk or march in the Parade but may ride on a Parade float and/or vehicle, only under the supervision of a responsible adult. All children six years of age and under must be supervised at all times.
23. When a unit reaches the end of the Parade, the participants are NOT permitted to come back through the line of march for the balance of the Parade. Participants must use another street so as not to disrupt the marchers or obstruct the view of the spectators watching the Parade.
24. No entry, which is paid to appear in the Parade, may compete for a prize.

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25. All units must be identified so that spectators and television cameras can easily see the name of each unit or its sponsor. Identification on floats should be on both sides, **running the entire length of the float or twenty (20') feet, whichever is the lesser.** Participants carrying signs or banners should precede marching units, and all signs and banners must be carried and/or displayed in such a way as to assure they can be read even in rain or high wind.
26. Units may contain no element higher than 16 feet, to provide clearance of overhead wires and traffic lights. Please make note of the height and width and length of your entry on your application under "Section D – Description of Your Entry."
27. Individuals and organizations in the Parade must perform courteously, in compliance with **all** regulations and with safety in mind at all times during the formation, execution, and dismissal of the Parade. Entries that detract from the celebratory nature of the Parade or the mission of the YWCA will immediately be disqualified from the Parade. Any participant disqualified under this regulation will not be permitted to participate in future parades. Parade Officials will remove any participant violating this regulation at his or her sole discretion. All Parade Officials' decisions are final.
28. Parade Officials will be located along the Parade route to enforce the rules and regulations. The Parade Officials' instructions **must** be followed at all times. Parade Officials' decisions are final and not subject to review.
29. **NO PARTICIPANTS ARE PERMITTED TO CONSUME AND/OR POSSESS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ANYWHERE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE OR AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!!** Any participant found consuming or in possession of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted to participate in the Parade and will be escorted from the Fairgrounds and/or the Parade route. All beverages (soda, iced tea, water, lemonade, etc.), must be in a non-glass, non-breakable container. Any participant violating this provision will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
30. **NO PARTICIPANTS ARE PERMITTED TO SMOKE OR USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS ANYWHERE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE OR AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!!** Any participant found smoking and/or using tobacco products at either the Fairgrounds or along the Parade route will not be permitted to participate in the Parade and will be escorted from the Fairgrounds or the Parade route. Any participant violating this provision will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
31. **NO PARTICIPANTS ARE PERMITTED TO USE ANY ILLICIT SUBSTANCES AND/OR POSSESS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE OR AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!!** Any participant found using illicit substances in any form regardless of the substance or form of use or in the possession of any illicit substances and/or using drug paraphernalia in any form or in possession of drug paraphernalia will not be permitted to participate in the Parade, will be escorted from the Fairgrounds or the Parade route, and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted by law.
32. If you decorate at the Fairgrounds, you must clean up your mess. We graciously receive the use of the Fairgrounds at no cost. Please be neat and courteous. Any participant who does not clean up at the Fairgrounds will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
33. At the end of the Parade, **ALL** Parade materials **must be taken with you.** We have residents located at the end of the Parade who have complained about Parade participants using their trash receptacles. **THIS IS NOT PERMITTED!** Any participant caught using residents' trash receptacles will not be permitted to participate in the following year's Parade.
34. **HORSE UNITS MUST PROVIDE A CLEAN-UP CREW!!! NO CLEAN UP CREW, NO PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE!!!**
35. Judges will be located at the York County Government Center (old Courthouse). **Entries may NOT stop in front of the Judges stand to perform.** They may, however, perform while moving forward. A Parade Official will be

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located in front of the courthouse to enforce this regulation. Any entry not complying will be automatically disqualified.

36. Restrooms and Port-o-lets are provided along the Parade route.
37. Any motorized vehicle required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be inspected must have a current inspection sticker and registration card. Registration card must be available upon request of any Parade Official. Only validly licensed drivers shall operate any motorized vehicle being operated along the Parade route. The drivers' valid license must be available upon request of any Parade Official. Further, each motorized vehicle and/or driver participating in the Parade must have valid insurance on the vehicle and/or driver. Valid insurance cards must be available upon request of any Parade Official. Photocopies of driver's license, registration card, and insurance card must be submitted with the registration application. (SECTION E.)
38. To ensure the safety of parade participants we will have specific areas at the end of the parade route for buses and other parade vehicles to park and pick up in an organized and timely manner. Please refer to the parade line-up letter you receive closer to the parade date, use the signs for the bus windows you will find included with that letter, and instruct all drivers to watch for signs at the end of the parade route as well.

VIOLATORS OF PARADE RULES/REGULATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIZE, MAY BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR THE 2010 PARADE, AND MAY BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE PARADE.

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS:

UNDECORATED Commercial Float/vehicle or other – a for profit business that would like to participate and showcase themselves in the parade without using any type of decorations. i.e rabbit transit bus. This category provides a venue to promote your business by being seen in the parade and is not judged.

DECORATED Commercial Float/vehicle or other - a for profit business that would like to participate and showcase themselves in the parade with 75% of the entry decorated. This category provides your company a venue to promote your business by being seen in the parade and is judged.

Commercial- Marching Unit - any marching unit that represents a business and/or generally accepts payment for performances. This is category is judged.

Baton or Dance Studio Float/vehicle – any group of performers that represent the baton or dance school. This category is judged.

Horse Unit – group or individual horses that are ridden in the parade alone or with a carriage. This category is judged.

Commercial Decorated Bus – any for profit bus that is decorated at least 75%. This category is judged.

Media Trophy (TV, Radio, Print) - a 75% decorated media vehicle/float. This category is judged.

Media (undecorated vehicle) – an undecorated media vehicle/float. This category provides a venue to promote your business by being seen in the parade, and is not judged.

Children's and Youth Non-commercial Organization Float - (ages 0-18) 75% of the float/vehicle to be decorated. This category is for organizations that are non profit, and is judged.

Children's and Youth Non-commercial Organization Marching Group - (ages 0-18) This category is for marching groups that are non profit, and is judged.

Adult Organization Float/vehicle - (ages over 18) 75% of the float/vehicle to be decorated. This category is for any type of adult organization (non profit, profit, etc.), and is judged.

Adult Organization Marching Group - (ages over 18). This category is for an adult marching group or business that does not accept payment for performances and is judged.

School Royalty Floats/vehicle Or Pageant Titles – Homecoming court floats/vehicles, or pageant title holders at least 75% decorated. This category must represent a school and / or an identified pageant title holder, and is judged.

Individual – (ages 0-18) an individual that would like to participate in the parade, and is at least 75% decorated. For children, a parent / guardian may accompany the child in the parade. This category is judged.

Individual - (over age 18). an individual that would like to participate in the parade, and is at least 75% decorated. This category is judged.

Family and Friends Group (no age categories) – a group that is for pleasure and is 75% decorated. This category is judged.

Marching Band- High School or other organization that is not a commercial marching band. This category provides a venue for your school to showcase their talents, and is not judged.