



IrmoOkraStrut

Irmo Okra Strut Parade

The Irmo Okra Strut is currently accepting applications for participation in the 2010 First Citizens Okra Strut Parade to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2009. If you are interested in participating, please complete this application and return it by **Friday, September 3, 2010**. Applications received after the deadline will be considered if space remains available.

Saturday, September 25, 2010 • 9:00 AM*

ORGANIZATION _____ Today's Date _____

CONTACT _____ ALTERNATE _____

ADDRESS _____

street city state zip

TELEPHONES Business () _____ Home/cell () _____ Fax () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ New Applicant
Please provide email for parade updates and information Previous Applicant

ENTRY TYPE Please check the applicable boxes below

- FLOAT WITH VEHICLE
- MARCHING BAND
- RECORDED MUSIC
- MOTORIZED UNIT
- DRILL TEAM / COLOR GUARD
- NON-MOTORIZED UNIT
- PAGEANT REPRESENTATIVE
- PEDESTRIAN GROUP
- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL / POLITICIAN
- MASCOT / CHARACTER
- OTHER _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY design, size, special features, etc. _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ENTRY _____ **REQUESTS** _____

Due to an increase in direct expenses involved in operating the Okra Strut Parade (police services, portajons, route clean-up, etc.), there is a \$100 participation fee for **commercial/business** parade entries and for political campaigns and candidates (including incumbents) currently campaigning for an election.

There is no participation fee for non-profit or community service organizations, public service or public school entries, or festival sponsors.

ENTRY FEE TYPE Please check the applicable boxes below

- Non-Profit - \$0
- Business/Commercial - \$100
- Political Campaign - \$100 (as described above)

Please enclose check made payable to the Irmo Okra Strut and return to the address below.

As an authorized representative of the above (parade entry), I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the attached guidelines. I further agree to hold the Town of Irmo, its agents, employees, volunteers and sponsors, and the Okra Strut Commission harmless of any liability or wrongful act with regard to the Okra Strut Festival and the Okra Strut Parade.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

PO Box 212334 • Columbia, SC 29221-2334 • (803) 781-6122 Phone & Fax

* parade start time is subject to change



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2010 Information and Guidelines



The parade will begin at 9:00 AM and proceed down St. Andrews Road from Crossroads Middle School to Lake Murray Boulevard.

If accepted, you will be mailed a confirmation indicating your check-in and assembly instructions and a map indicating your line-up location. Below is a list of guidelines FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED that you must adhere to in order to participate. Please read them carefully and if you have any questions, please contact the festival management office.

1. All units must be designed, built and operated in a manner, which is safe for participants and spectators.
2. Due to the size of the parade, the Okra Strut Commission and the Administrator have the right to limit the number of participants as well as the number of vehicles in the parade. This notice will be indicated on your confirmation.
3. All parade participants must be responsible for their own transportation.
4. Each unit should include a sign or placard stating the name of the entry and sponsor.
5. Children under the age of 14 must have adult supervision during the event.
6. Small children walking in the parade must have approved transportation on hand, or someone willing and able to carry them should they tire.
7. Only trained horses and experienced riders will be allowed to participate in the parade. Horses must be diapered or owners must provide clean-up crews to follow the horses. Clean up during the parade as well as before and after will be the responsibility of the owner and/or rider.
8. **THE THROWING OF GUM, CANDY AND/OR OTHER MATERIAL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED – NO EXCEPTIONS.** You are permitted to hand out material while walking with the parade as long as the material is placed in someone's hand and not dropped on the ground.
9. If your entry includes the use of music, either live or recorded, you must notify the festival office. Music entries will be placed in the parade in such a way that conflicts between sound will be at a minimum. If your application does not indicate use of music, please contact the office or you may be forced to do without your music.
10. **DUE TO THE VOLUME OF UNITS IN THIS PARADE, ABSOLUTELY NO UNIT MAY STOP THE PARADE** for performances or any activity. **ANY UNIT THAT STOPS THE PARADE WILL BE PENALIZED.**
11. Although costuming and manner of dress is left to each organization or entry, all participants must dress in a tasteful manner. Participants must keep in mind that this is a family oriented event.
12. **NO WALKING VENDORS WILL BE PERMITTED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE** unless previously approved by the Okra Strut Commission.
13. **NO PARTICIPANT OR ORGANIZATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISTRIBUTE OR LEAVE ANY MATERIAL (fliers, newspapers, etc) ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.**
14. The Okra Strut Commission reserves the right to prohibit participation of any entry deemed unsafe or in bad taste. The Commission also reserves the right to remove any entry or participant from the parade when the actions of that entry or its participants present a danger to spectators or participants. Decisions of the Commission and/or its delegates will be final.
15. **ALL UNITS MUST FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF PARADE OFFICIALS.**

Applications and all correspondence must be faxed, mailed, or emailed to:

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