

### **ISU Homecoming Parade**

921 South 8th Avenue, Stop 8354 • Pocatello, ID 83209-8354

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Dear Parade Participant:

Thank you for your application to the 2015 "Let The Good Times Roar" ISU Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 17, 2015. I am glad you will be joining us with your big BENGAL PRIDE!

Please read the material enclosed, as it is important for helping the parade run smoothly and safely.

### YOUR GROUP HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO ENTER AT 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE AND SUTTER STREET.

Parade lineup begins at 7:30 a.m. and will be staged on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between the cross streets of Whitman and Humboldt. **The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m.** No entries will be allowed into the staging area before 7:30 a.m. Parade lineup is on a first come first served basis. The parade lineup covers an eight block area. There is no way to determine where you will be in this lineup. **To ensure your group is together we strongly encourage meeting and assembling at an alternate location prior to entering the parade, as space can't be held.** 

Share this letter and the enclosed information with those who are part of your entry. Parents cannot enter 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at any point to drop off children. Children must be walked into the parade staging area. This will be strictly enforced to ensure your safety. If your float is distributing candy, it must be <u>handed</u> to viewers. Floats observed throwing candy will risk future parade participation.

Personal vehicles will not be allowed into the lineup to deliver people, supplies, or candy to entries. Your float should be properly equipped before entering the staging area. Parade officials will only allow registered applicants and vehicles into the staging area.

Marching bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, and dance groups have been assigned special entry points. Officials will occasionally stop the parade to evenly disperse these groups into the parade. Please be patient if a group is entering ahead of you.

Twenty seconds is the maximum time to perform in front of the Alumni Association judges. Judges are located in front of the KIDK building at 214 E. Center.

I look forward to seeing you parade morning and cheering the Bengals on to a big victory! If you have questions, please contact me at 282-2297.

Sincerely,

Heidi Oliver

ISU Homecoming Parade Chair



# IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY Homecoming Parade Safety Guidelines 2015

- 1. Drivers will not allow vehicles to approach other units or let spectators get to close.
- 2. Parade entries must maintain appropriate distances (one car length) from the entry in front of them. Large gaps between entries can pose a safety hazard as can following an entry too closely.
- 3. Parade entries must be structurally sound and safely designed. The main platform must have no holes or hollow areas where someone could fall through. All standing persons must have something on which to hold (i.e., a railing, pole, handle, etc.) or they must be seated at all times.
- 4. Any decorations or debris falling off the parade entries should be picked up by the organization and not left to litter city streets. This includes the staging area.
- 5. For the safety of parade attendees, throwing items such as candy, etc., from the float or vehicle will not be permitted. You may walk along the sidewalk and hand out candy. Entries identified as throwing items risk future parade participation.
- 6. The number of people riding in vehicles shall not exceed the number of people the vehicle is designed to carry (i.e., the number of seat belts in the car). Too many people riding in the car will result in the vehicle being deemed unsafe and will result in the elimination of the car unless revisions are made.
- 7. No one will be permitted to ride on the roof or hood of a moving vehicle.
- 8. All parade entries should take note of the parade route. Your vehicle must be able to make the required turns the route dictates.
- 9. If horses or other animals are involved in the entry, make certain that they are under control at all times and that you clean up after them. Wagons, carts, or any other vehicles should not be pulled by "people power" because hills can present special concerns for safety. Horse trailers may not be parked in the parade lineup area.
- 10. Any participant who violates city, county, or state ordinances or creates a public safety hazard will be referred to the appropriate authorities.
- 11. No vehicle in the parade shall stop en route to load or unload passengers.
- 12. All entries will be decorated in a fashion that represents the current homecoming theme.

  The theme for 2015 is "Let The Good Times Roar." Entries that do not in some way represent the theme risk future parade participation.

# PARADE INFORMATION 2015



## END LOCATION OF THE PARADE HAS CHANGED!

### LINE-UP

Participants will be entered into the line-up in two separate lines. When the parade begins participants from each line will be alternately entered into the parade. If you have more than one unit/group, do not split into two lines enter the same line. There is no way to hold space in the line-up. If you have more than one vehicle/group and you want to stay together, you MUST ENTER TOGETHER.

#### **RESTROOMS**

There are portable restrooms available for use on 1st Ave. under the Benton Street overpass and on 1st Ave. between Putnam and Terry Streets.

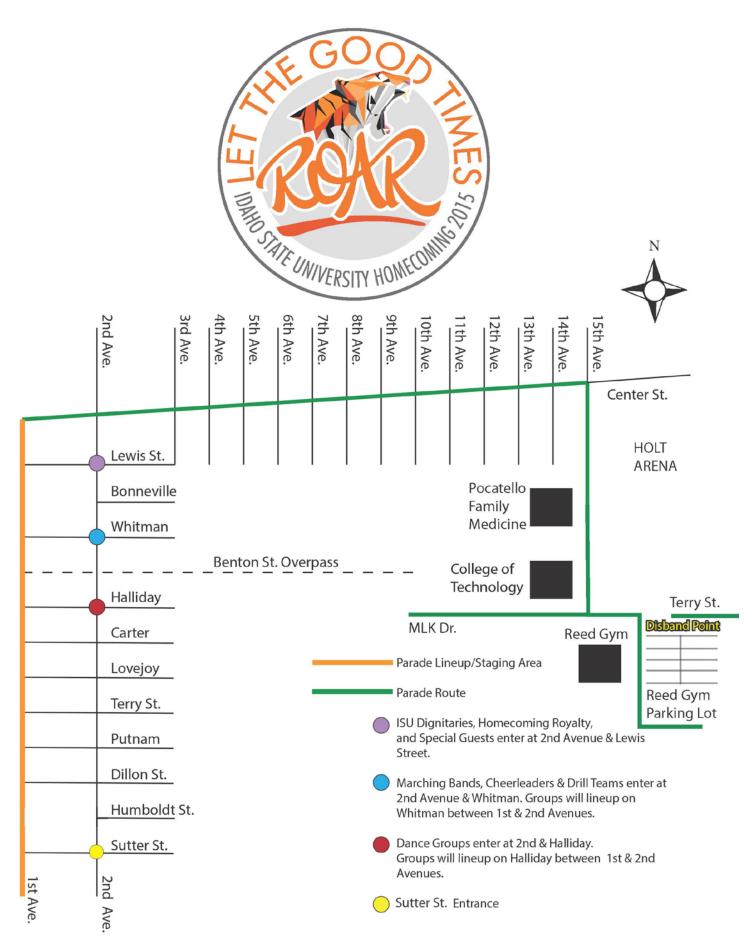
### **END OF PARADE/FLOAT DISBANDING**

The parade officially ends at 15th/Memorial and Martin Luther King Jr. Way (MLK). Floats have two options.

- 1. Floats needing to dismantle and drop off participants should turn left onto MLK and disband in the parking lot to the east of Reed Gym.
- 2. Floats that are road worthy and do not need to drop off participants may turn right and proceed west on MLK and return to the staging area. This is no longer the official parade route and all traffic laws must be obeyed.

### **END OF PARADE PARTICIPANT PICK UP**

Participants may be picked up in the parking lot located to the east of Reed Gym. Cars may drive into the lot and wait to pick up participants. The lot can be accessed via 19th Ave. and Terry St.



The parade will NOT end at Holt Arena please continue on Memorial/15<sup>th</sup> and turn left onto MLK Dr. and disband in parking lot to the east of Reed Gym.