Pride Parade Times

Houston GLBT Pride Parade

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Sparkle and Shine at Houston's Silver Celebration Pride Parade

Welcome to the 2003 Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade!

We hope you have a thrilling time celebrating our community pride. 2003 marks Houston's 25th annual Pride Celebration and our 7th annual nighttime parade-America's original nighttime pride parade.

Please refer to the map below for the parade route and to the large map inside for your spot in the entry line-up. Make sure you are familiar with and adhere to the parade rules you have been aiven.

Units must line up on time-6 p.m. for floats, 7 p.m. for vehicles, and 7:30 p.m. for walking units. All units must be in place by 8 p.m. and the parade will begin at 8:45 p.m.

Place your unit number in a prominent position for easy viewing by judges. This year, trophies will be presented at the Pride Awards Ceremony Party, which will be held 4-6 p.m., Sunday, June 29, at O. 710 Pacific. Awards will be

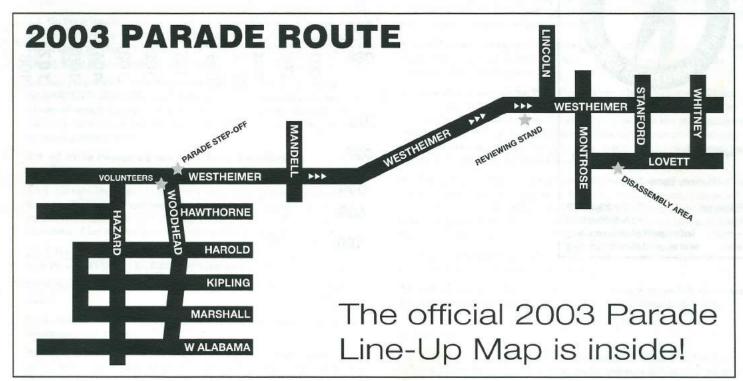
WEATHER REPORT

It's Houston-it will rain sometime during the day! Bring protection for your entry, particularly for your electronic equipment.

In the case of extreme weather, the parade may be cancelled no later than 7 p.m.

presented on the main stage at 5 p.m..

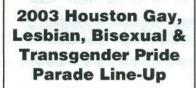
Units not checking in on time or misrepresenting themselves on their parade applications may be denied entry in the parade.



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LINE UP TIMES

6 p.m	floats
	vehicles
7:30 p.m	walking units
8 p.m	all units in place
8:45 p.m. SHAF	RPkick-off



LEGEND

000 Walking/Motorized Unit 000 Float 000 Professional Float



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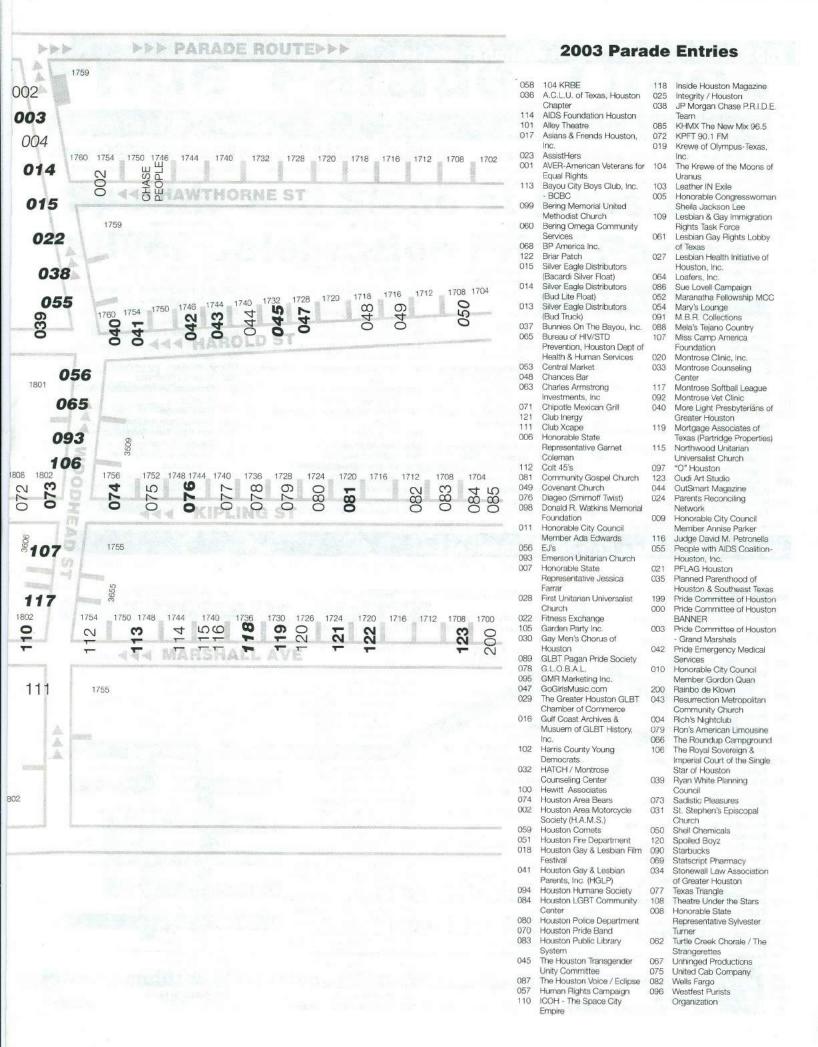
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017	Asians & Friends Houston, Inc.
023	AssistHers
001	AVER-American Veterans for Equal Rights
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099	Bering Memorial United Methodist Church
060	Bering Omega Community Services
068	BP America Inc.
122	Briar Patch
015	Silver Eagle Distributors (Bacardi Silver Float)
014	Silver Eagle Distributors (Bud Lite Float)
013	Silver Eagle Distributors (Bud Truck)
037	Bunnies On The Bayou, Inc.
065	Bureau of HIV/STD Prevention,
	Houston Dept of Health & Human Services
053	Central Market
048	Chances Bar
063	Charles Armstrong Investments, Inc.
071	Chipotle Mexican Grill
121	Club Inergy
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2003 Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade Rules

1. General

- 1.1 To be part of the 2003 Pride Parade, each organization must submit an official application and entry fee to the Parade Committee of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.
- 1.2 All applicants/entries must agree to the following rules and are responsible to inform all participants of these rules.
- 1.3 Applications will not be accepted after June 17, 2003.
- 1.4 A representative of each Pride Parade entry must attend a Mandatory Meeting at 7 p.m. on June 17, 2003, at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Exception: Applying organizations with headquarters based more than 50 miles from Houston are exempt from attending this meeting.
- 1.5 Pride Parade lineup begins on June 28, 2003 at 4 p.m. and the Parade starts promptly at 8:45 p.m.
- 1.6 As it is impossible to anticipate every situation that may arise, no conduct that violates any statute of the State of Texas or any ordinance of the City of Houston will be tolerated. Any entry violating applicable law will be prohibited from participating in the Pride Parade.

2. Pride Parade Entry Requirements

- 2.1 Prospective entrants must submit a completed 2003 Pride Parade application. All of the applicant's contact information must be complete and verifiable. Questionable contact information may delay or prevent the processing of the application. Once the application is approved, the applicant will be known as a Parade entry.
- 2.2 An entry fee must be included with each Pride Parade application. Entry fees vary depending upon the IRS classification of the applying organization. IRS classification will be defined as either "non-profit" or "for-profit" and will be determined by the applying organization's actual tax exemption status.
- 2.3 No Pride Parade entry may solicit money or pledges as it travels the course of the Parade route. No Pride Parade entry or other organization may solicit along the Parade route during the time span covered by the Parade permit of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.
- 2.4 Any Pride Parade entry that includes any type of participation by a business that is identifiable on or in the actual entry through elements such as on- or off-vehicle signage, sound announcements, "throw" items or clothing must pay the business entry fee, regardless of the tax status of the official sponsoring organization.

2.5 All Pride Parade entries must meet the following requirements:

- 2.5.1 All vehicles in each Pride Parade entry must be able to navigate the entire Parade route and make all turns required without difficulty. All vehicles are required to be in good operating condition. Stalled vehicles will be escorted from the Parade route at the nearest intersection.
- 2.5.2 No vehicle may be longer than 50 feet, higher than 14 feet, or wider than 16 feet. Width of wheelbase may not exceed 12 feet.
- 2.5.3 No vehicle may have wheels that extend beyond fenders or other guards.
- 2.5.4 Radiators of all vehicles and floats must remain uncovered to prevent overheating and stalling.
- 2.5.5 The City of Houston Fire Marshal has ordered that all motorized and/or illuminated Parade entries must carry a "type ABC" fire extinguisher. Parade entries lacking such fire extinguishers, by the start of the Parade, will not be allowed to participate.
- $2.5.6\,$ Any Pride Parade entry longer than 50 feet will be assessed an additional \$75 fee. No entry may be longer than 75 feet. The Parade

Committee reserves the right to measure any entry if length is questionable Entries longer than 75 feet will be denied participation in the Parade.

- 2.6 All motorized vehicles, in any Parade entry, must have no fewer than two people (one on each side) walking as "wheel monitors." The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. recommends one monitor at each wheel.
- 2.7 All Pride Parade entries must be positioned and ready to proceed by 7 p.m. Entries not "set to go" by 7 p.m. will be denied participation.

3. Prohibited Entries

3.1 Only registered and approved entries may participate in the Pride Parade. Any individual or group not adhering to set rules or not registered and approved by the Parade Committee of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. will be removed from the Parade line-up by the Houston Police Department and could be subject to arrest (if deemed uncooperative) and/or suspension from future participation.

4. Dress and Behavior Code

- 4.1 The Parade Committee encourages all participants to appear in appropriate attire and engage in conduct that celebrates true GLBT "Pride." The goal of the Pride Parade is to promote not only pride, but also unity and the appreciation of diversity. No group or individual participant who displays dress or conduct contrary to this ideal will be tolerated. No dress or behavior demeaning to any other group will be tolerated.
- 4.2 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. encourages all Pride Parade participants to show respect for all genders, ages, races, cultures, lifestyles, faiths, and sexual orientations. All participants are asked to display an attitude that promotes pride in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Participants may not use profanity, obscene gestures or show other improper conduct toward any other group or individual participant or spectator.
- 4.3 In the event that any individual spectator or group of spectators protests or heckles any individual or group represented in the Parade (or the Parade as a whole), all Parade participants are encouraged to ignore the situation and to refrain from responding in like manner.
- 4.4 Both realistic and comedic male and female impersonations are welcome in the Pride Parade, providing that such presentations adhere to all rules governing dress and behavior.
- 4.5 Any apparel worn in the Pride Parade must comply with the obscenity statutes of the State of Texas and the public decency ordinances of the City of Houston. The minimum attire for any participant is no less than square-cut jogging shorts for men and, additionally, a tank top for women. No bikinis, athletic supporters, posing straps, G-strings, bras or panties (worn alone) are permitted to appear in the Pride Parade.
- 4.6 See-through clothing is not permitted unless the undergarments meet the above requirements for proper attire. For example, those wearing chaps will be required to wear suitable attire underneath to prevent any public exposure of anatomy that would violate Section 43.21 and all other related sections of the Texas Penal Code.
- 4.7 Sexual paraphernalia, real or simulated sex acts, genital or phallic representations are prohibited from the Pride Parade.
- 4.8 Decisions as to the propriety of any attire being worn, or behavior being displayed, in the Pride Parade, may be made by any Parade Committee Chairperson.

5. Awards

5.1 Awards for exceptional Pride Parade entries will be presented in the following categories. Eligibility for a specific category will be determined by answers previously given on the Parade application.

RUBY SLIPPER - Best walking unit

GYPSY ROSE - Best out-of-town unit

EDISON - Best lighting on a non-professionally built unit

HOUSTON - Best non-professionally built motorized unit

RAINBOW LIGHTS - Best lighting on a professionally built unit

TEXAS - Best professionally built motorized unit

Open to all entries:

STONEWALL - Best commemoration of Pride

SILVER CELEBRATION - Best interpretation of theme

SPIRIT OF MONTROSE - Best overall entry

- 5.2.1 All Pride Parade entries will be judged by guests of the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. These judges will evaluate entries independently from the Parade Committee or the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. Parade entries will be given an equally allotted amount of time to perform before the judges' review stand.
- 5.2.2 Except for this brief allotment, all entries should perform and/or move, continuously and consistently, throughout the Parade without impeding the flow or progression of the Parade. Entries that delay or interrupt the flow of the Parade may be disqualified from the award competition and possibly suspended from future Pride Parade participation.

6. Personal Safety

- 6.1 All Pride Parade participants should be aware of the possibility of heat exhaustion and/or stroke. Each individual involved in an entry should be made aware of the hazards associated with marching and participating in the Parade. Flashlights, light clothing and reflective tape/decals are strongly encouraged.
- 6.2 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. does not assume or accept responsibility for the health and well being of any participant.

7. Item Distribution ("Throws") During the Pride Parade

- 7.1 Items to be thrown or distributed during the Pride Parade route must have been previously approved by one of the Parade Committee Chairpersons. The only items that will be considered for "throwing" approval are: glow sticks, stress balls, key chains, plastic cups, temporary tattoos, beads, clothing, koozies and hats.
- 7.2 No "throw" item will be approved without the prior submission of a sample of said item(s) to one of the Parade Committee Chairpersons. Samples may be mailed with the Pride Parade application or brought to the Mandatory Meeting.
- 7.3 Approval of any and all "throw" items will be confirmed (by any one of the Parade Committee Chairpersons) at the Mandatory Meeting and no items will be approved after that date.
- 7.4 Any participant in the Pride Parade (and his respective group/entry) discovered throwing items not approved by a Parade Committee Chairperson is subject to a charge for clean-up costs and/or suspension from future Parade participation.
- 7.5 No participant in the Pride Parade may throw or distribute condoms, dental dams and/or personal/sensual lubricant to any person under 17 years of age. The above items may be **handed** to persons over the age of 17 years, but never randomly "thrown" to the spectators in general.
- 7.6 No participants in the Pride Parade may distribute sexually explicit or suggestive material.
- 7.7 Literature, glitter, confetti, streamers, coins, tokens or similar materials may not be "thrown" or distributed by any Pride Parade participant.

7.8 Items thrown or distributed by Pride Parade participants must have some intrinsic value, providing enough enticement for spectators to keep the item rather than tossing it on the ground.

8. Alcohol and Illegal Substances

- 8.1 No participant in the Pride Parade will be permitted to consume alcohol or use illegal or controlled substances during the Parade, nor before or after the Parade at any line up, assembly or disbanding site.
- 8.2 Any individual under the influence of a prohibited substance will not be allowed to drive any vehicle participating in the Pride Parade. Any participant violating this rule will be ejected from the Parade and his/her group's entry will be removed from the Parade by the Houston Police Department.

9. Clean-Up and Trash

9.1 In order to limit clean-up costs and hence entry fees, each entry is required to be equipped with plastic trash bags for depositing trash and litter accumulated by the entry's participants before, during and after the Parade. Entries found in violation of this provision are subject to being assessed a portion of the clean-up costs.

10. Extreme Weather Policy

- 10.1 In the event of extreme weather, including but not limited to rain, the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the Pride Parade. Notice of cancellation will be announced by the Pride Committee's telephone answering device at 713-529-6979 and through any willing and available media. This announcement will be made no later than two hours before the scheduled line-up time.
- 10.2 In the event of a cancellation, Pride Parade fees will not be refunded.

11. Rule Enforcement and Appeal

- 11.1 The above rules and regulations are subject to the interpretation of the Parade Committee Chairpersons and will be enforced by the Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.
- 11.2 Appeal of any Parade Committee Chairperson's interpretation and/or application of these rules may be made to the President of the Board of Directors of the Pride Committee Houston, Inc., whose decision will be final.
- 11.3 The Parade Committee Chairpersons and the President of the Board of the Pride Committee of Houston have the right to remove any Parade participant for non-compliance to any of the rules stated herein.
- 11.4 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. retains the right to assess additional repair or clean-up costs to any entry causing damage, generating excessive litter or abandoning refuse.

11.5 The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application.

Fees:

\$100 non-profit organization

\$400 for-profit organization (business)

\$100 each additional for-profit represented by a single Parade entry

\$ 10 each animal that could possibly leave waste on the street

\$ 75 any entry with an overall length greater than 50 feet

\$200 for consideration of any Parade application postmarked later than May 31, 2003

\$ 40 charge for throwing or distributing APPROVED items.

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