

Walnut Festival Association  
TWILIGHT PARADE – September 15, 2018

**PARADE RULES AND INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION**

- **APPLICATIONS** Completed applications must be submitted by September 1, 2018.
- **REGISTRATION** Opens on Parade day at **4:30 pm** at the Fresh Choice Restaurant on Main Street and Botelho in Walnut Creek and closes at **5:30 pm**. Participants will be assigned and notified of their parade position. All entries must send one representative to the registration table for check in.
- **PARADE START:** **6:00 pm SHARP** on Saturday, September 15, 2018.
- **LATE CHECK IN:** Entries that check in after the close of registration may receive a reassigned parade position or not may not be allowed in the Parade.
- **DISQUALIFATION:** The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse or disqualify an entry which, in their opinion, does not enhance the celebration. No entries by or on behalf of candidates for political office will be accepted.

**PARADE FORMATION AND MARCH**

- **OFFICIALS:** Officials will be stationed along the parade route to assist and direct activity. They will be clearly identified. They are responsible for the successful production of the Parade and adherence to their directions by all participants will be mandatory. **Failure by any unit to follow the directions issued by an Official, which in the opinion of a Parade Chairperson, results in 1) an unnecessary delay of the parade, 2) excessive spacing between units, 3) unsafe conditions, may be penalized 10 points, disqualified or immediately removed from the parade.**
- **ROUTE:** The entire parade route must be completed by all units.
- **ANNOUNCING:** Two announcing stands will be stationed along the line march, the first at Duncan St. and the second near Civic and Main. Commentary for announcers will be taken from the parade application. No changes will be accepted on Parade day. The parade committee reserves the right to edit the commentary in order to maintain brevity and/or clarity.
- **PERFORMANCE:** All units are to perform throughout the parade route. Drum cadence is not considered performing. **There will be a 200 foot competition area, clearly marked in front of the announcing/reviewing stand at Main and Civic.**
- **JUDGING:** Judging will be conducted on the **RIGHT** side of the parade route near Civic and Main Street. The Pacific Coast Judges Association guidelines will apply to all marching units. The maximum amount of time in the judging area will be **TWO (2) minutes**. If your group has several age groups performing, **all must do** so within the 2 minute time frame. All decisions of the judges or the Parade Committee will be final.
- **VEHICLES:** Moving vehicles must be driven in a safe and responsible manner at all times.
- **OPEN FLAMES:** No open flames of any kind will be allowed for participants, including lighters, candles, torches, etc.
- **TOSSING ITEMS:** Units may not throw or toss any items to the parade audience. (Handouts are permitted).
- **SOLICITATIONS:** There will be no soliciting of donations from any group.
- **PARADE AWARDS:** An awards ceremony will take place at Civic Park, following the completion of the parade.
- **AERIAL STUNTS:** Our liability insurance prohibits stunts. **No aerial stunts will be permitted.** This includes, but is not limited to, Cheerleading/Yell Leaders, gymnastics groups and/or martial arts groups doing lifts, pyramids and/or throwing members into the air. You will be disqualified from the Parade if an Official or Judge sees aerial stunts performed. This is in accordance with the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches & Advisors Safety Manual.