



McNeese State University Homecoming Parade

Rules and Regulations



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

1. Date of parade Thursday, October 16th, 2025.
2. Line up: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM | Processional: 6:00 PM | Parade 7:00 PM.
3. Line up location: Navarre Stadium complex, Lot A.
4. Parade Route: Marching bands will be folded in with the floats at the University Methodist Church. The parade will primarily travel South on Ryan St. and travel to McNeese St., turn on McNeese St. and travel back to Navarre Stadium to disembark
5. Theme: "Rowdy Ever After"
6. Opponent: Houston Christian University Huskies.
7. Optional Float Decoration Competition Awards: 2 divisions will compete for Awards: University and Community.
8. A pep rally will be held adjacent to the disband site in Navarre 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 or drugs. In compliance with the City of Lake Charles Ordinance and McNeese State University policy, no alcohol or drug 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 or obscene gestures will be removed from the parade.
 - f. Low volume music until 5:30 PM in lineup, clean and appropriate for all audiences.
 - g. All participants must comply with university staff, parade officials, volunteers, and law enforcement personnel.
 - h. Height restrictions are 12 feet.
 - i. 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, dune buggies, and go karts are also prohibited.
 - j. Avoid gaps in the parade. Keep 10-yard intervals between entries.
 - k. **Registered parade participants only** will be allowed in the float lineup parking lot. **Privately owned vehicles will not be allowed to enter, park or drop off any items or persons.**
 - l. Have all throws and decorations on the float upon entry. Driver must stay with the vehicle at all times. No drop offs are allowed for float items or riders.
 - m. Everyone must park in the designated parking areas only. There will be a designated area for your non parade entry vehicle and parking lot C and D located on the east side of the stadium
 - n. An entry number will be assigned when the completed application is submitted, and the entry fee has been paid. **This number must be displayed on each side of the vehicle you're entering.** Number does not mark your place in the parade. It is required by the City of Lake Charles and will be used for checking-in and judging purposes only.
 - o. McNeese entries and community entries that attend the parade meeting receive priority line up positioning. For all other entries, the lineup is first come, first served.
 - p. Each float entry and truck/trailer entry 20 feet 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 always be present with the entry. A reflective vest will be issued for this person to wear. **Entries who do not return the vest immediately following the parade will be assessed a \$20 fee.**

Questions? Contact studentlife@mcneese.edu