



NIGHT IN OLE CONVERSE PARADE



JUDGING CRITERIA: The panel of judges will base their decision on the following criteria, and not all criteria will be applied, based on entry type:

- A. TITLE AND THEME:** The entry's coordination that adapts its idea to the Parade Theme that brings unity and harmony of the parade. For cheerleaders, marching units and dancers, this may include costumes and uniform design.
- B. ANIMATION AND SPECIAL EFFECTS:** Criteria measures how well an idea is developed by which it adds to the total effect of the entry. Performances, Motions and Sounds are examples of special effects, which may also include synchronization and jumps for cheerleaders, marching units and dancers.
- C. CRAFTSMANSHIP:** The craftsmanship score will depend on neatness, solid construction, the proper working of mechanical parts and achievement of detail. For cheerleaders, marching units and dancers, this may include the integration of costume and uniforms design elements: garment construction, textures, patterns, lines and color.
- D. PUBLIC APPEAL:** Public appeal is the enjoyment of the entry by the audience/crowd. People in our audience are of different age groups and of different backgrounds. Overall quality in each criterion will affect their enjoyment. For cheerleaders, marching units and dancers, this may include the performance of the groups routine.
- E. INGENUITY:** The Overall Design and Idea which is one part of craftsmanship but the ingenuity score should also include originality and uniqueness, and creative implementation and resourcefulness of the design and idea.

CATEGORIES AND AWARD CRITERIA

Rules: All Parade entries, tow vehicles, and support vehicles must be at least 50% decorated to either depict the Parade theme, or be decorated in keeping with the spirit of the Parade. Towing vehicles must be decorated. Points will be deducted for undecorated towing vehicles. Points added for floats having a skirt to cover the wheels within the bounds of safety.

Point System: Judges shall rate each category using a point system of 1 – 10. (1 = Poor, 5 = Good, 10 = Excellent)

1. Float Categories

- a) **Non-commercial Floats:** for non-commercial organizations
- b) **Youth:** for nonprofit service organizations for youth
- c) **Commercial Floats:** for commercial organizations – not professionally built

2. Vehicle Categories

- a) Classic Cars (25 to 50 yrs. old)
- b) Antique Cars (50+ yrs. old)
- c) Unique Vehicle (Commercial/Personal Entry)

3. Cheerleaders

4. Marching Bands

5. Marching/Walking Unit Categories/Dancers