McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
A Member of the University of Louisiana System

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September 10, 2013

Dear McNeese State University Supporter:

On behalf of McNeese State University, we would like to invite you to participate in the 2013 Homecoming Parade. As a member of the Southwest Louisiana Community we want to recognize your contributions to the success of this University and ask that you join us in celebrating Homecoming 2013.

This year's parade will be held on **Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7 p.m**. Parade details and an application form are attached. To help share the cost of the parade with our student body, we ask each community entry pay a **$50.00** fee. Please make checks payable to the McNeese Homecoming Parade.

The 2013 Homecoming Committee has selected **"Cowboy Strong"** as the theme for this year's parade. We suggest using your creativity in decorating your float supporting this year's theme. This year's opponent is the Sam Houston State University Bearkats. Community organizations will compete for small and large float plaques. Winners of each division will be announced at the pep rally immediately after the parade and press releases will run the following week.

The McNeese Homecoming Parade has become one of the largest parades in Southwest Louisiana. We attribute this success to your continued involvement and support. Please consider joining us in celebrating Homecoming 2013. **Parade applications are due Friday, October 11, 2013 by 4 p.m.** Submit your application to University Services & Campus Life, McNeese State University, Box 92535, Lake Charles, LA 70609.

In compliance with City of Lake Charles ordinances and McNeese State University policy, **we declare all aspects of the 2013 Homecoming Parade to be alcohol free!**

Please contact University Services & Campus Life at 337-475-5706 for further information.

On behalf of the Homecoming Committee,

Chris Thomas, Ed.D.
Director of Campus Life
Chair, McNeese Homecoming Parade Committee

Do not write in this box. To be completed by the Office of University Services.
Date of receipt_____
Paid___cash____check: # of check or rcpt._____
Total amount paid $_____
Entry # in Parade: _____
Initials_____
Notes: _____

Community Parade Entry Form
(Please Print)

Organization/Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Telephone: _____ (W) _____ (H) _____

Fax: _____ Email:_____

There is a **$50.00 fee** per vehicle/float/truck/car (not per group) for all community parade participants. *No fee for High School Marching Bands.*
Please make check payable to ***McNeese Homecoming Parade***.
Fee must accompany form.

Type of Entry (please ☑ check type) Maximum parade unit height is 12 feet.

___Float (description) _____Floats include truck and trailer____

___Truck (# of trucks entered) _____Without trailers_____

___Car (# of cars entered) _____

___Marching Unit (# of persons) _____ Number of Entries___

___Other (please describe) _____ Total Amount $_____

Your entry number will be given upon receipt of application.
<u>This number is for judging purposes only. It is to be displayed on the passenger side of your tow vehicle, car, truck, or float.</u>

Return completed form with payment by mail or in person on or before
<u>Friday, October 11, by 4:00 p.m.</u> to:

McNeese State University
University Services & Campus Life
Homecoming Parade
Box 92535
Lake Charles, LA 70609

Information and Rules

1. Date of Parade: **Thursday, October 17, 2013**
2. Line-up time: **3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Parade time: **7:00 p.m.**
3. Line-up location: **Stadium Complex, Freshman Parking Lot A**
4. Parade Route: **Marching bands will be folded in with the floats at University Methodist Church. The parade will primarily travel south on Ryan Street and travel to McNeese Street. Turn east on McNeese Street and travel back to the Cowboy Stadium to disembark.**
5. Theme: **Cowboy Strong**
1. Opponents: Sam Houston State University; Mascot is the Bearkats; Colors are orange and white.
2. Awards: Three divisions will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. University Large, University Small, Community Small and Large.
3. A Pep Rally and Fireworks will be held adjacent to the disband site in the stadium immediately following the parade.
4. 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 or obscene gestures will be removed from the parade. **NO MUSIC** until 5:30 in line-up, appropriate for all audiences, and volume low during lineup.
    - **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.**
    - **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 decorations on the float upon entry. Driver must stay with vehicle at all times. No drop-offs allowed for float items or riders. Everyone must park in designated areas only.
    - **k.** There will be a designated area for your non- parade entry vehicles 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 the passenger side of the tow vehicle. Your entry number will be used for judging purposes only.**
    - **m.** Line-up is on a first come, first serve basis. Come early.