

PARTICIPANT RULES
for
LOVELAND ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
HOMECOMING PARADE

- You may arrive at the VFW Hall or your assigned Staging Area beginning at **3:30pm**
- Float Vehicles should arrive empty. All vehicle drivers must know what group they are there to transport. Vehicles then will be directed to their pre-assigned parking location.
- All parade participants must be at the VFW Hall or your assigned staging area NO LATER than **5:00pm**.
- All high school athletes and band members will be bused to the VFW Hall from the high school back parking lot at 4:30pm. Coaches must be present for the team to board the buses. Teams need to board the bus as a whole. This is done to avoid parent drop offs and the massive traffic congestion that occurs at the staging areas.
- All Middle School athletes will board buses at the Middle School parking lot. Coaches must be present for the team to board the buses. Teams need to board the buses as a whole. Again, this is in an effort to cut down on traffic congestion in and out of the staging area.
- All other Participants not getting bus transport will need to park elsewhere and walk into their assigned staging area.
- LYF participants will have a pre-assigned staging area, which will be given to all team parent representatives.
- LYF will bus from Phillips Park @ approximately 5:15. Coaches must accompany their team on bus. 1:10 (coach:kids)
- LYF will split up post-parade to Kiwanis & Phillips Park.
- There is NO PARKING/or DROPOFF available at the VFW staging area. Anyone involved in float decoration, etc. will need to park elsewhere and walk in. All decoration of floats must be completed by 5:00pm – please allow enough time. Anyone assisting with decorations and/or face painting, food etc.; but not riding in the parade, must leave the staging area by 5:00pm as space is limited. Please carpool to this as much as possible.
- Parent volunteers planning on providing food & drink for their athletes will need to hand them a pre-packed meal as they load the bus transports OR park elsewhere and walk the food in; you may not drop off food at the assigned staging area. **INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE REMINDED TO BRING A BOTTLED WATER FOR THEMSELVES TO DRINK DURING THE LONG STAGING PROCESS!!!**
- Late arrivals should be avoided as roads will begin closing around 5:30pm.
- Each group of float participants will be responsible for trash (decorating materials, candy & wrappers) pick up at their staging area from 5:00-5:45pm prior the to the parade start. **THIS IS A MUST FOR PARTICIPATION IN NEXT YEARS PARADE.**
- Please remind your group to “distribute” their candy in a safe manner. This means toss candy underhand; do not try to “bean” their friends. Be extra careful around infants.
- **PARADE ROUTE**, from VFW Hall, proceed West on Loveland Avenue, turn right onto Rich Road, proceed onto the High School.
- At the parade route end, beginning with the Cheerleading truck, all participants will be routed across the drive in front of the school to the band practice field. **YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO UNLOAD ATHLETES OR STOP UNTIL YOU ARE PARKED UP ON THE FIELD.** This is necessary to reduce the risk of injury.
- **PLEASE Under NO circumstances is anyone permitted to dispose of float decorations or straw bails after the parade in ANY dumpsters of ANY of our Loveland businesses !!!! Doing so may result in your group being banned from next years parade !!! All straw bails & decorations need to go home with someone. Garbage should also be trucked out.**