

RIDGEWOOD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, INC. - PARADE AWARDS 2023

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

FLOATS

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

MUSICAL GROUPS – MARCHING

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

MUSICAL GROUPS – ON FLOAT

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

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

Judging Criteria	Awards
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	Best Visual Effects Team – 1 st Place

COLOR GUARDS (uniformed marchers escorting the Flag)

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

GENERAL MARCHING GROUPS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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