



## General Information

**Kickoff:** Parade will step off on Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. Parade order, entry number, staging information, arrival time, and additional information will be emailed to all accepted entrants no later than April 17, 2020.

**Signs/Banners/Logos:** Entries must have a clear professional sign, either attached to or carried, that reflect the application as filed with the National D-Day Memorial Foundation (NDDMF). No other group or business may be promoted on sign without written permission from NDDMF. NDDMF reserves the right to remove any entry that represents any for-profit endeavor other than what is listed on the participant's application. Parade spaces may not be sold or "sublet" without written permission by NDDMF.

### Float Information:

- Absolutely no articles of any kind may be thrown from the float, including candy.
- No one may enter or exit the float once the float is in motion on the parade route.
- Riders must always keep arms and legs inside the float at all times.
- Trailers must be towed by an accompanying vehicle and have a turning radius of no less than 90°
- Float dimensions may not exceed 12' wide x 30' long x 12' high (street to the highest point)
- A fire extinguisher must be on board each float/vehicle.
- Motorcycle and bicycle riders must wear helmets.
- Each organization must provide a copy of applicable insurance for each vehicle entered.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in removal from the parade.

### Vehicles:

- Any person operating a vehicle in the parade whether powered, self-powered, or non-powered does so at his/her own risk, bearing all liability for any and all damages or loss of personal property and/or any personal injuries sustained to themselves or other person(s). Vehicle operator hereby waives any and all claims and or defenses it may have against the NDDMF or whatever kind or nature as a result of his or her independent use of such vehicle. Further, it shall be required of the person operation such vehicle to maintain, and hereby acknowledge adequate and sufficient insurance coverage to indemnify himself and the NDDMF from any and all damages and/or loss to property in addition to any and all personal injuries.
- All vehicles must have a minimum clearance of 8" (8 inches) from the ground.
- All vehicles participating in the parade must be decorated for some degree.
- Vehicles also should be able to maintain a constant speed of 10 mph.
- A copy of driver's license and proof of insurance MUST be turned in with the liability waiver if your entry is accepted.

**Marchers:** Groups wishing to walk in the parade are limited to no more than 50 per group, and must be registered to be included in the line-up. Minor children must be accompanied by an adult. Children age 6 or under MUST be in/on a vehicle and not part of a marching unit.

**Etiquette:**

- The parade is for the entire community, so remember there are children on the parade route. Please limit musical selections to patriotic or period music (1940s) and omit selections that are vulgar, potentially racial or sexual content, and keep volume at an appropriate noise level. In addition, keep all costumes and clothing choices suitable for family viewing.
- Listen to all information and follow directions of volunteers during set-up, parade execution, and disassembly. Parade volunteers are there for your safety and security.
- Do not stop on the parade route and keep a safe distance between your group and others, but not so far as to slow the progress of the parade.
- No articles of any kinds may be thrown. However, you may have walkers hand out items limited to individually wrapped candy, beads, plastic cups, etc. These walkers must keep up with the parade entry.
- No glass or sharp items are permitted.
- Living history and/or re-enactors are required to submit to a weapons check and must comply with the NDDMF's Living History Agreement. Please email [education@dday.org](mailto:education@dday.org) for a copy if you do not already have one.

**Security:** The town of Bedford Police Department is responsible for enforcing state laws and local ordinances during the parade, such statutes may include, but are not limited to public decency, alcohol, controlled substances, public safety, and standard vehicle insurance requirements.

**Cancellations/Refund Policy:** If your entry is accepted, you will be sent a link to pay the entry fee of \$25 and a waiver and indemnity agreement to sign. There will be no refunds of the fee. The parade is rain or shine but may be canceled due to a thunderstorm or other inclement weather. The parade will not be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

**Disclaimer:** The NDDMF hereby absolves any liability rising from use of floats in the parade or any activities associated with the Foundation. In accordance with Town, State, and Federal laws, no alcoholic beverages allowed during any portion of the parade. In addition, no person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be allowed to operate a motor vehicle during the parade. The NDDMF reserves the right to remove, including but not limited to, any person, motorized or un-motorized vehicle, conveyance, float, or participant(s) for any activity deemed unsafe, violation of any rules contained herein, or action or inaction that may cause delay to the progress of the parade. The NDDMF attempts to accommodate all requests for parade placement; however, parade placement is at the sole discretion of the NDDMF and the parade committee, and such placements are final.