



CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ENTRY DEADLINE—JUNE 19th  
PARADE DATE: SATURDAY JULY 11

Entry #

(office use only)

# BEAR PAW GRAND PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION FORM *EXCALIBEAR & THE KNIGHTS OF THE PAW*

Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for entry \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the category(s) below pertaining to your entry:

**FLOATS**

Profit/Commercial: \$75

Non-Profit Group: \$50

**AUTOS**

1 - 14 Cars: \$35-

(Max - 14 Cars)

Total number \_\_\_\_\_

**ANIMALS**

1 - 10 Animals \$50\*/10-20 Animals \$85\*

(Max 20 animals) \*must have insurance

Total number \_\_\_\_\_

**POLITICAL**

\$100

Float/Auto/Walker

Circle category

**MARCHING/WALKING**

1-25 \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

26 - 50 \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

**GOVT/MILITARY - N/C**

Marching Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Color Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Any late parade application accepted after June 19 will be subject to a 50% late fee.**

**Entry Size:** Length of tow vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Length of trailer \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: FLOAT DIMENSIONS MAY NOT EXCEED 45' LONG & 14' WIDE**

Entry Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Music or sound system (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be near a specific parade entry? If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

List of Dignitaries: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be judged? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**JUDGING IS AT 9AM SHARP!**

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE MOST APPROPRIATE JUDGING CATEGORY:**

Float/Commercial

Float/non-profit

Float/Youth (profit or non-profit)

Auto

Animal

Marching/Walking

Miscellaneous

Political

**COMMENTARY:** 100-word maximum. The Bear Paw Committee has the right to edit the commentary. This will be read for media coverage and for spectators.

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One of the largest costs of the Bear Paw Parade is the insurance, which is required in order to obtain the road closure permits from the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage. To maintain this insurance, the Chamber must now request that all parade entrants carry their own insurance in order to participate. If you do not have insurance in one of the categories listed below, please contact the Chamber office. Please indicate which of the five categories you fall into by circling the appropriate number.

If you are a business entry, you must have a general liability policy that is current on July 11, 2009.

If you are a non-profit organization, you must have a general liability policy that is current on July 11, 2009.

If you are entering as an individual or family, you must have a current Home Owner’s insurance policy that is current on July 11, 2009.

If you are entering as a government agency, you are exempt from this requirement.

If you do not have insurance call the Chamber for information.

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT** – I (we) agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, its individual members and Directors and members of the Bear Paw Festival Committee and Bear Paw Festival Sponsors against any and all claims arising out of or resulting from my/our participation in the Bear Paw Festival parade. This indemnification & hold harmless agreement includes all members and or participants in my/our parade entry. In addition, I hereby certify that all information on this form is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This form will not be accepted unless it is signed,  
and insurance information as noted above is indicated.**

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION**

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## BEAR PAW PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

Remember – this is a family friendly parade – use good judgment!

The Parade Official reserves the right to remove from the parade either prior to assembly, at assembly, or at any time during the parade, any entrant not conforming to parade regulations or not following instructions from the Anchorage Police Department.

1. The parade begins at 11am. Please enter the staging area and check in by 9am if you are being judged and before 10am if not. ***DO NOT BE LATE*** – The parade needs to begin on time! ***BRING YOUR ENTRY NUMBER WITH YOU!!!***

2. Absolutely ***NO SPEEDING*** in the staging area. Watch for Children!! Do not drive over 1 mile per hour in staging area. Any speeding will cause your immediate dismissal from the parade.

3. ***YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR TRASH!*** If your entry has balloons, crepe paper and other paraphernalia attached, please check your area before the parade begins and after it ends to pick up any items that may have blown off.

4. ***Our staging area is very tight for space & the staging is complex.*** If your vehicle is in the staging area after 9am and not in the parade, you will not be allowed to leave the staging area until ***the parade is underway!***

5. Animals must be in control at all times. ***PLEASE*** bring a bucket and shovel to remove their waste from the staging area both ***before, during & after*** the parade. Please do not expect stagers to remove your animal waste. If stagers witness you not removing waste, you will be denied entrance next year. (Please understand that property owners do not appreciate the gifts you leave behind).

6. During the parade route, ***DO NOT LEAVE A GAP BETWEEN YOU AND THE ENTRY IN FRONT OF YOU.*** Any unit creating or maintaining a gap of more than 30 feet consistently throughout the parade will not be invited to participate in future parades!

7. ***DO NOT THROW ANYTHING TO THE CROWD! This includes candy or other paraphernalia!*** You will be denied entrance into next year's parade if this rule is not observed!! You may have walkers going along the perimeter of the parade routes handing out goodies. Spectators are not to be encouraged to approach the floats IN ANY WAY!

8. ***ABSOLUTELY NO JUMPING ON OR OFF FLOATS! If your entry is a float, and you have children under the age of six, they must remain onboard floats at all times.***

9. Improper use of the American Flag will not be permitted.

10. Upon your return to the staging area after the parade, PLEASE PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE. ***DO NOT BLOCK THE STAGING AREA*** – & the division staging on Centerfield Drive ***DO NOT STOP*** when you return. You will block the parade behind you. Keep moving out onto the Old Glenn and up to Eagle River Elementary to disband.

11. All decisions of the Parade Committee are final. Efforts will be made to accommodate special requests on positioning, ***but they cannot be guaranteed.***

I have read the above rules and regulations pertaining to the Bear Paw Parade and agree to obey them. I understand that ignoring the rules subjects me to removal from the parade. I also hold harmless the Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and all Bear Paw Sponsors from any accidents, injuries or damages that may occur during the staging, the parade and from dismissal from the parade.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

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Signature

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For

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Date



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## Parade Payment

Please complete the form and return or fax (694-1205) it to the Chamber of Commerce:

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# JUDGING

## Keep This Paper for Reference

Entries may be historical, humorous, or modern in design but keep in mind that a large part of the audience is children. All judging is done in the staging area prior to the parade. Judging will begin at 9:00am – please have all costumes and entry ready to go at that time.

### FLOATS:

*There are 3 categories: I. Commercial II. Non-profit III. Youth*

Float entries will be judged according to artistic creation and originality. An overall rating will be given based on the following criteria:

Overall appearance & beauty, color & color harmony, design, originality, workmanship, theme, costuming & personnel, animation, and music.

### **IV. AUTOS:**

Autos will be judged on appearance, uniqueness or both. Autos will not be allowed in parade unless they are restored.

### **V. ANIMALS:**

Animals will be judged on appearance, originality and overall contribution to the parade.

### **VI. MARCHING/WALKING UNITS:**

Marching/walking units will be judged on appearance, originality and overall contribution to the parade.

### **VII. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Miscellaneous entries will be judged on uniqueness and overall contribution to the parade.

A parade entrant may be disqualified from judging.

### **AWARDS:**

The top entries from each of the seven categories are awarded ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place according to the judged discretion.

In the absence of a competitive number of entries in a given category, the judging committee reserves the right to make an award based upon the quality of the entry compared to the rest of the parade.

**GRAND SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:** This special trophy is presented to the entry that signifies the most outstanding contribution to the parade.

**BILL LOWE COMMUNITY AWARD:** This special trophy is presented to the entry that signifies the spirit of the community.

**LOLA PEDERSON FESTIVAL SPIRIT AWARD:** This special trophy is presented to the entry that signifies the spirit of the Festival.

**JUDGES CHOICE:** This special trophy is presented to the entry that tickles the judge's fancy.