



BIG SANDY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE    BIG SANDY AREA LIONS CLUB

**July 4, 2026 "AMERICA STRONG"**

Parade Entry Form

**Line up – 7:15pm Judging – 7:30-8:15pm Parade begins – 8:30pm**

*If you or your group wish to be a part of this fun event, please complete this form and return to Linda Baggett via email ([popdobbie@gmail.com](mailto:popdobbie@gmail.com)) or drop of at Big Sandy City Hall **no later than Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, text 903-720-4021.***

You will be notified of your **Parade Route Number** via text to the cell number you provide. Any changes in the schedule or route will be sent via text and posted on the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Physical address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry:  
 First Responder     Float/Truck     Car/Motorcycle Group     Band  
 Walking Group     Horse     Other (explain in comments)

Total length of entry (in feet) including both vehicle and trailer, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your parade entry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, agree that I have read and understand the guidelines included with the entry form and agree to abide by them. I agree that the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce, Big Sandy Area Lions Club, City of Big Sandy, nor any agent, employee or volunteer assumes any responsibility for any personal injury or property damage suffered in connection with the parade. I agree to release and hold harmless such parties from any claims for injury or damage.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parate route # \_\_\_\_\_



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**July 4, 2026 PARADE THEME & PRIZES ~ LINE UP ~ GUIDELINES**

**THEME    "AMERICA STRONG"**

Celebrate high points in our Nation's 250-year history...starting with the initial settlers, those who framed our Constitution and government, inventions that changed lives and our world, the space race, and more! Get creative and be **"AMERICA STRONG."**

The judges will review each entry BEFORE the parade begins. Here's the criteria:

1. How well does your entry represent the theme? Is it creative?
2. Enthusiasm: Are your participants just hanging out or are they having fun?

**PRIZES!!!**

The Big Sandy Area Lions Club has donated \$500 in prize money:

**1<sup>st</sup> place    \$250                      2<sup>nd</sup> place    \$150                      3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100**

Judges' selections will be announced and prizes awarded during the parade from the review stand located outside the Elementary parking lot.

**LINE UP...**

You will receive your **PARADE ROUTE NUMBER** via text to the cell number you provided.

\*Turn north off FM 2911 on to **HAMILL BLVD.** and continue around **BOULDER** then to **WILEY BLVD** until you find your **PARADE ROUTE NUMBER**. After the parade, please continue down Wildcat Drive to College Street and follow the directions of the Big Sandy Police Officer on duty. **DO NOT STOP IN THE STREET TO UNLOAD. PULL TO SIDE OF ROADWAY.** Any questions? Text Linda at 903-720-4021.

**PARADE GUIDELINES – VERY IMPORTANT**

**FLOATS & VEHICLES**

- ✓ All parade vehicles, which are not street legal, can only be driven in the parade.
- ✓ The height of each float is limited to 8 feet above the bed of the supporting vehicle, including participants. In no case will a float, vehicle or entry exceed a maximum height of 13' 6".
- ✓ Any float 50 feet in length or more must be approved by Parade Chair or Chamber President.
- ✓ All items on floats and vehicles must be properly secured so they won't cause a hazard to any participant or spectator.
- ✓ All Floats, vehicles, and entries must have a person 21 years of age or older as a driver.

**OPERATING A VEHICLE**

- ✓ All drivers must have a current driver's license and a copy of a valid vehicle insurance verification at the time of the parade.
- ✓ No person operating a vehicle or other moving equipment shall be permitted to operate a cellular device, including no texting, while in the parade route.
- ✓ All drivers must have a clear and unobstructed view in all directions.
- ✓ All drivers must have complete control of moving equipment at all times.
- ✓ All drivers must maintain a steady forward motion at all times and cannot slow down to speed up.

## PARADE GUIDELINES – VERY IMPORTANT (continued)

### PARTICIPANTS

- ✓ Anyone riding on floats or vehicles shall only do so in a safe and reasonable manner, taking into consideration the movement of the floats and vehicles.
- ✓ No participant may leave the float, vehicle, or entry at any time prior to the conclusion of the parade route. (They may not switch from riding to walking and/or back to riding again.)
- ✓ Helmets must be worn by any rider/passenger under the age of 18 years on any scooter, go-cart, motorcycle, ATV, side-by-side, or any similar motorized vehicle or device.
- ✓ Participants are required to yield right of way to all emergency vehicles.

### TRAFFIC CONTROL AND BARRICADES

- ✓ Parade must maintain a forward motion at all times.
- ✓ No person, other than authorized city officials, shall place any sign or device intended to regulate the movement of traffic.
- ✓ NO PARKING is allowed in front of barricades.
- ✓ No signs or other material is permitted to be affixed to any barricade by anyone other than city officials.
- ✓ Only police and/or other personnel authorized by the City of Big Sandy are permitted to direct traffic.

### PROMOTIONAL and/or CANDY HANDOUTS

- ✓ **Participants shall not throw, handout, or project by any means, any items from parade entries. However, participants on foot are allowed to hand out candy and/or promotional items before and/or during the parade within 3 feet of the curb.**

### FIRE PREVENTION

- ✓ All PARADE ENTRIES will be subject to inspection by the Big Sandy Chamber President or his designee. If, for any reason, an entry is found to be hazardous or unsafe, it must be modified to the satisfaction of the Chamber or removed from the parade.
- ✓ Generators must be used in well-ventilated areas and not inside vehicle passenger areas.
- ✓ Fire Zone parking restrictions will be enforced.
- ✓ Smoking will not be allowed.

Thank you for participating in our JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE. Again, if you have any questions, please contact me via text (903-720-4021).

*Linda Baggett - Parade Chair*

*Trey Beahm - Chamber President*

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