

# OLD SHAWNEE DAYS PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

## *Tips & Hints to the Wise*

Whether you have participated in the parade before or not, here are a few points to make note of:

1. Distribution of candy and/or other things along the route will be allowed **PROVIDED a WALKING member of your group distributes it.** It must NOT BE THROWN to the crowd! Put in into their hands. This is a preventative measure to assure that no child will run toward a moving or stationary vehicle or otherwise get out in the street for a treat. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
2. **NO FIREWORKS** during the parade and in the staging areas. Remember there are children and animals in the area.
3. Car-pool whenever possible. Study the parade map to determine your assembly point, the parade route, and the return route to your assembly point parking area. Keep car retrieval in mind when parking in the morning. The parade route is closed to traffic at 9:45 a.m. Also, the police close off intersections into the staging areas as congestion becomes a problem (Quivira & 62<sup>nd</sup> St., Shawnee Mission Parkway & Lucille and along the Frontage road). Please follow the planned routes set up by the Shawnee Police Department to help prevent traffic congestion. **There will be no parking along 61<sup>st</sup> Terrace (the road going through the cemetery). It needs to be clear and passable for emergency vehicles and residents.**
4. The order within the staging area is first come, first in line. The staging areas are shown on the map. Area "E" is facing southbound in the right-hand lane of northbound Quivira (the far east lane next to the cemetery) and **SHOULD NOT** be occupied until the police blocks off that lane. All others are in the right direction against the curb. As your group gets into your staging area (see confirmation letter), you will be given a large card with a number on it. You must display it along the entire parade route. At approximate Rogers Road & Nieman Road your number and order in the parade will be communicated to the announcer in front of City Hall. If your number is not displayed, you may not be judged and/or announced.
5. Vehicles will be moving very slowly with lots of stops and starts. Keep the radiator free of banners to give maximum airflow. Vehicle entries may wish to have a container of water in the car, should overheating occur. Large trucks, large trailers

and ANY vehicle with reduced movement or vision SHOULD have adult out walkers on all sides. Small children MUST NOT be allowed on the edge of the vehicle. Feet and hands should be inside at all times. If someone is standing, support should be given.

6. Horses, Teams & Hitches that are staging in Nieman Plaza. Park where you do not block traffic going to the merchants. You will be directed out of the lot (to the north) onto Nieman, the parade marshals and the police will then merge you into the parade from there. REMEMBER the Shawnee Fire Department will be one of the first units down Nieman with SIRENS and AIR HORNS BLASTING (very very loud). Your unit should furnish its own street sweepers.
7. Walking entries should be aware that the parade route is 1.1 miles long, plus 0.8 miles from the last staging area to the parade start at Nieman Road and Shawnee Mission Parkway. Wear comfortable shoes, dress appropriate for the weather, and be well rested.
8. Weather. The parade goes on rain or shine. There is NO rain date. IF it is storming or there are heavy storms in the area at 10:00 a.m., there could be a delay in the start time. The committee has direct contact with the National Weather Service and our communications center has a radar display. Safety of all is of prime importance. If the weather is inclement, protect yourself and your equipment. The parade will last approximately 2 hours.
9. In the staging areas and along the route will be parade marshals. They will have yellow shirts and two-way radios. They have communications with the parade division. If you have problems or questions, ask them.
10. Bicycle riders. All bicycle riders are REQUIRED to wear an appropriate safety helmet while riding.

We are glad to host your entry and we want you to have fun. BUT we want to do it in a safe and sane manner. If the Parade Division finds a problem with your entry, it WILL HAVE to be corrected before being allowed into the parade. Should your entry become an obstruction during the parade, you may be asked to leave the parade. All decisions of the Old Shawnee Days Society, Parade Division are final. We look forward to seeing you in June!