

Grand Parade 2015 theme: “We Salute Our Law Enforcement”

You are invited to participate in the Old Settler’s Grand Parade, Saturday July 30th at 11:00 a.m. All entrants will start at Ferndale High School and are asked to approach the site by traveling on Vista Drive and turning onto Shuksan Street to the registration booth in front of the cafeteria. Floats and cars will be staged in the large parking lot and horses will be placed in the back lot with the exception of horse-drawns.

OWNERS MUST KEEP ANIMALS OFF SCHOOL GRASS AND ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY AS THEY WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE. OWNERS MUST PROVIDE CLEAN-UP FOR ALL ANIMALS, LARGE OR SMALL. Walking through any sized poop is unpleasant!

Horse-drawn entries will be placed toward the front of the parade and will run through together. Due to lack of space we cannot provide a staging area. Except for special circumstance, **there is no parking available for vehicles not in the parade.** Entries are judged by incorporating the parade theme. If you want to be judged, be lined up by 9:45 a.m. EACH ENTRY REQUIRES A REGISTRATION FORM. Make copies as needed.

- All floats must be equipped with a fire extinguisher per code
- After reaching Pioneer Park at the end of the parade, let people off the float on Third Avenue
- Only pre-registered entries received by July 22nd and arriving by 9:45 a.m. at the parade, will be judged. Horse entries may arrive as needed. Judging is done prior to parade and awards given then. Horse plaques given at sign-in.
- All entries must remain in their assigned position. **No changes in line-up after July 18th.**
- All entries should be in keeping with the spirit of a parade. Decoration of commercial entries and all others is strongly encouraged. Give the spectators something fun and entertaining to see.

IT IS PROHIBITED FOR CANDY OR OTHER PROJECTILES TO BE THROWN FROM THE PARADE ROUTE OR STAGING AREA DUE TO POTENTIAL INJURY TO CHILDREN RUNNING INTO TRAFFIC OR ITEMS DAMAGING PROPERTY.

Complete the enclosed entry form and return it as soon as possible. Line-up order is often determined by when we receive your entry form. Everyone has a good valid reason for being in the front, so in fairness, we cannot honor special requests.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A POST CARD WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE PARADE with your entry # on it. Bring this card with you to aid in registration. **We charge a fee of \$25.00 for all political campaign-related entries with a politician attached or not. Commercial entries are charge \$10.00.** There is **no fee for all other entries** *but purchasing a ribbon at the registration booth at Pioneer Park at the parade’s end to help support our volunteer organization is appreciated.*

With questions, contact Laurie Irwin at (360)224-8128 or email laurie@embcreate.com or visit our website at www.whatcomoldsettlers.com. **Entry forms can be downloaded there, but you still must sign them and mail them to us.**

Old Settler’s Parade Committee - 4958 Pacific Highway Ferndale, WA 98248

KEEP THIS LETTER FOR INFORMATION AND MAIL REGISTRATION FORM

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

Dear Parade Participants,

Due to ‘uncivil behavior’ by a very few people involved in parade participation, we find it necessary to add this letter to our registration materials. Please disregard if you are among the majority of our participants who make this parade a joy for us, the volunteers, to implement.

The following behaviors will result in entries to not be invited back next year:

1. The use of profanity (cursing) at our volunteers directing traffic or giving parade line-up instructions (Entries with children, sadly, are some of our worst offenders; namely, adults dropping off children to participate in entries).
2. Entries that disregard instructions to not create large gaps in the parade. Spectators do not like gaps and we receive **MANY** complaints. Performers, please ride on a truck or perform shorter routines.
3. Entries on motorized vehicles that perform in such a way to endanger spectators or other entries. Yes, you’re very cool, but safety comes first.
4. Entries that disregard instruction to not throw candy or other projectiles into the crowd or onto the parade route, endangering children and others.

With over 100 entries and about 1,000 people involved in a very small space, patience is tried and controlled chaos reigns. However, this is one of the oldest parades in Washington and we volunteers do our very best to present a wonderful experience for participants and spectators alike.

Please share this information with all people involved with your entry. It will only take one uncivil behavior to have your entry not invited back.

Thank you to the majority of you who pleasantly participate year after year.

Old Settler’s Parade Committee

