

2017 SWAMP CABBAGE FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY FORM

CELEBRATING THE FLORIDA STATE TREE IN THE CITY WITH HEART

Welcome to the 2017 Swamp Cabbage Festival and Parade!

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 10:00 AM

Theme: History, Heritage, and Heart

Contact Info:

Name of Business/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Entry:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Truck (new) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Semi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truck (antique) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Wheeler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car (new) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Float |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car (antique) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Does your entry include:

Music? Yes No If yes, what type? _____

Animals? Yes No If yes, what type? _____

Please Describe Entry: _____

Tell us about your organization. (SCF will use your info on all social media and website promotions of your entry/organization).

Any Special Considerations for your entry?

Judging:

Please select the category that best fits your entry; please note, "Overall Winner" will be selected by the Parade Judges for best entry.

Would you like your entry to be judged? Yes No

Categories

- Best Overall**
Best Overall winner can be any entry chosen by the SCF judges felt to represent the Festival's theme. Best Overall winner may also be chosen as the winner of another category as well.
- Civic/Non-Profit Organization**
- Faith Based**
- Retirement Community**
- Business Organization**
- Marching Band**
- Youth/Family**
- Good Neighbor, SCF Theme**
The good neighbor award is given to our friends outside of LaBelle displaying the SCF Theme
- Good Neighbor, General**
The good neighbor award is given to our friends outside of LaBelle

People's Choice

The SCF will host an online poll through its FB page. Parade watchers will be able to cast their vote for the entry they like the best.

Please mail, (PO Box 2081), or email, (parade.scf@gmail.com) your application to the Swamp Cabbage Festival by February 1, 2017. Your parade entry number will be emailed to you, or mailed if you do not have email capability.

Judging Guidelines:

When constructing floats for judging, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- o Use of Palm Fronds
 - o All floats must be lined with Swamp Cabbage Palm Fronds.
 - o Entries will be judged on look of palm fronds, (yellow vs. green, full skirt vs. few fronds. REMEMBER- this is the Swamp Cabbage Festival, the more fronds, the better. Please be mindful of public and private property. Palm fronds should only be taken with the owner's permission).

- o Use of Theme
 - o Entries should be related to the Festival's theme

Entries shall be respectful and tasteful. No lewd writing or music will be allowed in the parade.

Entries to be judged **MUST** display their number clearly on their float for judges to view. Numbers will be available for pick up prior to the Parade.

2017 Swamp Cabbage Festival Parade Rules & Regulations

Line Up: 8:00 AM

Parade Start: 10:00 AM

Information

The Parade Route will begin on South Bridge St in front of the Catholic Church and end on Main Street. Bridge Street will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 8:00 am. Entries can begin arriving at that time.

Please enter the parade route from Cowboy Way. Parade representatives will be along the route with location information. **You MUST be in your assigned spot by 9:30 am.** Those entries that arrive later will automatically forfeit their assigned position and will be added to the end of the parade, in front of the horses.

When You Arrive:

1. Numbers will be painted on the side of the street coinciding with parade entry numbers.
2. When you have found your position, please move your entry to the side of the street immediately, DO NOT BLOCK the center of the street. Parade officials and others entries will use the center lane to move along the line up area.
3. Please make sure all participants in your entry have read the parade rules & policies.
4. Please make sure your entry number is visible on your entry.

During the Parade:

1. A staff member will signal your entry into the parade.
2. Once you have entered the parade, keep a safe car length between you and the entry in front of you. Do not tailgate and do not stop unless directed by parade or emergency vehicles.
3. General traffic will not be permitted on the parade route anytime between 8:30 am and 30 minutes after the completion of the parade.
4. Please do not remove roadblocks or other traffic control devices along the parade route. If a parade official permits the moving of the roadblock, please make sure it is put back where it was.

5. Please be extremely careful of pedestrians and other parade units while moving along the parade route.
6. Parade officials will be equipped with communication devices in case of emergencies.

After the Parade:

1. Please exit the parade route via Park Ave to the left, then south on Main St. Signs will direct parade traffic to a de-staging area. (Participants will have the option of leaving the flow of traffic at this time to begin the process of unloading or will be able to stay on the route and exit along Hwy 80).
2. Do not block any street with your entry.
3. Do not attempt to enter the park with the entry unless you have made prior arrangements with the SCF committee.
4. Please be very careful of pedestrians and other entries leaving the parade route as traffic will be quite heavy during this time.

Rules for "Free Roaming Entries"

1. Do not interfere with the movement of floats or other entries such as cars, swamp buggies, etc.
2. Parade staff, pedestrians, police, and walking units have the right-of-way at all times.
3. Limit your speed to 5-10 mph when on parade route unless told otherwise by a parade official.
4. Do not traverse the center of the street before or after the parade. The center is reserved for float and parade staff only.

Other Helpful Information:

1. All SCF staff are equipped with communication equipment for emergency needs.
2. All parade staff will have a copy of the parade line-up and rules.