

McNeese State University Homecoming Parade

Rules & Regulations

A violation of the rules and regulations may cause your entry to be dismissed.

1. Date of Parade: **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**
2. Line-up time: **3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Processional: **6:00 p.m.** Parade time: **7:00 p.m.**
3. Line-up location: **Cowboy Stadium Complex, Lot A**
4. Parade Route: **Marching bands will be folded in with the float at the University Methodist Church. The parade will primarily travel south on Ryan Street and travel to McNeese Street. Turn each on McNeese Street and travel back to the Cowboy Stadium to disembark.**
5. Theme: **“Pokes on the Bayou”**
6. Opponent: **Texas A&M Commerce Lions**; colors are blue and gold
7. **(Optional)** Float Decoration Competition Awards: Three divisions will compete for awards. University and Community.
8. A Pep Rally and Fireworks will be held adjacent to the disband site in the stadium immediately following the parade.
9. Parade Rules:
 - a. **Throws:** Individually wrapped candy, beads, cups, and doubloons are encouraged. Try to stay away from suckers and hard candy as it poses safety issues when thrown.
 - b. Absolutely **no horses, cattle, or livestock allowed.**
 - c. **NO ALCOHOL!** In compliance with City of Lake Charles Ordinance and McNeese State University policy, no alcohol possession or consumption is allowed during any aspect of the parade. Police will enforce this regulation.
 - d. Only properly registered vehicles operated and insured by a licensed adult driver (18 years and older) will be permitted in the parade.
 - e. Anyone caught using profanity obscene gestures will be removed from the parade. **LOW-VOLUME MUSIC** until 5:30pm in line-up, appropriate for all audience.
 - f. All participants must comply with parade officials, volunteers, and law enforcement personnel. Height restrictions are 12 feet.
 - g. **Absolutely no all-terrain vehicles such as four-wheelers and gators will be permitted** in the parade (except those being used by law enforcement), this includes road legal motorcycles. Golf Carts and doom buggies/go-carts are also prohibited.
 - h. Avoid gaps in the parade. Keep 10-yard intervals between entries.
 - i. **Registered parade participants only** will be allowed in the float line-up parking lot. Privately owned vehicles will not be allowed to enter, park, or drop off items/persons.
 - j. Have all throws and decoration on the float upon entry. Driver must stay with vehicle at all times. No drop-offs allowed for the float items or riders. Everyone must park designated areas only.
 - k. There will be a designated area for your non-parade entry vehicle in parking lots C and D located on the East side of the stadium.
 - l. An entry number will be assigned when the completed application is returned and entry fee has been paid. Please display this number on each side of the two vehicle. **Your entry number does not mark your place in the parade.** It is required by the City of Lake Charles and will be used for check-in and judging purposes only.
 - m. **McNeese entries and community entries that attend the parade meeting receive priority lineup positioning.** For all other entries, line-up is first-come, first-served basis.
 - n. Each float entry and truck/trailer entries 20' or longer will have a float lieutenant who will be the point of contact on the day of the parade. This individual must be 21 years of age or older and should be present with the entry at all times. A reflective vest will be issued for this person to wear. **Entries who do not return vest immediately following the parade will be assessed a \$20 fee.**

Questions? Contact studentlife@mcneese.edu