

2008 RI Pride Parade Information and Registration - June 21, 2008

1. REGISTRATION

All units must be registered in advance to participate in the parade. Registration deadline: June 3, 2007.

Early Registration Discount Fee [Received by April 16, 2008]

Individual or walking unit or single vehicle	\$30		
Floats or Multiple Vehicles	\$60	Non-profit	\$100 Business

Standard Registration Fee [Received after April 16 and before June 2, 2008]

Individual or walking unit or single vehicle	\$40		
Floats or Multiple Vehicles	\$90	Non-profit	\$130 Business

Late Registration Fee [Received after June 2, 2008]*

Individual or walking unit or single vehicle	\$90		
Floats or Multiple Vehicles	\$140	Non-profit	\$180 Business

* Placement at discretion of Parade Committee

2. AWARDS

A panel of judges at a reviewing stand will review all units. Awards are: Best Walking Unit, Most Original Float, Best Illuminated Float, Best Interpretation of Theme, President's Award and Committee's Award

3. PARADE ORIENTATION MEETING

A representative of each registered organization MUST attend one of two orientation meetings. Confirmation of meeting times will be made upon receipt of completed application.

4. INSURANCE

All organizations must either have liability insurance with RI Pride named as additional insured or secure insurance through RI Pride. Vehicle drivers must have auto insurance. Documentation must be provided at orientation meeting.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF OPERATING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

By signing the bottom of the Registration Form you confirm that you are authorized as a representative for the organization, and that the organization has read, understands, and agrees to abide by the policies and operating procedures for the 2008 RI Pride Parade described below.

6. SUBMITTING THE REGISTRATION FORM and INFORMATION

Mail the completed form with applicable fees to: RI Pride, P.O. Box 1082, Providence, RI 02901.

Make checks payable to: RI Pride. Direct questions to the RI Pride office: 401-467-2130 or Info@PrideRI.com

POLICIES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

- **Item Distribution:** Organizations can distribute "throws". Throws should have some intrinsic value. *Organizations may not randomly throw literature, brochures, business cards, flyers, but may hand them to people along the parade route.* Sexually explicit materials may not be thrown or handed out. Condoms and like materials may be handed to age appropriate individuals. Groups are asked to inform the RI Pride if throws are to be distributed. Care needs to be taken to ensure the safety of participants and people along the parade route.
- **Non-discrimination:** RI Pride welcomes the participation of all people regardless of age, creed, gender, gender identity, HIV status, national origin, physical or mental development ability, race, religion or sexual orientation and asks all participating organization to also engage in non-discriminatory actions
- **Parade Image:** Participants are to show respect for all genders, ages, races, cultures, faiths and sexual orientation, and be aware that children will be in attendance at the event. Participants are asked to demonstrate good taste in float presentation or activities along the parade route.
- **Illumination:** Floats and vehicles (animals excluded) must be illuminated. Walking individuals are requested to be illuminated by direct or flood lights, reflective materials, individually held candles, "glow sticks" or other similar materials
- **Vehicles and Floats:**
 - Length: Units cannot be longer than authorized by the state for truck and trailer or tractor-trailer unit
 - Decoration : All vehicles, except antique or custom cars, or specialty vehicles, are to be decorated
- **Safety:** No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be on or in any unit; drivers need appropriate license and insurance. Floats shall have at least one ABC fire extinguisher on the float in easy access.
- **Float Guides/Parade Marshals:** An organization with a float needs to have two "Float Guides" to direct the float along the route. Guides need to attend the orientation meeting. Walking units need to designate one individual as monitor.
- **Directions During Parade:** The Parade Coordinator and/or Parade Marshals are authorized to provide placement, movement and dispersion directions. Participants shall follow all directions provided by the Coordinator, Marshals, police or fire personnel.
- **Awards:** Judging will be done on a competitive basis as units pass the review stand. Awards will be officially presented at the Spotlight Awards Ceremony.

