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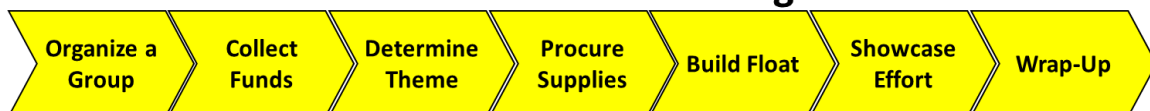
Float Awards

- Best of Parade
- Best Neighborhood
- Most Representative of Theme
- Most Patriotic
- Best Design & Craftsmanship
- Most Entertaining
- Best Class Reunion
- Best Youth Group
- Best Service Group
- Best First Time Entry
- Golden Bear Award
- People's Choice Award

Criteria (scoring system is used to determine award winners)

- Representation of Theme
- Patriotism
- Pride/Sense of Community
- Entertainment Factor
- Design & Craftsmanship
- History/Tradition

Guide to Float Building



*** Please refer to the “Float Builder’s Manual” for more detail on how to build a float.

The manual is located on the UACA website or email uacajuly4floats@gmail.com to receive a copy. ***

Organize a Group

- Start with a core group to solicit support and share responsibility. Ideas include:
 - Chairperson
 - Fundraising
 - Treasurer
 - Theme & Concept
 - Design & Construction
- Utilize channels of communication: Facebook neighborhood pages, group text, email distribution lists, phone calls, neighborhood gatherings, etc.



Float Builders Information



Collect Funds

- UACA provides reimbursements (up to \$2,000 for neighborhoods or \$750 for youth and service organizations and schools)
- Contributions from group members

Determine Theme

- The annual 4th of July theme is announced by the UACA in April.
- Once you know the theme, you can brainstorm a design. It is not a requirement for the float to correspond with the annual theme, but please note Representation of Theme is one of the judging criteria.

Procure Supplies

- Float base (hay wagons, semi-trailers) can be rented from:
 - United Rentals - 614-315-5464, Contact Brittany
 - Kuhlwein's Farm Market - 614-876-2833, Contact Jim
- Lighter materials: lattice strips, chicken wire, cardboard
- Flaring out and down: free movement of tongue and wheels
- Building forms: pomps in chicken wire (cut and mold), petal paper over cardboard (large area), papier-mache
- Finishing touches: fringe and skirting, spray paint, lettering
- Suggested vendors:
 - Blick Art Materials /Sawmill Road (www.DickBlick.com) Cust Ser: 1-800-723-2787 Order: 1-800-828-4548
 - Anderson's (<https://www.andersons.com/school-spirit/parade-float-supplies>)
 - Parade Float Supplies Now (<https://www.paradefloatsuppliesnow.com/>)
 - Oriental Trading (<https://www.orientaltrading.com/>)
 - Party City (<https://www.partycity.com/>)
 - Generators: Sunbelt Rentals 614-876-2605

Build Float

- Select a safe location to build (use tarp or garage to cover if inclement weather)
- **Dimension requirements: Must be able to get below a height of 13'6" (the height of traffic lights). The float does not have to be a tow behind trailer.**
- **Performances**
 - No longer than 60 second performance
 - **Performances only allowed at 6 performance areas** (Donatos, Ridgeview, Northam, Lane, Essex/Guilford, Barrington/Glenn)
 - Sandwich boards along the parade route will indicate key spots
 - Music: start with performance portion to easily cue performance

Showcase Effort

- Plan route to parade: **If police escort is needed to parade staging area, please call at least 1 week prior to parade 614-583-5165**
- Assemble a repair kit for morning of repairs
- No riders on the float on the way to the parade
- On the morning of the parade, the judges will be walking around to view floats. They may ask for a 30 second overview of your float (theme, materials, key points of interest).
- Awards winners announced at Party in the Park on the evening of the 4th of July!



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Wrap Up

- **Use the reimbursement form on the UACA website**
- Take float debris to:
 - Tuesday, July 4th – Friday, July 7th: dumpsters at Thompson Park (McCoy Road Parking Lot) AND Public Service Center (4100 Roberts Road)
 - Monday, July 10th – Friday, July 21st: dumpster at Public Service Center (4100 Roberts Road) during normal business hours (M-F, 7:30am-4:30pm)

Parade Restrictions:

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| ● Throwing candy/other items | ● Riding on the floats to/from parade |
| ● Jumping on/off float(s) | ● No advertising. Cover up corporate logos |
| ● Using squirt guns | ● No political messages or organizations |
| ● Pyrotechnics | ● No alcohol in staging area or parade route |

Other Important Information

- Become a member of the Upper Arlington Civic Association
 - UACA sponsors all 4th of July activities - they are not city funded
 - The UACA also hosts many other events throughout the year
 - [Donate HERE](#)
- Golden Bear and Star Painting for your driveway go on sale May 19th, pricing varies by design
- 4th of July Wake Up calls go on sale June 12th, (\$10 to wake up a friend, \$20 to protect yourself)
- 4th of July Party in the Park tables go on sale June 1st, \$250 for UACA members, \$300 for non-members

Have fun and create traditions with your neighborhood, classes, organization, or group!