

Parade Information

All parade entries require registration and must be picked up from a Versailles Lions Club member upon entering the parade line up area. If you do not receive one, please have a representative of your group go to the registration table located near the Tyson United Methodist Church for a form. You will hand in your forms as you line up for the parade to the Versailles Lions Club Member near this same corner.

To be judged for prizes/awards entries must arrive no later than 8:45am.

Evaluation

Judging of the entries will be on a point system according to workmanship (25 points), appearance (25 points), originality (25 points/50 points if no theme stated for the current year), and/or use of the theme (25 points).

Classification & Prizes –

Overall Best Float - \$200

1st & 2nd place prizes awarded for each category. (1st place \$80, 2nd place \$40)

- Category A. Best Display by Youth Group or Organization
- Category B. Best Display by a Business or Business Organization
- Category C. Best Display by a Religious Organization or Group
- Category D. Best Display by an Agri-Business Organization or Group
- Category E. Best Display by Any Other Organization or Group not listed

Rules & Regulations

- Participants must arrive 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to the start of the parade. If the parade cannot start on time, due to the weather, it may be delayed for one hour, or cancelled, at the discretion of Pumpkin Show officials.
- Cancellation by participants for any reason must be directly to a parade official prior to parade start time so that entry forms can be pulled from the line up. Failure to do so may result in rejection of entries for future parades.
- Pumpkin Show officials will determine classifications of entries and reserve the right to reject or evict any entry from the parade line-up that they deem unsuitable.
- Neither the Versailles Pumpkin Show, Versailles Lions Club, Town of Versailles, Ripley County or officials thereof shall be liable for or held responsible for the personal injury, damage, or loss to parade entries, participants, or observers. Participants always assume responsibility for their unit and activities. **Any entry with an animal must be able to provide a certificate of insurance or vaccination if needed or requested by Versailles Lions Club or any Ripley County Health Department official.**
- Towing vehicles must be of sufficient size and braking power to control the float in tow. Entries will need to have their own safety crew walking with them to ensure they can navigate all turns and clear any power lines along parade route. (Please visit the route to ensure you will not be too tall or wide for the parade route.)
- Entries will not throw out any items at spectators or otherwise cause them to move into the parade route! You may have individuals walking the sides of the route and pass or hand out items.
- Sirens, air horns and other loud noises require caution and consideration of spectators and other floats/marching bands.
- Entries should keep within 10 feet of the unit in front of them throughout the parade route.
- The maximum length of a float is 50 feet, including the towing vehicle.