

RIDGEWOOD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, INC. - PARADE AWARDS 2024

2024 Theme – United We Play

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

FLOATS

Judging Criteria	Awards
<p>Overall Appeal</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>Workmanship and Materials</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</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>Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of float portrays theme of Parade • Maintains spirit of Fourth of July <p>Personnel and Costuming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel smile, connect with audience • Costumes fit with theme and design of float 	<p>Overall Best</p> <p>Best Portrayal of Theme</p> <p>Most Patriotic</p> <p>Most Entertaining</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>Marching Musical Group – 1st Place 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>Musical Group on Float – 1st Place 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</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>Color Guard – 1st Place 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>Overall Best Group Most Patriotic Group</p>