



79th ANNUAL BUC DAYS
TOYOTA ILLUMINATED NIGHT PARADE
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016 – 8 PM –
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

FLOAT APPLICATION
(Print Out Version)

Shiver me timbers! It's that time of year again! If you are up for adventure, set a course to Corpus Christi for the 79th annual Buc Days Toyota Illuminated Night Parade on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Everyone loves a parade and you're invited to participate. Theme: **BUC DAYS** – _____!

Please review the Parade Regulations then complete and return this application and the waiver form in order to be considered for participation in the 78th Buc Days Toyota Illuminated Night Parade. Applications **MUST** be completed in full and **MUST** be submitted **no later than April 1, 2016** with any required fees either on-line at www.bucdays.com or by mail to Buc Days Parade Coordinator, PO Box 30404, Corpus Christi, TX 78463. A written confirmation will be sent if the application is accepted.

DEFINITION: A float is a highly decorated and illuminated exhibit or scene mounted on a mobile platform or trailer and pulled or driven in the parade. **All parade units are charged a \$25 per unit application fee. All commercial units are charged a \$1000 entry fee. All fees must be submitted with application.** A unit is deemed commercial if the entry is sponsored by, represents or promotes a commercial venture or other for-profit entity. Political promotion/advertising is NOT allowed.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (an * indicates required info)

***If Float is sponsored by a Visiting City, the Official Population of City:**

- City Under 7,000 City 7,0001-14,000 City 14,001 – 40,000 City Over 40,001

***Non-City Sponsored Float Categories: (Select One)**

- Non-Profit Civic Non-Profit Civic Festival Educational/School/Youth
 Patriotic Religious Media Commercial Business Open Class

*Float Title _____

*Sponsoring Organization/Business _____

*Primary Contact _____

*Mailing Address _____

*City/State/Zip Code _____

*Home or Office Phone _____

*Cell Phone _____

*Email _____

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFO

Contact Name _____
Contact Email _____
Contact Phone _____

***Detailed description of float is required and a Photo or drawing must accompany application!**

* Float Riders # _____ *Marchers/escorts/chaperones # _____ *Total Number of Participants: _____

*Support/Chase Vehicles (Other than tow vehicle--Max. 1 Type) _____ *

*Reason for Support Vehicle: _____

*PA Sound System? _____ *Live Music _____ *Recorded Music _____

*Length of Float _____ ft + Length of tow vehicle _____ ft = _____ ft (needed in parade lineup area)

***JUDGE UNIT?** _____

*The following information is required for possible media announcements. The Bucaraders and the Buccaneer Commission have no control over any parade broadcast and cannot be held responsible if a parade entry does not appear, is not heard, is not mentioned or is not described as part of any broadcast. Please be brief but include as much info as possible.

❖ Theme of unit

❖ Royalty or participants on Float

❖ History of Organization/business

All parade units should be “highly illuminated” and are encouraged to comply with the **parade theme – BUC DAYS – _____!** All entries will be inspected by parade officials on the day of the parade to ensure compliance with the information submitted on the application and with parade regulations and safety requirements.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARADE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. A complete packet consists of a signed Rules & Regulations Form, Application, Waiver & Release Form, picture or sketch of unit and required fee. For parade questions or info e-mail Mitzi@bucdays.com, fax 361-906-1884.



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REGULATIONS

Please familiarize yourself with this information and share it with your parade participants. All entries are subject to inspection by parade officials. Any entry that does not comply with these regulations will be denied participation in the parade or will be subject to expulsion and all fees paid will be forfeited.

• All entries **MUST** be operated in a legal, safe and ethical manner and comply with law enforcement and Bucarader directions and community standards of good taste. **Any lewd, lascivious behavior or profane music will not be tolerated** and will be grounds for expulsion from the parade. **The consumption of drugs or alcohol by parade participants is strictly prohibited.**

• **Advertising or promotion for political candidates or issues is prohibited.** Advertising or promotion for commercial purposes is prohibited on or with any parade unit unless a \$1000 commercial entry fee has been paid. **Commercial entries may display only the name of the business/organization submitted on the original entry form.** Additional signage, logos, banners, etc. identifying any other business/organization will require an additional \$1000 commercial entry fee to be paid.

• **All marchers, walkers, etc., not riding on floats or miscellaneous units, must be at least 14 years of age.** All marchers, walkers and riders **MUST** remain with their unit in their assigned position in the staging area and proceed in a steady and continuous manner during the parade, maintaining a minimum of 40 ft. between entries. Bands are allowed to bring a small chase vehicle carrying water and other necessities in the parade.

• All entries **MUST** be highly decorated and illuminated, including tow vehicles: have flame-retardant decorations or other materials and a working and easily accessible fire extinguisher. Smoking in/on units is not permitted. No phones and/or texting by participants is allowed on floats on parade route. No entry may exceed 65 ft. in length or 14 ft. in height.

• All towed entries **MUST** have an approved safety chain between the tow vehicle and the unit/float. All entries **MUST** have sufficient fuel to operate gas-powered generators. Generators should not be started until the parade begins in order to preserve fuel. **DO NOT add fuel to hot generators!**

• All floats and miscellaneous entries **MUST** have easily accessible entrance and exit for participants/riders and a clear, unobstructed view for drivers/operators. Drivers **MUST** have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. **Convertible vehicles are not allowed except those provided by the Bucaraders for VIPs/dignitaries.**

• **Objects, such as candy, gum, flowers, samples, coupons, flyers, etc., may NOT be thrown from or otherwise distributed to spectators by any entry or participant.**

• **Horse units MUST provide a "pooper scooper" to follow the entry to ensure public safety and sanitation.**

• In the event of an emergency, vehicle breakdown or equipment failure, entries should be moved promptly away from or off the parade route so as not to impede parade traffic, spectator view or emergency vehicles. **All issues of public safety rest expressly with the Corpus Christi Police Department.**

• All entries **MUST** disperse quickly and safely from the break-up area at the end of the parade route. There will be no "holding area" for floats or miscellaneous units at the end of the parade. **Stopping, blocking units behind you from proceeding or unloading participants is NOT permitted until instructed to do so by parade officials.**

The undersigned confirms they have read, understand and agree to abide by the above regulations and accepts responsibility to convey this information to all persons participating in the unit represented by the undersigned. Please sign, make a copy for your records and return this form with your application.

Name of Entry/Organization _____

Sponsor/Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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WAIVER AND RELEASE

WAIVER AND RELEASE (“RELEASE”) EXECUTED ON (date) _____, BY _____ (“PARTICIPANT”) RELEASING THE BUCCANEER COMMISSION, INC., (“BC”) ITS OFFICERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF PARTICIPANT ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT KNOWN AS **BUCCANEER DAYS (aka BUCCANEER DAYS) ILLUMINATED NIGHT PARADE.**

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT, PARTICIPANT HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, AND DISCHARGES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO PERSON INCLUDING DEATH OR TO PROPERTY THAT PARTICIPANT MAY INCUR AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT’S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT. THIS RELEASE DISCHARGES THE BC AND ALL OTHER PROMOTERS, SPONSORS, PROMOTING CLUBS, OFFICIALS, AND ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (“OTHERS”) ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT, AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY TO THE EVENT, EVEN THOUGH THAT LIABILITY MAY ARISE OUT OF NEGLIGENCE, CARELESSNESS, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACT ON THE PART OF **BC OR OTHERS**, OR PARTICIPANTS.

PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A SERIOUS ACCIDENT CAN OCCUR DURING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE EVENT. KNOWING SUCH RISKS, PARTICIPANT HEREBY ASSUMES ALL THOSE RISKS AND INJURY TO PERSON INCLUDING DEATH OR TO PROPERTY RELATED TO EVENT AND RESEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFIES BC AND OTHERS FOR ANY SUCH INJURY WHETHER SUCH INJURY ARISES FROM BC OR OTHERS’ NEGLIGENCE, CARELESSNESS, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL COSTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES.

FURTHER, PARTICIPANT HEREBY GRANTS FULL PERMISSION TO ANY OR ALL OF THE FOREGOING TO USE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOTAPES, MOTION PICTURES, RECORDINGS, OR ANY OTHER RECORD OF THIS EVENT.

PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE SHALL BE BINDING ON PARTICIPANT’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN.

PARTICIPANT HAS CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND RELEASE AND SIGNS THIS RELEASE AS PARTICIPANT’S OWN FREE ACT. PARTICIPANT REPRESENTS THAT IN EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT, THAT THE PARTY DOING SO HAS THE FULL AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE BC AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE BC IS RELYING UPON THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN ALLOWING PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.

Dated: _____

NAME OF UNIT/ORGANIZATION): _____

By (signature): _____

*** PLEASE FILL IN REQUESTED INFORMATION AND SIGN THIS FORM BEFORE RETURNING YOUR ENTRY APPLICATION. ALL UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLY.**