

**2009 Bonita Springs July 4th Parade
Guidelines for Participation
The 2009 Parade will be held 9 a.m. on July 4**

1. All participants must complete an entry form. Deadline to submit a form and payment for an entry that will be judged in the parade is July 1, 2009. Those who do not enter by the deadline will not be judged. Participants who submit an entry form by June 22, 2009, will also be listed in the parade program.
2. All participants must pay an entry fee.
(Equestrian Entry -- \$10; Walking/Dancing Entry -- \$20; Float/Vehicle Entry -- \$35)
All entry fees are used to fund the parade, i.e., purchasing awards, printing of parade program, and other such costs. The Bonita Springs Professional Firefighters' Union does not benefit financially from fees received from this event.
3. Only participants who complete an entry form and submit an entry fee are eligible to be judged. Others may participate in the parade, but will not be eligible to receive an award and will not be listed in the parade program.
4. **All entries must maintain continuous movement throughout the parade route.**
No entries will be permitted to stop in front of the judges stand, or elsewhere along the parade route, for dance routines or other performances. This is necessary to maintain spacing between all entries.
5. **The 2009 July 4th Parade will begin promptly at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 4.**
All entries are required to line up at 8 a.m. All entries should report to Bonita Drive and proceed to their assigned street. Parade staff will be available at Bonita Drive to direct participants to their assigned streets. Participants will also be contacted prior to the parade to receive their street assignments and entrant numbers.
6. The parade route will travel south on Old 41 Road, turn right on Hampton Street, turn right again on to Front Street, and will end at Riverside Park.
7. Trophy presentations will be at Riverside Park, immediately after the parade.
8. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Equestrian Entry Division	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
Non-Motorized Division	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
Motorized Division	1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
Grand Prize Award	Overall best entry in any category
9. Entrants can win only one award. Example: One entrant will not be eligible for an award in the category and for the grand prize.
10. Parade staff will be dressed in "parade staff" t-shirts on parade day. They will be located along the parade route, at the judges' reviewing stand in front of the Community Hall and in the entry line-up area. They will be able to answer any questions you have and can be alerted to any medical emergencies.
11. Contact Parade Coordinator FF Bruce Sheffield at 239-287-6515 or at Sheffield@bonitafire.org.