



# 2018 Chinese Cultural Spring Festival Parade Registration

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The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Chinese Spring Festival Parade along the historic Downtown Jackson streets will be educational and entertaining as our community experiences the Chinese culture and heritage that according to historians, date back to about 1865-1877 in Mississippi. The parade will feature customized floats, elaborate costumes, the Chinese Golden Dragon and Lions, featured Pet Dogs on leashes, student dance teams, flag show, school bands, and more from businesses, organizations, schools, etc.

**Important Dates: February 10, 2018 – Registration Deadline**

**February 17, 2018 – Parade Date**

**Entry Fee:**

**Businesses: \$25.00; Non-Profits & Schools: FREE  
Donations Accepted.**

**Please make checks payable to: Mississippi Chinese Association**



**Floats line up by 1 p.m. Parade begins at 1:30 p.m.**

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## OFFICIAL PARADE RULES

To help maintain safety and order, the parade is LIMITED TO 50 MOTOR VEHICLE ENTRIES on a “First Come, First Serve” basis. Parade passes with line-up number will be issued upon approval of your parade application. Parade passes must be displayed on the dashboard of each participating vehicle before entering the line-up. All materials, decorations, etc. must be on the float or vehicle before line-up.

**NO ALCOHOLIC OR INTOXICATING BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LINE-UP AREA OR ON FLOATS. FLAGRANT CONSUMPTION OF SUCH BEVERAGES ON FLOATS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

## GENERAL RULES

1. It is your responsibility to help maintain safety. Each entry is legally responsible for any accident associated with the aforementioned entry.
2. All parade participants must be decently attired. Sexually indecent dress or offensive behavior will not be allowed. (Please remember there are children watching.)
3. **Amplified music cannot be played after the Parade returns to the Line-up Area.**
4. One person per float entry should be designated as a spokesman and contact person for the entry. They must be 21 years of age or older.
5. If you have any questions or need assistance while at the Parade, JPD officers will be on hand to assist.
6. Plans for the parade lineup and other details will be announced via email by the organizers.
7. Commercial or retail establishments are forbidden from promoting/displaying/distributing their product inside the line-up area or parade/festival site unless they are a corporate sponsor of the parade, or have a vendor license. Further, they are not allowed to distribute/post or display promotional materials on floats or entries other than those sponsored by their company.
8. Floats registered, as Individuals cannot promote a commercial product or company. Floats paying donation for businesses are welcome to promote their company.
9. Motorcycles and ATVs (four-wheelers) are not allowed to ride in the parade.
10. All floats shall have a fire extinguisher and it shall be mounted on either the tractor or the float.
11. Children under 12 years of age shall be seated and secured at all times and the float or unit should be accompanied by two adults minimum throughout the Parade.
12. Floats exceeding 3 feet from grade level must have a ladder.
13. No open flames or cooking on the floats.

## FLOATS

1. Gooseneck trailer floats cannot exceed 35 feet in length. Standard hitch trailers cannot exceed 25 feet in length. The maximum width for any trailer is 12 feet. The number of people per trailer will be limited to one person per 10 square feet of trailer space; for example a trailer 28 feet long and 12 feet wide,  $28 \times 12 = 336$  square feet divided by 10 = 33 people. Height restriction is 14 feet.
2. Each float shall have an appropriately designed and placed safety chain between it and the pulling vehicle.
3. All wheeled trailers and floats must be skirted completely (including the area around tires) to within six inches off the ground using 1/4”-1/2” plywood to prevent people, especially children, from getting beneath vehicles. Construction of skirting must be done before line-up. All trailers must have a safety railing 36 inches high from the base of the trailer using wood,

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metal or a substantial substitute. If you use a pick-up truck as a float, you must have a safety railing on both sides and across the tailgate 4 feet high from the floor of the truck bed using wood, metal or a substantial substitute.

4. All floats and vehicles will be inspected by the Jackson Fire or Police Department prior to the parade. Any float or person not in compliance will be suspended from the parade.
5. No person shall be allowed to get on and off a float after the parade begins, except for emergency reasons. In the case of emergency, the float should pull to the curb and stop. The person involved in the emergency will be removed and the float can re-enter the parade.

### POINT PEOPLE

Each motor vehicle entry (cars, trucks, vans, etc.) in the parade must supply a minimum of four Point People (two in back, two in front) to walk alongside the vehicle in order to keep the crowd at a safe distance. ALL FLOATS must now supply a minimum of 6 point people (three per side).

### PULL VEHICLES

1. A pull vehicle may be a car, pick-up truck, semi-truck cab or tractor that is suitable in size and weight to pull the trailer. No eighteen wheel tractor/trailer rigs are allowed. There will be no exceptions. Farm tractors are encouraged as pull vehicles.
2. All pull vehicles shall be occupied by 1 driver and 1 spotter. No other persons will be allowed to be in or on any pull vehicle. No one may ride in the bed of a towing vehicle. It is the spotter's responsibility to observe the riders on the float and the walkers for any sign of a problem and notify the driver to stop immediately.
3. All vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver and have current license plates on the pull vehicle and trailer.
4. All laws which apply toward operating a motor vehicle will be enforced during the parade by the JPD. While operating a vehicle, drivers may be detained by the JPD for violations of the law such as drinking and driving, driving recklessly, etc.
5. Pull vehicles are inspected...horns, blinkers, brakes etc. must be in good working order.

### THROWS

1. **Absolutely NO Trinkets can be thrown from the Driver's side of the pull vehicle or tossed or handed out to the front or rear of the float.**
2. Discarding of debris, trash and packaging shall be prohibited along the parade route.
3. Absolutely no candy, playing cards, paper products, silly string or condoms may be thrown. If you are seen throwing condoms, you will be removed from the parade and not allowed to participate in the future.
4. All throws should be tossed out and away from floats to discourage children from running into the streets.

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## Registration Form

**You must be 21 or older to register for the parade.**

Organization/Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Policy Information: Name of Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE PARADE UNLESS YOU PROVIDE PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PULL VEHICLE. You should also be prepared to show proof of liability at parade check-in.**

**Mandatory Agreement:** I/We have read the above rules and regulations and do hereby agree to meet those rules, terms and conditions as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations Committee and Jackson Police Department. I/We understand that if my float or entry does not comply with the specifications set forth, then I/we will not be accepted for participation in the parade. For good and valuable consideration, I/we, the undersigned, for myself, the organization/company that I have been duly authorized to act on behalf of, my/our successors, heirs and assigns, Release and Forever Discharge the parade sponsor, Mississippi Chinese Association, the City of Jackson, Jackson Police Department, Hinds County Sheriff's Department, their official, employees, agents, volunteers or assigns, from all claims, causes of action or judgments that I/we may have or claim to have, for any and all personal injuries, including death, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of my/our involvement with the 2018 Chinese Spring Festival Parade.

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

Please complete and mail the Registration along with your check and donation (if you would like to donate) by no later than February 10, 2018 to:

**Mississippi Chinese Association  
105 Wellington Way  
Madison, Mississippi 39110**

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