

Clayton State University/City of Morrow 2022 Homecoming Parade Regulations



The following regulations will assist in providing for a positive and safe experience for both parade participants and spectators.

As a parade participant and/or as the official representative of a university department, university-recognized organization or community group sponsoring a parade unit, your understanding of and commitment to following these guidelines is fully expected. Participation in the Homecoming Parade must be in compliance with these Homecoming Parade Guidelines, the recognized mission of the Homecoming Parade, and all other applicable university policies, city ordinances, and state laws. The driver of a motor-driven parade unit will be held responsible for ensuring that each participant riding in or on the motor vehicle abides by these guidelines, and the organization or group sponsoring the parade unit will be held responsible for ensuring that each parade participant abides by these guidelines.

1. The parade is open to all Clayton State University recognized student organizations, Clayton State University groups, campus departments and Clayton County area businesses or community groups. Participation entails marching, riding in cars, submitting a float, or other creative parade activity.
2. A parade participant, whether they are operating a motor vehicle, riding in or on a parade unit, or walking/marching, may not possess, transport, consume, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at any time immediately prior to or during the parade.
3. A participant riding in or on a parade unit must remain seated in a safe and secure location at all times. A participant must also remain in or on the parade unit at all times. A participant needing to depart the parade unit must do so only after the parade unit has come to a complete stop. Following their departure, a parade participant may not return to the parade unit at any time during the parade.
4. Parade participants are not allowed to distribute candy, pamphlets or other materials along the parade route, with the exception of the Morrow Station Reviewing Area? The Homecoming Committee may give prior approval for distribution along sidewalks and outside parade barriers. Participants found tossing materials to spectators other than the Reviewing Area will be removed from the parade route and are subject to the laws of the City of Morrow.
5. A parade unit, whether it involves a vehicle or walking/marching participants, must continue moving forward through the parade route at all times. Standing performances are not permitted unless an entry has received a prior written approval from the Clayton State University Homecoming Parade Committee.
6. Only animals under the strict leash or bridle of a qualified animal handler will be permitted in the parade. The identified animal handler and his/her parade unit sponsor will bear any responsibility or any and all damages and injuries resulting from negligence or any incidents regarding the animal in question.
7. No children under the age of 13 shall be allowed in the parade or on the parade route unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
8. Parade participants are prohibited from using cell phones while driving or operating machinery while participating in the parade.

9. Parade floats must consist of flame retardant materials. Smoking is not permitted at any time in any designated parade areas.
10. Use of any political sign, social or political material, or improper use of the American flag is not permitted. "Proper" use of the flag is based upon U.S. flag policy set forth in the U.S. Code.
11. The Parade Staff reserves the right to remove any unit from the line of march for any reason or cause without advance notice.
12. Sponsorship of a student organization's float is permitted. All sponsorship materials (e.g., handouts, banners) must be registered via the Online Parade Registration Form. The Homecoming Committee has complete authority to deny any sponsorship requests. Advertisements and logos, which are deemed as being only commercial in nature, will not be permitted on any entry. (e.g., "Eat at Jay's" is commercial. "Jay's says GO LAKERS!" is acceptable.)
13. A representative of all parade units must check-in with Parade Line-up Volunteers at the Baptist Church of Morrow (address link) parking lot between 8:30am and 9:00 am on the parade day. Floats may not arrive to the parking lot any earlier than 8:30a m. Unit participants must have all costumes, props, vehicles, banners, etc. needed for the parade with them at check-in.
14. Floats may be set up, located, or constructed in the designated area only (SAC Parking Area) See also Regulation #15.
15. If teams are painting or constructing on the Clayton State Campus or Morrow Municipal Complex premises, tarps must be used to prevent any possible damage to cement, plants, trees, signs, or anything on the property.
16. Disbanding of parade units will be in the Laker Hall Parking Lot located on the Clayton State University campus. Parade participants are responsible for properly disposing of all materials at the staging area and the Clayton State University disbanding area. Units failing to clean-up their areas will incur the necessary fees and costs associated with proper maintenance of the area. All parade vehicles and floats must be removed from lot by 6:00 p.m. of parade day.
17. Any entry not meeting these guidelines will be immediately removed from the parade route at the sole discretion of the Homecoming Committee.
18. The Homecoming and Parade Staff reserves the right to add-to or amend these regulations.

For any additional questions, please call 678-466-5422, or email homecoming@clayton.edu.