57TH AZALEA FESTIVAL PARADE
SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 2024   11:00 AM

THEME: ‘FLOWER TUNES’

You’re invited to participate in the 2024 Muskogee Azalea Festival Parade!

WHEN AND WHERE
Downtown Muskogee, April 6, 2024.  11:00 AM Parade Start Time.
(Parade details and entry form attached)

2024 PARADE THEME
This year the Azalea Parade theme is ‘FLOWER TUNES’. Join us in a tribute to music inspired by flowers! You may find ideas from internet searches; e.g. ‘songs about flowers’, ‘flower song titles’, ‘flower themes in music’, etc. Or you may have a catchy flower tune already in your head! And, it’s always appropriate to decorate to spring and/or the Azalea Festival!

WHO ENTERS THE PARADE?
Civic Clubs, pageant queens and kings, dance units, drill teams, marching bands, horse clubs, churches, schools, elected officials, dignitaries, VIPs, and anyone else who wants to celebrate springtime in Oklahoma and the Muskogee Azalea Festival.

HOW DO I ENTER?
Look over the enclosed guidelines, fill out the attached form and email it, drop it off, or mail it to the Muskogee Parks and Recreation Department before the deadline of 5:00 PM, Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Parade lineup and directions will be sent out on Friday, March 29th.

Entry into the Muskogee Azalea Parade is free.

Best Regards;

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MUSKOGEE PARKS & RECREATION
APPLICATION FORM
57TH ANNUAL MUSKOGEE AZALEA FESTIVAL
PARADE – SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024
THEME: ‘FLOWER TUNES’

(Please Print)

ORGANIZATION:___________________________________________________________

CONTACT PERSON:________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:________________________________________________________________

CITY:_________________________________________________________ STATE:______ ZIP:__________

TELEPHONE:_______________________________________________________________

EMAIL:_______________________________________________________________

CHECK THE CATEGORY BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ENTRY

__ COMMERCIAL FLOAT – Floats in competition from for-profit companies such as banks, factories, restaurants, etc.
Float description:____________________________________________________________________

__ NONCOMMERCIAL FLOAT – Floats in competition from non-profit groups such as schools, churches, civic clubs, etc.
Float description____________________________________________________________________

__ MARCHING BAND – In competition? _____ (yes, no)
Marching band name:______________________________________________________________

__ DRILL TEAM OR DANCE UNIT – Using music? _____ (yes, no)
Drill team or dance unit name_______________________________________________________

__ VIP – Office or title___________________________________________________________

__ ALL OTHER PARADE ENTRIES – Pageants, car clubs, individuals, political campaigns, etc.
Name__________________________
Description_____________________________________________________________________
Number of vehicles__________ Number of walkers__________

Please complete and return entry form by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, MARCH 27, 2024.
There are no entry fees for the Muskogee Azalea Parade.

MAIL, FAX, EMAIL, OR DELIVER THIS ENTRY TO:
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MUSKOGEE AZALEA PARADE GUIDELINES

General:
No controversial, political, or special causes that will detract from the Muskogee Azalea Parade.
No preaching, lecturing, or dissemination of dogma, creed, or religion by parade participants.

Parade Lineup Directions
Lineup numbers and directions to the lineup area will be sent by email or regular mail on Fri, March 29.

Marching Bands:
Marching bands will be judged in one division.

Float Maximum Dimensions:
Width: 15 feet
Heights: 14 feet
Length: 50 feet with towing vehicle

VIPS, Horses, and other entries not in competition
VIPS – for the purposes of the parade, VIPs are considered to be celebrities, public officials currently in office, dignitaries, and pageant winners.

Horses, Livestock – Must provide your own litter removal.

Others (car clubs, political campaigns, businesses, individuals) – Should decorate to the theme or to the Azalea Festival except in the case of classic cars, collectibles, antiques, etc.

Judging and Announcing Stand:
The judging/announcing stand will be located between 3rd and 4th on Broadway Street. Participants may perform at the judging stand. Performances should not be longer than 30 seconds as it can stall the parade.

Awards and Trophies:

- Best Overall Muskogee Azalea Parade Float
- Best Commercial Float
- Best Non Commercial Float
- Theme Award
- Best Dance Unit or Drill Team
- Best Marching Band

(The Muskogee Azalea Parade trophies will be presented at approximately 1:00 PM at the announcing stand on Broadway between 3rd and 4th Streets. (Trophies not picked up will be available at the Muskogee Parks & Recreation Department the following week.)