*Fort Bend County Fair Association*
P.O. Box 428
Rosenberg, TX 77471-0428
(281) 342-6171 ** (281) 342-0808 fax
www.fortbendcountyfair.com ** E mail: info@fbcfa.org

March 10, 2012

**TO:** **PARADE PARTICIPANTS**

**FROM:** NEIL YELDERMAN AND BOBBY SLAVINSKI - DIRECTORS IN CHARGE

**SUBJECT:** **2012 FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR PARADE**

**A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED FOR EACH PARADE PARTICIPANT AND TURNED IN WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE RELEASE CAN BE MADE IF NECESSARY.**

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 5:00 P.M.

PARADE NUMBERS MUST BE PICKED UP ON SEPTEMBER 24, 25, OR 26, 2012.

TIMES: 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
12:00 NOON - 1:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Registration forms and liability releases can be submitted to the Fair Office in the following ways:

- Hand delivery to the Fair Office (recommended)
- Email to: info@fbcfa.org
- Fax to: 281-342-0808
- Mail to: ***Fort Bend County Fair Association***
  ***P.O. Box 428***
  ***Rosenberg, TX 77471***

If you have any questions call the Fair Office at (281) 342-6171.

**2012 FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR THEME**
**"Into the Future & Back To Our Roots"**

Approved by Board 3/8/12

# FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR PARADE
# 2012 RULES AND REGULATIONS

**DATE:** **SEPTEMBER 28, 2012**
**TIME:** **9:00 A.M.**

## PARADE ROUTE:

BEGINS ON U.S. 90-A AT FIFTH STREET IN RICHMOND, THEN CONTINUES WEST ON 90-A TO ROSENBERG. THE PARADE ROUTE ENDS AT U.S. 90-A AT JENNETTA IN ROSENBERG.

## REGISTRATION:

- There are no registration fees.
- Registration packets can be obtained at the Fort Bend County Fair Office, located at 4310 Hwy. 36 South, Rosenberg, Texas, or online at www.fortbendcountyfair.com.
- We will begin accepting parade registrations on July 18, 2012
- Registrations must be completed and returned to The Fort Bend County Fair Office by 5:00 pm on Monday, September 10, 2012. Parade placement will be determined at this time.
- Late registration will continue through Friday, September 21, 2012 until 5:00 P.M. These entries will be placed at the end of the Parade Lineup in the order received.
- Parade numbers will be issued on September 24, 25, and 26, 2012 at the following times 7-9 a.m., 12 noon – 1 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.

## CATEGORIES:

- **Youth Civic:** Boy Scouts, Youth Sports, 4-H, etc.
- **School:** Any organization with any part of K-12, public or private.
- **Commercial:** Any organization or business conducted for a profit.
- **Non-Profit:** Any organization conducted not for a profit, such as churches, and their day cares, Lions Clubs, Rotary, etc.
- **Fair Queen:** All fair queen candidates.
- **Trailriders:** Minimum of 10 riders, all dressing in a manner that will identify each individual as a member of that group.
- **Political Candidates:** Not to include incumbents.
- **Car Clubs:** No more than 4 units per entry

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Entries (excluding Commercial Entries, Parade Sponsor and Platinum Sponsors) not traveling the entire parade route on foot (such as Bands & R.O.T.C.) must be on a float, in a horse drawn wagon, in an antique vehicle (antique vehicles must be at least 25 years old & maintained or restored to original condition), or with a trail ride.
- **Commercial Entries and Political Candidates not traveling the entire Parade Route on foot must be on a float decorated in the Fair theme, a horse drawn wagon, or an antique vehicle.**
- No more than two units per entry.
- No entry will consist of only one or more decorated vehicles.
- The size of an entry cannot exceed being 8' wide, 32' long and 12' high.
- No entry, while on the parade route, may stop at any time solely for the purpose of demonstrating or performing.

## PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:

**1st Place Awards will be issued in each of the following categories. All winners will receive preferential placement in next year's parade.**

- **Youth Civic**
- **School**
- **Commercial**
- **Non- Profit**
- **Queen**
- **Trail riders**
- **Car Clubs**
- **Judges Favorite:** A trophy & ribbon will be awarded to the entry judged "Judges Favorite"

## GENERAL RULES:

- All horses must have a negative EIA (Coggins) within the past twelve months.
- General Common Sense Rules apply throughout the parade.
- All entries must be registered with liability waivers on file for each participant.
- Entries must remain in the position assigned, unless approved by a parade official.
- No one is allowed to ride on a car top, fender, hood, etc.
- Entries such as but not limited to, Cheerleaders, Drill Teams, etc. will not be permitted to perform in a manner likely to cause severe physical injury such as flips, pyramids, handstands etc.
- No throwing of any objects from the parade entry, such as gum, candy, and pencils.
- Nothing will be permitted to downgrade the parade, or reflect on the Fair Association in any way. No signs, posters, messages, or written material of an obscene nature will be allowed. All such entries will be scratched.
- All entries that utilize any type of voice amplification, including but not limited to Bands, D.J.'s, P.A. Systems and Stereos must keep volume adjusted to a low to medium level. Further, **entries that utilize these systems must not use vulgar or profane language or music which would be offensive to those in attendance. Entries that violate any part of this rule will be immediately removed from the parade route.**
- No alcoholic beverages will be consumed before & during the parade.
- Candidates for political offices (excluding incumbents) will not be given preferential treatment.
- **ONLY PARADE ENTRIES DECORATED IN THE FAIR THEME WILL BE JUDGED.**
- **ALL PARADE COMMITTEE AND THE FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

**2012 FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR**
**PARADE REGISTRATION**

***ONLY PARADE ENTRIES DECORATED IN THE FAIR THEME WILL BE JUDGED.***

**ORGANIZATION:** _____

**CONTACT PERSON:** _____

**ADDRESS:** _____

**CITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

**DAY PHONE #:** _____**NIGHT PHONE #:** _____

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

**CATEGORY:** _____

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY:** _____

**2012 FAIR THEME**
**"Into the Future & Back To Our Roots"**

**CATEGORIES:**

- **YOUTH CIVIC:**
  Boy Scouts, Youth Sports, 4-H, etc.
- **SCHOOL:**
  Any organization with any part of K-12, public or private.
- **COMMERCIAL:**
  Any organization or business conducted for a profit.
- **NON-PROFIT:**
  Any organization conducted not for a profit, such as churches and their day cares, Lions Club, Rotary, etc.
- **FAIR QUEEN:**
  All Fair Queen candidates
- **TRAILRIDERS:**
  Minimum of 10 riders, all dressing in a manner that will identify each individual as a member of that group.
- **POLITICAL CANDIDATES:**
  Not to include incumbents.
- **CAR CLUBS:**
  No more than 4 units per entry

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT MUST BE TURNED IN WITH REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE INCLUDING THE DRIVER.**

Approved by Board 3/8/12