

Friends,

On **Saturday, April 21, 2018**, the 68th Annual Dogwood Festival Parade **will begin at 10:00 AM**. The theme of this year's festival is *"Fairytale in Bloom"*.

Float participants should decorate their entry using the theme of the parade. Businesses and political entries should also decorate for the parade and will pay a fee to be in the parade, unless a business has agreed to be a major contributor to the Dogwood Festival. All the equestrians are being handled by the Camden County Saddle Club.

Please **note the deadline for registration is Monday, April 9, 2018**. This year, parade participants must be pre-registered. Parade assembly numbers are mailed out and the parade announcement script is written several days before the parade. Therefore, while parade entries received after April 9, 2018 may be allowed in the parade if space is still available, however they will be lined up at the end following the last pre-registered unit. Also, no announcement will be made over the public address system about their entry.

Be part of this fun annual community celebration. Questions on the parade may be directed to the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce at 573-346-2227 or go to the Chamber's web site at [www.CamdentonChamber.com/dogwood-festival/](http://www.CamdentonChamber.com/dogwood-festival/).

Rhonda Wilkening  
Parade Chairman

## 2018 Dogwood Festival Parade - Rules and Regulations

1. **Do not throw:** candy, beads, coupons, flyers, etc, from your vehicle or float. Children scrambling for candy and other items risk serious injury and no treat is worth endangering someone's life. You may have someone walk next to the crowd hand out items. If you choose to ignore this rule and throw items, and someone is injured, you could be held liable for all costs involved in that injury.
2. No open flames or cooking will be permitted on any parade entries.
3. Entries or floats that are operating a generator or any type of running equipment will be required to have at least one 5-pound ABC fire extinguisher to be carried in an easily accessible, easy to reach, designated location on the entry or float. Open flame displays, roman candles, fireworks and other similar items are prohibited on all entries in the parade.
4. Firecrackers, snapping pops, projectiles, spray foam, simulated gun fire, or other similar items may not be used. **Liquid items [bubbles, foam, water guns, water balloons, etc.] cannot be disbursed from float or moving vehicles into crowd or onto road area.**
5. **One or more spotters need to be located on every trailer/float at all times** during the parade in order to immediately communicate with driver of the tow vehicle.
6. No unmanned aerial device or drone will be allowed along the parade route.
7. **Keep within 20-30 feet of the entry in front of you.** Do not pause during the parade except to maintain proper distance, or during an emergency.
8. The Camden Area Chamber of Commerce, Camden R-III School District, the City of Camden, Dogwood Festival Committee, Camden County Saddle Club their agents, and employees will not be held responsible for any personal injury or property loss, theft or damage. **These rules apply to everyone in your entry. Be sure to communicate these rules to everyone in your entry. One copy is attached, additional copies will be provided during check in.**
9. Alcoholic beverages, drugs and firearms are **not** allowed on school grounds by federal law—nor are these items allowed in the parade. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE **CAMDENTON SCHOOL CAMPUS IS SMOKE FREE—NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.**
10. All equestrians' participants MUST remain in the designated area prior to the parade. Equestrians will **NOT** be allowed in and around spectators during the parade line-up. **The designated area for equestrians will be located on the school campus at the bus barn located off of South Business 5]. Check in will be handled by a Camden County Saddle Club representative.**
11. No excessive speeds or reckless driving that might injure someone crossing the parade route or watching the parade from the curb.
12. **Keep up with whoever is in front of you** during the parade. **For those pulling trailers, please walk behind the trailer for safety purposes.**
13. Groups who wish to "perform" must plan and execute their performance while moving. Performers shall keep up with the pace of the parade and the vehicles in the parade.
14. If you experience a mechanical breakdown, try to pull off to the side and signal the parade entrants behind you to go on. For safety purposes if equestrians become unruly they must be removed from the parade and away from spectators. We have people stationed along the parade route who will try to help you and get you back in the parade, if possible.
15. Those entering the Floats for Competition category will divide the entry fees from this category as follows: 50% for first place, 30% for second place and 20% for third place. Entrants should **report to the Camden School Campus by no later than 9 AM** on Parade Day (April 21, 2018). **Be sure each person involved in your parade entry knows your line-up number** (these will be mailed to you approximately 1 week before the parade).
16. The Parade Entry Form must be received by Monday, April 9, 2018 to be placed in the parade and have their announcement read as they pass the reviewing stand. Late entries will be accepted if space is still available, however, they must line up at the end of the parade following the last scheduled unit and the announcer will not be able to read any description of the entry.
17. This is a family-oriented event. Any materials for display or distribution are subject to approval of the Dogwood Committee representatives. Any materials deemed inappropriate or offensive, in the sole discretion of the Dogwood Committee and its representatives shall be removed from the Parade. If you are uncertain as the appropriateness of any materials or displays, please submit them to the Dogwood Committee before the Parade for approval.

**(Please sign here - applicant has read and will abide by these rules)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**2018 Dogwood Festival Parade Application**  
**10 AM, Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
**Theme – “Fairytale in Bloom”**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Category:**

✕	Category	Fee	✕	Category	Fee
	<b>Equestrian</b> [Rules and Set Up Handled by Camden County Saddle Club] Registration & designated area located the Bus Barn, S Hwy 5	\$0		<b>Business Float/Entry Camdenton Chamber Member</b>	\$25
	<b>Non-Profit/Club</b>	\$0		<b>Entry for Competition</b> - [Must be in place and ready by 9 AM for judging - Prizes paid out of entry - 1st-50%,2nd-30%, 3rd-20%	\$30
	<b>Marching Band</b>	\$0		<b>Business Float/Entry Non-Chamber Member Political Entry</b>	\$35

To help us know how much space to a lot in the parade staging area, please complete the following:

**Number of Vehicles** \_\_\_\_\_ **[Limit 4]** **Number of participants/walkers with entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total length of Vehicle/Trailer/Float** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Not to exceed 12' wide X 35' long)**

**Car Clubs** \_\_\_\_\_ **[Limit 10 per entry]**

Please give information the announcer can use when your group moves past the reviewing stand. Suggestions are the history of the organization, number of people involved, location, etc. What you write here is what the announcer will say about your parade entry over the public-address system as your group passes the reviewing stand.

**Please limit your remarks to no more than 30 words.**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE – APRIL 9, 2018**

I have read and understand the rules and regulations on parade participation and agree to abide by them. I also will be responsible for disseminating the rules to any person(s) associated with our parade entry. I am aware that we are not to throw candy on to the street.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail completed application with applicable fees (payable to the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce) to:  
**Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1375, Camdenton, MO 65020**