



2017 Running with the Bulls Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 13, 2017, 6:45 PM

Rules & Regulations

All parade applications must be completed by
Friday, September 29, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Parade applications will be submitted online. Click [here](#) to access the application. Late registrations will not be accepted.



Dear Prospective Parade Participant,

The Center for Student Involvement at the University of South Florida thanks you for your interest in participating in the 2017 Running of the Bulls Homecoming Parade! This year we plan to make the parade the most spirited yet and we would love for you to be a part of USF's greatest tradition. The parade is scheduled for **Friday, October 13, 2017**. The Homecoming tagline this year is "*Our Week. Our Homecoming. Our USF. Bulls Unite.*" We encourage your entry to reflect this theme and showcase Bull Spirit!

The Parade will begin promptly at 6:45 PM on the University of South Florida campus in the Theatre Arts Parking lot (Lot 3 A, B, C) located on USF Holly Drive.

- [Click here for directions from I-275](#)
- [Click here for directions from I-75](#)

The parade route will run east on USF Holly Drive, head south on USF Maple Drive, west on USF Alumni Drive, north on Leroy Collins Blvd., and conclude around the Leroy Collins Loop.

- [Click here to view the parade route on google maps](#)

All entries must submit an application form electronically via [BullSync](#) by **Friday, September 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM** for consideration of acceptance into the Homecoming Parade. Your entry will be confirmed via email within three business days of receipt. Additional information regarding the parade will be sent to the entry's contact person in the weeks leading up to the parade.

Please carefully review all parade rules and regulations. Should you have any questions or concerns about your involvement in the Homecoming Parade, feel free to reach out via the contact information provided below. On behalf of the 2017 Campus Traditions Board and Homecoming Steering Committee, we look forward to your participating in this year's upcoming Running with the Bulls Homecoming Parade! Go Bulls!

In Bull Pride,

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ENTRY REGULATIONS

- All participants must submit applications via [BullSync](#). Applications are subject to review by the Campus Traditions Board. Parade applications must be received online no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2017. Submissions are time stamped and will not be accepted if received after this deadline.
- Entries are required to display the sponsoring business, organization, and/or group name.
- Due to the time of the parade, entries are required to incorporate lights onto entries to increase visibility.
- **All entries must be checked-in no later than 5:30pm and all participants must be in place by 6:00 p.m.** Entries can begin arriving to the staging area and decorating at the following times:

Entry type:	Check-in no earlier than:
Homemade Float	2:00pm
Float ordered through Festive Floats	3:00pm
Cars & Other Vehicles	4:00pm
Walking Groups	5:00pm

Parade entries that arrive after 6:00 PM will not be allowed to participate in the parade and will be disqualified from the competition. The parade will begin promptly at 6:45 PM. All official times will be determined by the Center for Student Involvement.

- Vehicles, walking groups, professional floats, and homemade floats are eligible for parade participation. **All student teams competing in the Team Competitions must have a homemade float in order to be awarded points.** Please see the Team Competition Guidelines for more information.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

- On the day of Parade the driver of the vehicle **MUST** sign a waiver identifying that they possess adequate vehicle liability insurance coverage. A copy of the waiver has been provided in this packet for your convenience. You may email the signed waiver to janessat@usf.edu in advance to expedite the check in process.
- Each entry will be required to provide **two parade monitors**. Parade monitors must be 18 years or older and must walk on either side of the entry along the entire route. Parade monitors may not switch positions with any entry riders. Reflective vests will be provided to each entry upon check-in and must be worn by parade monitors at all times. Vests must be returned to the Center for Student Involvement.
- Vehicles, separate from the entry, are allowed for an unloading period of 10 minutes, after unloading please move vehicle to an open lot.

SAFETY REGULATIONS CONTINUED

- All participating entries are expected to adhere to the legal safety limit of passengers per entry as set forth by the State of Florida. University of South Florida Administration reserves the sole right to limit the number of participants per entry for the safety of the parade participants and spectators.
- Entries are restricted to 13ft in height from the ground due to potential interference with property such as power lines, trees, and tree branches. Only one vehicle may pull a float, no other vehicles may accompany the entry.
- Due to safety concerns, once the parade has begun, individuals may not leave their parade entry until the parade route has been completed.
- Firearms, pyrotechnics, fire and fireworks are strictly **PROHIBITED** from any part of the parade. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the entry, and notification of campus police and Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- In the event of inclement weather, Parade Staff will email the entry point of contact to communicate delay or cancellation. Each entry point of contact must be on-site from the time an entry checks in until the entry has completed the parade route. The point of contact is encouraged to have access to email on-site.
- In the event of dangerous weather conditions including but not limited to tornado watches and warnings, severe thunderstorms, lightning, or flooding, all parade participants in Parking Lot 3 should seek shelter and await further instruction from Parade Staff and USF Police. USF is not responsible for damage to parade entries including vehicles, floats, or personal property. Furthermore, USF is not responsible for personal injuries, accidents or illnesses (including death).

BEHAVIORAL REGULATIONS

- Profanity or obscenities, both displayed on the entry or in music played as a part of the entry, will result in disqualification as determined by the Parade Staff.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the use of illegal drugs prior to the parade, in the staging area, or on the parade route will not be tolerated. Individuals and/or groups in violation will be disqualified from participation in the parade. In addition, smoking is not permitted in the staging area and/or the parade route. Violation will result in the notification of campus police, and Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- Any individual not associated with a parade entry will not be permitted in the staging area. The Campus Traditions Board reserves the right to request any individual or group to leave the staging area.
- Parade entries are encouraged to provide safe items (i.e. non-heavy or sharp) which can be handed out along the parade route (i.e. beads, candy). Only items listed on your application that have been approved will be permitted.
- All float decoration, signage, and activities must be directly related to the theme of Homecoming, USF spirit, USF tradition and how your organization supports USF Bulls.
- All float decorations, signage, and activities must adhere to University policies.

Completion of the online parade application confirms that you have read, understood, and agree to these rules and regulations.



**USF HOMECOMING PARADE
DRIVER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

In consideration for being permitted to drive and participate in the USF Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2017 (the "Event"), I do hereby release, waive and discharge the State of Florida, University of South Florida Board of Trustees, their representatives, its officers, employees, agents, advisors, employees, and members, and the Event sponsor, The Center for Student Involvement, and its advisor(s), officers, and members from any and all actions, damages, claims or demands which I, my heirs, personal representatives, executors, administrators or assigns may have against any and all of the aforementioned for any and all personal injuries, accidents or illnesses (including death), known or unknown, which I have or may incur by participation in the above stated Event and for all damages and loss to my property.

I understand that my driving and participation in this Event is voluntary and that this Event carries with it certain dangers and risks, including but not limited to overexertion, poor judgment, emotional strain, slipping, falling, equipment failure which could ultimately result in injury, permanent disability, or death. I further assume all responsibility related to complying with all applicable motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to those concerning vehicle safety, vehicle operation, insurance, and the transportation and consumption of alcohol beverages. I realize that I am responsible for any injuries to persons or property which may be incurred in connection with driving and participating in this Event.

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Florida, University of South Florida Board of Trustees, their representatives, its officers, employees, agents, advisors, employees, and members, and the Event sponsor, The Center for Student Involvement, and its advisor(s), officers, and members of the aforementioned from any and all costs, damages, liabilities and losses that they may incur due to my driving and participation in this Event. I hereby agree to abide by any policies, rules and regulations adopted by the aforementioned.

I further expressly agree that the foregoing acknowledgement of risk and waiver of liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Florida and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I, the undersigned, am at least 18 years of age. I have read this Driver Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver of Liability and fully understand its terms. I acknowledge that I am signing this waiver freely and voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Entry Organization Name

Printed Name

Signature

U# _____
University ID (if applicable)

Date