

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ragtime Reunion 2024 HOMECOMING PARADE – Saturday, September 28, 2024 Tentative 11:00 a.m. start – 9:00 a.m. lineup

Entries participating in the 2024 UW Homecoming Parade will enter from 9th Street onto Ivinson Avenue. **More detailed** *parade check-in and additional information will be announced closer to the event.* City police will be blocking off access via side streets; this route will provide the only open access to lineup locations.

A Parade Representative will call your chairperson several days prior to the parade to provide you with your specific check-in time. Parade representatives will direct you to your correct lineup position upon arrival.

Thank you for participating in the 2024 Homecoming Parade! We hope you enjoy this great UW tradition. Here are some rules and regulations to help you with the process:

- 1) Organizations wishing to participate must fill out the form below, complete with the contact person's name and cell phone number, an entry description, and type of vehicle used if applicable. Please electronically submit the 2024 Homecoming Parade Entry Form no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13.**
- 2) Parade entries must be the work of the organization(s) and not the work of a commercial firm. All floats are encouraged to comply with the 2024 theme, "Ragtime Reunion."
- 3) Cost of entries must be kept below \$500. Each organization is on its honor to stay within this limit and will be responsible for paying for its own float.
- 4) Organizations must clearly display their name on the float entry.
- 5) All float entries must be able to travel the entire parade route, clear all obstructions, and turn 90-degree corners. Float entries obstructing parade progress will be disqualified and must be immediately removed from the parade route.
- 6) Parade participants must conduct themselves in an appropriate public manner and comply with all applicable university, local, and state regulations. These regulations may be enforced by the appropriate agencies. Any violations may result in immediate disqualification from the parade and immediate removal of your entry from the

parade route. We encourage the use of our school colors on all entries with a sincere effort to create a University of Wyoming themed float or walking group.

- 7) Floats with riders not walking on the street are required to remain seated during the parade. Jumping on and off a moving entry during the parade is not allowed and will be strongly enforced. Any violations will result in immediate disqualification from the parade and immediate removal of your entry from the parade route.
- 8) Walking groups competing in either the campus or off-campus divisions must stay in formation along the entirety of the parade route and perform a uniform drill/routine. They will be judged on execution of drill/routine, spirit, and costuming.
- 9) Distributing leaflets or other materials and straying from the float/formation along the parade route is prohibited. Candy distribution is allowed.
- 10) Spraying water at parade spectators along the route is strictly prohibited. The use of water guns and/or water balloons is also not permitted in the parade.
- **11**) Alcohol use or noticeable alcohol intoxication at any time during lineup or during the parade will result in immediate disqualification and immediate removal of your entry from the parade.
- 12) UWAA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and require immediate removal of an entry from the parade when they determine that an organization has not complied with parade rules and regulations. Noncompliance may also result in your organization being suspended from participating in future Homecoming parades.

<u>Political Candidates Note:</u> The UW Alumni Association welcomes participation in the Homecoming Parade by candidates running for political office. However, there **MUST** be a sincere effort to create a University of Wyoming Homecoming themed float or walking group, utilizing brown and gold and UW themed decorations. Candidates are also asked to limit their candidate signs to 5 signs per float or walking group. IF THESE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICATE IN THE HOMECOMING PARADE. Pamphlets may not be handed out or thrown to the parade crowd. Currently serving state (5) and national (3) elected officials are invited to ride in the parade in transportation provided by the UW Alumni Association.

Please keep a copy of the 2024 Homecoming Parade Entry Form for your organization's information. ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE NOT SUBMITTED AN AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE.

If your organization receives a trophy for the 2024 Homecoming Parade, you are responsible for that trophy for one year. These traveling trophies must be returned to the Alumni Association at the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Room 101 by July 1, 2024. If the trophy becomes misplaced or lost, the organization that was awarded the trophy will be held financially responsible. Cost of trophies can exceed \$250.