

Parade Applications Sought

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Parade applications are being accepted at this time for the Prague Kolache Festival set for Saturday, May 6. All those wishing to participate are asked to have a parade application completed and returned by the April 22 deadline. All businesses, organizations and clubs in town and in the area are encouraged to participate.

Judged entries include floats, drill teams, animal/equestrian. Floats are judged on theme portrayal- "Traditions Honored, Customs Shared," originality, construction and design, eye appeal.

Float divisions are: commercial (business), 1st-3rd place plaques awarded; youth and adult, 1st-5th place (\$250, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50); miscellaneous, open class not using theme, no prizes. A Sweepstakes trophy will be presented to the float selected Best of Show.

Drill Teams: amateur class, youth teams high school age or below, professional class for adults college age or above compete for 1st-3rd prizes in both divisions (\$100, \$75, \$50).

Animal and equestrian include round-up clubs, riding clubs, horse-drawn wagons and carriages, 1st-3rd places (\$150, \$100, \$75), animal miscellaneous compete for 1st-3rd places (\$100, \$75, \$50). Proof of a current negative coggins test is required for all horses prior to entrance to parade line-up.

The parade lines up on Highway 99 (Jim Thorpe Blvd) between 1st and 7th Streets. The check-in location is Highway 99 just north of 1st Street.

Parade entries do not stop to perform except for a brief stop at the main grandstand at the park. Suggested distance between entries is three car lengths. No entry may throw candy, gum, toys, pamphlets or election campaign materials from any vehicle. These items may be handed out by people walking along the parade route.

The parade starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. and is not canceled in spite of rain. Entries should be at the parade line-up site at 9:30 a.m. Parade entries are judged at 10:00 a.m.

Parade applications are available on the festival website praguekolachefestival.com, by calling the festival office 405-567-4866, and at City Hall.