



# 2011 Greater Moorhead Days Parade

Friday, September 9, 2011

6:00 pm

## Official Registration Form

Parade Line Up: 5:00 pm • Parade Start: 6:00 pm

Parade will follow 20<sup>th</sup> Street from 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: AUGUST 19, 2011

Name of Unit/Float: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Float \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Walking Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Single Vehicle

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Sound: \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_ Radio/Boom Box \_\_\_\_\_ Vocal

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Audio (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

How many feet is the total unit (including tow vehicle): \_\_\_\_\_

If a Walking Unit, how many participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

See back for Official Rules • Keep a copy of this form • Parade line up information will be mailed out September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Please return to Moorhead Parks and Recreation  
Mail: GMD Parade, 324 24<sup>th</sup> ST S, Moorhead, MN 56560 • Fax: 218-299-5212

Questions: Call 218-299-5296 or e-mail [tara.ekren@cityofmoorhead.com](mailto:tara.ekren@cityofmoorhead.com)

# Official Rules for All Entries

1. Return completed parade entry form by mail or fax by August 17, 2010.  
Mail to: GMD Parade, 324 24<sup>th</sup> St S, Moorhead, MN 56560 • Fax to: 218-299-5212
2. The City of Moorhead maintains insurance policies of public liability insurance to protect themselves against claims by spectators and/or entrants in the parade. Parade participants are not insured for public liability. Each unit is responsible for providing its own general liability insurance.
3. **Throwing** candy, prizes, etc. from a parade unit **is prohibited**. In the interest of safety, each unit may provide people to walk the edges of the parade route and **hand out candy**, etc. to children.
4. Units should be constructed and decorated so that viewing from either side is equally appealing. The entry sponsor's name should be tastefully displayed on both sides of the unit.
5. There will be no stopping during the parade for photographs or performances as this impedes the flow of the parade. The parade will move approximately 2-3 miles per hour.
6. Alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on any person. Participants consuming alcohol or any illegal substances prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup.
7. Parade marshals will be located along the parade route and are clearly identifiable. Cooperation of parade entrants with the parade marshals is required.
8. Any animal entries must diaper their animals or provide their own clean up crew.
9. All amplifiers and/or public address systems must be sounded so as to not interfere with other units or bands. The parade marshals have complete authority in this matter and have the right to withdraw any unit that does not comply with this requirement.
10. The Greater Moorhead Days Parade Committee does not accept responsibility for travel, food, or lodging expenses for any entry.
11. Marching units must be in full uniform.
12. The Greater Moorhead Days Parade is a family event for all ages. The committee has the right to accept or deny entries based on their own discretion or number of similar units. Preference will be given to early entries.
13. Floats can be self-propelled or pulled by horses, cars, pickup trucks, farm tractors, four-wheelers, or other vehicles. All tow vehicles must be clean and should be decorated. Tow vehicles must be able to pull floats up small inclines on the route.
14. Unit dimensions cannot exceed 13 feet in height, 12 feet in width, or 55 feet in length, not including the tongue or pulling vehicle. Safety devices must be incorporated into the float for each rider whether seated or standing. For safety reasons, float riders are encouraged to remain on the float throughout the entire parade.
15. All drivers of self-propelled floats and tow vehicles must have a valid driver's license and be familiar with the maneuverability of the float.
16. Floats using gasoline powered generators must be absolutely sure exhaust fumes are safely ventilated to prevent any danger to float riders. The sound from generators should be muffled, such as with a three-sided box to avoid drowning out any music.
17. Float construction, storage, protection, signage, maintenance, and the disposal of all float materials are fully the responsibility of the sponsoring organization.
18. Line up will be along 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

## FLOAT JUDGING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

All parade entries will be judged during lineup and trophies will be awarded prior to the start of the parade.

Units will be judged as follows:

1. General Appearance (30 points)
2. Design and Creativity (25 points)
3. Workmanship (25 points)
4. Development of Theme (10 points)
5. Presentation (10 points)