

RIDGEWOOD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, INC. - **PARADE AWARDS 2018**

FLOATS ARE JUDGED AT 8:00 AM. ALL OTHER GROUPS ARE JUDGED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.

FLOATS

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Workmanship and Materials (20 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective use of materials • Handmade items score higher than store bought • Use of hand built structures (arches, bridges, etc.) <p>Creativity/Artistic Design/Originality (30 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colors fit with theme of float • Use of Special effects (smoke, bubbles, laser lights, etc.) • Use of animation (moving parts) • Use of live plants and natural materials <p>Overall Appeal (20 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Float has crowd appeal • Float flows together and is balanced • Float is designed to be viewed from all sides <p>Theme (15 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of float portrays theme of Parade • Maintains spirit of Fourth of July <p>Personnel and Costuming (15 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel smile, connect with audience • Costumes fit with theme and design of float 	<p>Best Overall Float</p> <p>Best School Group Float – 1st place Best School Group Float – 2nd place</p> <p>Best Float Workmanship – 1st place Best Float Workmanship – 2nd place</p> <p>Most Creative Float – 1st place Most Creative Float – 2nd place</p> <p>Best Portrayal of Parade Theme – 1st place Best Portrayal of Parade Theme – 2nd place</p> <p>Best Personnel and Costumes – 1st place Best Personnel and Costumes – 2nd place</p> <p>Best Mini-Float</p>

MUSICAL GROUPS – MARCHING

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Entire group is marching in step Uniform spacing between marchers Musical content Quality of musician-ship Group's dress is neat and uniform</p>	<p>Best Marching Musical Group – 1st Place Best Marching Musical Group – 2nd Place</p>

MUSICAL GROUPS – ON FLOAT

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Musical content Quality of musician-ship Group's dress is neat and uniform</p>	<p>Best Musical Group on Float – 1st Place Best Musical Group on Float – 2nd Place</p>

VISUAL EFFECTS TEAMS (flags, rifles, batons, sabers, etc. accompanying a Marching Musical Group)

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Entire group is marching in step Uniform spacing between marchers Movements enhance musical groups' overall performance Mastery of equipment use Group's dress is neat and uniform</p>	<p>Best Visual Effects Team – 1st Place</p>

COLOR GUARDS (uniformed marchers escorting the Flag)

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Entire group is marching in step Uniform spacing between marchers Group's dress is neat and uniform</p>	<p>Best Color Guard – 1st Place Best Color Guard – 2nd Place</p>

GENERAL MARCHING GROUPS

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Originality Interesting Creative Sharp, not sloppy Patriotic Follows the theme of the Parade Honors the Fourth of July</p>	<p>Best Marching Group – 1st Place Best Marching Group – 2nd Place</p>

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The Ridgewood Fire Department coordinates judging of Fire Departments. Please contact the Chief's Office with any questions.