



2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade Rules

To present the best St. Patrick's Day Parade possible, it is imperative that you and your units adhere to the following parade orders and rules.

If unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel, please call (225) 235-2123 immediately and leave a message if necessary.

GENERAL RULES

1. We request all entries be St. Patrick's Day themed. Bring out the **GREEN!**
2. Throws may consist of beads, cabbage, carrots, stuffed animals, toys, potatoes, cups, onions, etc.
3. Restrooms will be open at the new DSHS concession stand, which is located between the band room, lunchroom, and new building.
4. Each Float must have the required walkers (2 per axle) that must be 16 years of age or older. They must be in place before the parade begins, or the entry will NOT roll. There will be a mandatory drivers and walkers meeting at 4:00pm, on the grass area outside of the Freshman High building. **ALL FLOAT WALKERS MUST WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED SAFETY VESTS. THESE VESTS ARE AVAILABLE AT WALMART OR ANY SPORTING GOODS STORE.**
5. All entries will automatically be entered into the "St. Patrick's Day Spirit" Contest. The winner will be the entry with the most St. Patrick's Day Spirit!
6. To ensure the safety of all concerned and to follow city ordinances, consumption of alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed in the staging area or during the parade procession.
7. The use of cell phones by the driver of the pull vehicle or walkers are NOT allowed while the parade is rolling.
8. Please remember you are on School Property, so **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER!!** All parade participants are responsible for picking up and disposing of their own garbage. There is limited trash can space, so please come prepared with garbage bags for your own trash. School dumpsters are NOT for our use.
9. Animals are NOT allowed in the parade.
10. Unless it is storming and lightning, the parade will roll on time at 5:00pm. We will not let a little rain dampen our spirits! If cancellation is unavoidable, entrance fees will be non-refundable.
11. Please do not throw anything from your parade entry while on Yellow Jacket Blvd. or in the turn area onto Range Ave. This is for safety reasons and as requested by the Denham Springs Police Department.
12. When turning onto Veterans Boulevard from Range Ave at the end of the parade, all throwing of items **MUST** cease. **DO NOT STOP** after turning onto Veterans, continue down Veterans until you have reached Florida Blvd. – this will allow all the entries following you to exit Range Ave.

13. Upon returning to Yellow Jacket Blvd., please continue to the end of the Right-hand side of Yellow Jacket Blvd. (up to Martin St. - near the Football Field), and park close behind each other. **DO NOT STOP ALONG THE WAY OR DRIVE/PARK ON THE LEFT SIDE OF Yellow Jacket Blvd.** We must keep the road open for local traffic at this time (The road is no longer closed.)
14. All entries please remember that this is a “family oriented” parade. No obscene costumes, gestures, signs or figures are to be on display on you or the entry or **thrown** during the parade.
15. Participants riding in vehicles or trailer must provide their own vehicles and drivers. Insurance and liability are the sole responsibility of participants.
16. Under no circumstances shall any participant, unit or entry move to a different position within the parade line-up before or during the parade, except under the direction of a Parade Committee member.
17. These rules are subject to change on short notice. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in unit member or entire unit (entry) removed from the parade (even if in progress) and/or future participation banning.
18. The 2023 Parade will be held on Saturday, March 18, 5:00 pm
19. Most IMPORTANT Rule – HAVE FUN!

FOR ASSEMBLY:

1. Check-in Point will be located at the back side or east side of Yellow Jacket Boulevard only – at the intersection of Yellow Jacket Blvd. and Martin St. by the Football Field – **DO NOT** attempt to enter from Range Avenue.
2. Entries can report for check-in from 12 noon to 3:00pm the day of the parade.
3. If you arrive in vehicles not being used in the parade, you must park in a separate parking area. Parking is available in the student parking lot on the north side of DSHS or behind the school. **DO NOT** Park in the Field House parking lot (by the Football Field) at the back of the parade line up, since this area is reserved for floats and other parade entries. If it has rained, parking will not be allowed on any grass area.
4. Yellow Jacket Blvd. will be a one-way street beginning at noon until the parade rolls out. Entry to the parade staging area will only be allowed from the east side of Yellow Jacket Blvd. to the rear of the parade line-up (from Martin, Sharon & Maple St. by the Football Field.) Yellow Jacket Blvd. will be closed at 2:00pm to all thru traffic. The address of Denham Springs High School is 1000 N. Range Ave, Denham Springs, LA 70726.
5. Once you reach the parade staging area and are checked in, please position your entry as instructed by the parade staff. Your Pull vehicle and 1 person must stay with your float once you are placed in the lineup area.
6. Please do not move your parade entry again, unless parade staff personnel request you to do so.
7. Most IMPORTANT Rule – HAVE FUN!