

January 31, 2011

Dear Parade America Participant:

The **45**th **Annual Exchange Club Parade America is here -** an exciting event for our community! The parade will take place Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 11:00AM. The Exchange Club Parade America is one of the largest patriotic celebrations in the State of Idaho. The theme this year is "*America the Beautiful.*" Enclosed are a parade entry form and a map of the parade route. You will also find the forms posted on the Nampa City website at <u>www.cityofnampa.us</u> under community, upcoming events. To aid in the live telecast, please write a detailed explanation of your entry on the form and put up an identifying sign on your float/entry.

To ensure a safe parade, participants who want to disperse candy must walk to the curb for distribution; candy is not allowed to be thrown from vehicles or horses. This is critical for the safety of everyone involved in the parade and to ensure children do not put themselves in jeopardy by running in front of vehicles for dropped candy. Please do not sit or place anyone on the edge of your moving vehicle or trailer. Instruct your participants to stay behind the wheels of trailers. Children participating in the parade on bicycles, ATV's, motorcycles, or scooters are required to wear a helmet for safety. Idaho State law requires a helmet for anyone under 18-years of age on motorcycles, motorized scooters, and ATV's.

Allow only one car length between you and the unit ahead; no gaps in the procession will be permitted. The parade committee reserves the right to remove any unit from the parade line, and entries deemed to be in poor taste will not be allowed.

Please call 468-5401 if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you at the parade. Have fun and we hope you enjoy this special event!

Sincerely,

Exchange Club Parade America

Information about the 2011 EXCHANGE CLUB PARADE AMERICA

- 1. The staging area for the parade is Holly and Colorado streets. Please review the attached map for the location of this staging area and parade route. Traffic marshals will be in place to direct each entry to their staging position.
- 2. The parade needs to move at an even pace **stay close to the float ahead of you.** This will require walking units to walk quickly enough to keep up. Please do not have drivers stop for television crews, they will televise in motion. Small children may have a difficult time unless they are on motorized units. Please think safety first and have plenty of water for walkers. Children participating in the parade on bicycles, ATV's, motorcycles, or scooters are required to wear helmets for safety. A helmet is required by state law for anyone under 18 riding motorcycles, motorized scooters, and ATV's.
- 3. There will be awards given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each of the different divisions. All floats to be judged must be in place by 9:30 AM. Please indicate on the entry form if you desire to have your entry judged.
- 4. The closing date for entries is May 18, 2011. When you are assigned your number after registration, please bring it with you the morning of the parade or be sure you and the members of your unit have it memorized.
- 5. **The parade will be May 21, 2011 at 11:00 AM**. For more information, call City Hall at 468-5401. Email is <u>shaverp@cityofnampa.us</u> and fax is 465-2227.

EXCHANGE CLUB PARADE AMERICA ENTRY FORM 2011 Theme: "America the Beautiful"

Person in charge of entry: Name:
Phone:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Name of person or sponsoring organization:
Category: ()Religious ()Commercial ()Civic ()Horse ()Band ()School ()Political
Check if entry is to be judged: () Yes () No
What is the length of entry?

As the parade will be televised, please include a sign on your float and \underline{good} description of your entry.

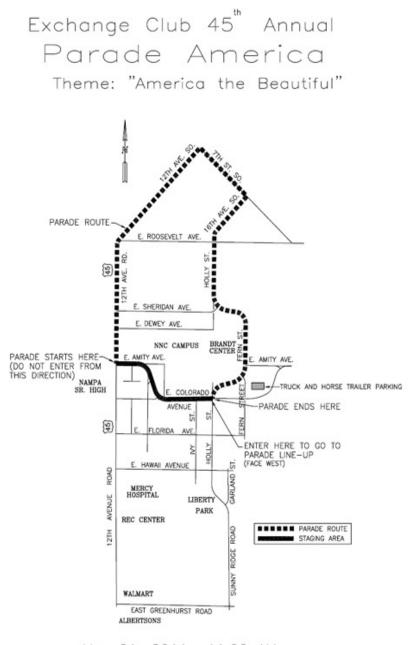
Mail this entry to: EXCHANGE CLUB PARADE AMERICA c/o Nampa City Hall 411 3rd Street South Nampa, ID 83651 Email: <u>shaverp@cityofnampa.us</u> Fax: 208-465-2227 and Phone: 208-468-5401

Release Agreement: I have received, agreed to, and understand all the rules and regulations governing the parade.

I understand the parade committee and/or sponsors will not be held responsible for any injuries, accidents, or damages resulting from any unit's participation in the Exchange Club Parade. We reserve the right to exclude inappropriate floats from the parade.

Signed:

Date:



May 21, 2011 11:00 AM

For more information call Nampa City Hall at 468-5401 Parade Route Approximately 2.4 Miles