

## **Parade Information and Rules**

Unity in the Community is excited to announce that it is expanding the Disability Parade from previous years. This is the first year where the parade will travel through downtown Spokane to demonstrate the Spokane region's respect, support, and honoring of our diverse communities.

### **PURPOSE**

Unity in the Community is sponsoring the Unity Parade to represent Spokane's diverse cultures, communities, and people. The parade is designed to be a time of celebration and joy for how our similarities and differences make us a stronger and better community.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

We expect all groups participating in the parade to agree to the following guidelines:

- Parade participants shall focus their messages on the parade theme and the joy of celebrating and sharing their culture, identity, or community.
- All people and groups are honored for their contribution to the Spokane region.
- No images or messages that promote or condone hate, violence, degradation, negative stereotypes, or disrespect of any person(s) or groups are permitted.
- The parade is non-partisan and all people are welcome to participate.

### **DAY OF PARADE**

START TIME - Parade begins promptly at 9:00 am

PARADE LINE-UP – All entrants must arrive by 8:00 am to check-in and receive assigned numbers for parade location. Lineup positions are assigned at the discretion of the Parade Committee. Lineup location will be sent to participants closer to the event date.

### **ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF ANY ITEMS**

You may NOT throw candy, buttons, literature etc... of any kind. If you would like to pass out items you MUST have walkers pass them out.

### **COMPLETE PARADE ROUTE**

All units are required to complete the entire parade route

### **Vehicle Participation**

The vehicle driver must present a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance at parade check-in if asked. Any vehicle without this proof will be denied entry into the parade. Any person operating a vehicle in the Parade; whether powered, self powered, or non-powered does so at his or her own risk, bearing all liability for any and all damages or loss of personal property and/or any personal injuries sustained to themselves or other person(s).

### **SIRENS, HORNS & LOUD NOISES**

Please be conservative when sounding sirens, horns and loud noises. Be aware of volume and the duration of the noise on the parade route to minimize noise discomfort for sensitive ears. Do not allow your volume to interfere with the other performances, or to startle animals or participants.

### **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUG USE PERMITTED**

Consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit illegal drugs during lineup or the actual parade is grounds for immediate expulsion from the event.

### **PARADE ENTRY**

Make sure to include a script for the Parade announcer for your entry.

Once registration is completed on line the Parade Committee will review it for approval. Once approved a confirmation email, Parade Pass, and Festival map will be mailed to you.

### **PARADE LIMITATIONS**

Unity in the Community has the right to bar and/or remove from parade those that are not conforming to the rules or violate the spirit of the parade. The Parade Committee will NOT accept, allow, or permit into the parade or related activities any group or organization that violate the Parade Principles. Persons or groups not listed in the official parade line-up will NOT be permitted to participate. The Parade Committee has full and final decisions regarding participation in the Parade.

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The applicant, in consideration of the acceptance of this application and permission to participate as a parade entrant in the Unity in the Community Parade, releases Unity in the Community and all other sanctioning bodies, sponsoring companies, and their respective agents, officials, contractors, representatives, elected and appointed officials, successors and assigns from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action, arising from participation in the Parade. Whether such action arises from action as an exhibitor, spectator, participant, competitor or otherwise, whether prior to, during or subsequent to the event, regardless of whether or not the same may have been contributed to, or occasioned by the negligence of any of the aforementioned organizations, the applicant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Unity in the Community and all other organizations listed against any and all liability incurred as a result of or in any way connected with participation in the Unity in the Community Parade. The applicant also agrees to hold Unity in the Community and all other aforementioned organizations harmless in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to property or persons arising from participation in the Unity in the Community Parade. This shall be binding on the applicant, its heirs, successors and assigns.

By registering to the Unity Parade, I ACKNOWLEDGE that I have READ, UNDERSTAND and AGREE TO all the terms and conditions of this application. I also ACKNOWLEDGE that by submitting an application, I relieve the Unity in the Community, the Parade Committee,

and the City of Spokane or any person volunteering with the parade and all sponsoring agencies of any kind all liability from personal injury or property damage. Each group agrees to accept and abide by these terms and conditions with this submission. It is understood that any failure to meet or adhere to the above requirements may result in my group being unable to participate in the parade.