Auburndale Bloodhound Bash 2015
Parade Float Application

Due: Thursday, October 8, 2015

All Auburndale High School Clubs, Sports, and Organizations along with local Auburndale youth organizations and clubs are invited to participate in the AHS Annual Bloodhound Bash Parade. **The Parade will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 7pm.** Staging for the event will begin at 3pm in the Auburndale Stadium parking lot. There will be a mandatory informational meeting for participants on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 6:00 PM in the Auburndale High Media Center. The lineup information will be given to participants at that time.

**Requirements:** All business partners and school organizations must complete the attached forms and abide by the regulations and rules provided. The form must be completed in order to be a part of the parade. Forms must be submitted by **Thursday, October 8, 2015,** to the Jennifer Mills, Academic Dean, at Auburndale High School. In addition, $40 registration fee must be paid in order to have a float in the parade. The float should coordinate with the 2015 Homecoming Theme: “**Hounds Heroes**” (super heroes).

**Deadline for business partners and school organizations:** This application is due Thursday, October 8, 2015, and may be turned in at the parade meeting that evening. Parade applications received after this date will **NOT** be eligible for competition and could **potentially be added onto the END of the parade line-up as space allows.** You may deliver this application to Auburndale High School (attn. Jenn Mills) or bring it with you to the Bloodhound Bash Parade meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 6:00 PM in the AHS Media Center to discuss the rules and expectations for your float.

**Judging:** Judges will evaluate floats by three categories: spirit, design, and use of theme. There will be First (1st), Second (2nd), and Third (3rd) place winner for high school floats. The trophy for the first place float is a “floating” trophy that will be challenged each year and issued to the first place winner.

**Safety Requirements & Measurements:** The safety requirements and measurements are listed below. All items must be in compliance or your float could be disqualified from the parade competition. If you have any questions or concerns regarding measurements and requirements, please contact Jennifer Mills at jennifer.mills@polk-fl.net. Email is the quickest way to communicate with questions regarding the parade.

- Floats must not exceed twelve (12) feet in height and ten (10) feet in width and fifty two (52) feet in length.
  - Smokestacks may reach up to fourteen (14) feet to clear all telephone and electrical wires.
- Floats must be able to make ninety (90) degree right turns.
- Each float is limited to one pulling vehicle.
- All floats must be mechanically propelled so they can keep TWO (2) car lengths from the preceding float or group throughout the parade.
- It is the responsibility of sponsoring organizations to ensure that **all** vehicle drivers possess the appropriate class of driver’s license and have personal liability insurance. Copies must be submitted with the parade application. License and proof of insurance must be available the day of the parade.
  - If your organization fails to provide copies of the driver’s license **with the application,** your organization will be disqualified from participating in the parade.
- Parade participants may only be on or near the float while on the parade route.
  - All participants on or walking with the float must remain on or walking with it for the duration of the parade. Participants may not get on and off the float during the event.
- All exhaust pipes must extend to the outside of the float.
- **Alcohol is not allowed** during any portion of the parade, including line-up at the Auburndale High School student parking lot. If any participants are found in possession of alcohol or suspected of being
intoxicated on the day of the parade or while working on a school based float, the entire entry will be immediately disqualified from competition and participation in the parade and students/participants may be subject to school disciplinary and/or legal action.

- Candy and/or promotional items are NOT allowed to be thrown from the float. People walking alongside the float may hand candy to parade viewers.

**Limitations:** The following guidelines should be used when decorating your float for the parade.

- Floats decorated in a way that is not in good taste or keeping with good relations for the City of Auburndale and Auburndale High School WILL be disqualified and not permitted to participate in the parade. **YOUR FLOAT REPRESENTS THE CITY, AUBURNDALE HIGH SCHOOL, AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN IT.**
- Student organizations may allow commercial sponsors to be placed on the float. Sponsorship is not allowed for any activity that promotes or suggests the use of alcoholic beverages, or violates any local, state, federal laws and/or policies.
- In regard to attire, participants should dress in a reasonable and appropriate manner. Bathing suits and bikini tops are not permitted. Board shorts and swimming trunks are allowed with appropriate top.
- If at any time a float holds up the parade due to mechanical or obstruction difficulties, it will be automatically disqualified from competition.
- **Safety is a major concern, so ensure that the people on your float know that and act accordingly to maintain a safe environment for everyone at the parade.**

**PARADE LINE UP INFO**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2015**

- Floats may begin to set up in the AHS stadium parking lot beginning at 3pm. All floats must be present at the Auburndale High School Student Parking Lot by 4:30 pm! The people who are riding and walking around these floats must be in the parking lot at 5:30 pm.

- Late floats or parade participants are not guaranteed their spot and may be disqualified from the event.

- All floats may continue to be worked on until 6 pm in the AHS stadium parking lot. If construction runs late, floats will be able to participate in the parade, however, they will be disqualified from the judging. The official line up judging will take place at 6 pm. **3-4:30 PM is Staging, 6 PM is the line up/role call/judging, and 7 PM is “show time”**. The Parade will begin at 7 pm sharp.

- One major rule that will be enforced by security and law enforcement is that **NO vehicles other than the floats will be permitted into the Student Parking Lot**. All of the spots will be filled for floats; therefore room for additional cars will not be allotted. There is room on either side of Stadium Road to park. **If you need to drop off a parade participant, all participants must be dropped off at the front of the school. NO ONE is permitted to drop off in the stadium parking lot!**

- Only street legal vehicles will be permitted in the parade. In addition, no jacked up or monster trucks will be permitted.
Bloodhound Bash Parade 2015
Float Competition
Judging Criteria

Auburndale High School floats will be evaluated in five categories on a rating scale of 0 – 10. Ten (10) points will be the highest possible amount of points received in each category and forty (40) points will be the highest possible amount of points awarded overall. (Community floats are not considered for judging.)

Judging will be based on the following categories:

- Having a theme that corresponds with the 2015 Homecoming Theme (Hounds Heroes) while maintaining creativity, and originality
- Auburndale Bloodhound spirit, including enthusiasm and excitement during parade and direct connection to the Homecoming football game versus Lake Gibson
- Community appeal
- Craftsmanship, including design, safety, appearance of materials and sturdiness, etc.
- Attractiveness, including colors, neatness, shapes and presentation
- Creativity and originality is the key to winning this competition

A panel of judges selected from the Auburndale community will judge all eligible floats before and during the parade. The decision of the judges is FINAL.

Awards
Floats will be judged according to specific criteria: school spirit, theme association, construction and execution, originality, and compliance to guidelines. Recognition will be given for first, second and third places. The First place winner will receive a “floating trophy” for the year that will be challenged at the next year’s parade. The trophy will “float” to the first place winner each year.
FLOAT AGREEMENT

We, _________________________________ (organization or club name) have read and fully understand the rules and regulations of the 2015 Bloodhound Bash Parade.

By signing this, we understand that we must comply with all rules explained in this packet. If we are found in non-compliance with these rules, we understand that we may be disqualified from participating in the 2015 Bloodhound Bash Parade. Compliance includes the submission of all liability paperwork regarding drivers and Auburndale High School students (construction and participants).

We acknowledge and understand that the driver of our float must have the correct class driver’s license and personal insurance on file with AHS for the vehicle he or she is operating. In addition, a copy of all documentation must be submitted to the AHS Parade Committee at the time the application is submitted. We further acknowledge and understand that ONLY the driver who has appropriate paperwork on file and has been approved is allowed to pull the float during the parade. Drivers may not be switched at the last minute.

The adult coach or sponsor responsible for the float must maintain parent/guardian permission forms for all AHS students who participate in building the float, riding on the float, or walking with the float in the parade. A permission form for this purpose is available in this packet.

By signing this agreement, we agree to adhere to all parade guidelines and fees, as well as request permission to participate in the 2015 Bloodhound Bash Parade scheduled for Thursday October 15, 2015.

__________________________________________
Printed name of Representative In Charge of Float

_________________________ ____________
Date

_________________________ ____________
Signature of Representative In Charge of Float

*The signature below is only required for Student Clubs/Teams/Organizations.

__________________________________________
Printed name of Student Club Sponsor

_________________________ ____________
Date

_________________________ ____________
Signature of Student Club Sponsor

_________________________ ____________
Date
GENERAL FLOAT INFORMATION

Organization: ________________________________________________________________

Float Theme: __________________________________________________________________

Sponsor: ______________________________________________________________________

Primary Contact Name: __________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______________ Zip: _______________________

Day Phone: (____) _________ - _______________

Evening Phone: (____)_________ - _______________

E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

Will you be using an 18 wheeler? ___yes ___no
Will you be using a goose-neck? ___yes ___no
Are animals involved in the float? ___yes ___no

If yes to any of the above, please explain:
_______________________________________________________________________________

Primary address where float is being built:

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ Zip: _______________

***Remember that your application, $40 registration fee and a copy of the vehicle operator’s driver’s license and insurance card of the driver must be turned in to be approved for a position in the parade.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

______________________________ has my permission to participate in all activities of __Homecoming Float Building, riding the float and/or walking in the parade with the float ______ during the __Bloodhound Bash Parade on Thursday, October 15, 2015__ with ____________________________ (enter name of club/team).

As parent/guardian I acknowledge the following:

1. School officials are authorized to obtain emergency medical treatment for this student as necessary.

2. The School Board has made available to this student the opportunity to purchase student accident insurance.

3. During this field trip, that the School Board will not be liable for injury to this student as result of the negligence, errors and omissions of other (i.e., charter bus owners and drivers, or amusement park owners or workers), their agents, heirs, employees or assigns either through their action or inaction.

4. If your child takes personal belongings on this field trip, he or she will be responsible for them. The School Board accepts no responsibility for personal items, such as watches, purses, money, cameras, wallets, cell phones, etc. If a student stores personal items in a locker at an amusement park, that entity may be responsible for any loss or damage.

______________  ______________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian        Date
FOR SCHOOLS ONLY-
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

If your school’s Teacher of the Year would like to participate in the Bloodhound Bash Parade, please complete the following form. We would love to have every school participate.

Name: ___________________________ School: ___________________________

Phone: (____) _________________

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
DRIVER LIABILITY FORM
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I ___________________________ acknowledge my participation in
(Name of driver)

the Auburndale High School school-sponsored Homecoming Events on and/or off campus and agree to accept the responsibility and liability for all acts concerning my vehicle and the safety of its passengers. In addition, I accept all responsibility and liability for any possible damage to the vehicle or potential injury to passengers. I further agree to provide a copy of a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance to Auburndale High School.

_________________________                  _______________________
(Signature of participant)                Date

DRIVER’S LICENSE NUMBER: ______________________________________

INSURANCE POLICY HOLDER: ______________________________________

INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER: ______________________________________

Please attach copies of driver’s license and insurance information when submitting this form.
FOR SCHOOLS ONLY-
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

If your school's Non-Instructional Staff Member of the Year would like to participate in the Bloodhound Bash Parade, please complete the following form. We would love to have every school participate!

Name: ___________________________________   School: __________________________

Phone: (____) __________________

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Group Affiliation (name of team or club): ________________________________

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Please attach copies of driver’s license and insurance information when submitting this form.
Summary of Due Dates

All Packets and $40 entry fee due dates: **Thursday, October 8, 2015**

Informational Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 8, 2015, 6pm at AHS Media Center**

Bloodhound Bash and Parade: **Thursday, October 15, 2015**
*Floats begin set up in AHS stadium parking lot 3:00 PM.*
*All floats must be in the AHS Student Parking Lot 4:30 PM*
*Final Role Call and Line up 6:00 PM*
*Show Time! 7:00 PM*

Reminders

Make checks for the $40 entry fee to: AHS SGA

School clubs or teams may transfer the fee from your account to the SGA account. See Ms. Mills for the appropriate form. All transfer forms must be submitted by Thursday, October 8, or entry may be disqualified.

Checklist for AHS Based Clubs/Teams

☐ Submit General Float Information form, Float Agreement Form, transfer request (green) form OR cash/check for $40 to Ms. Mills by Thursday, October 8.
☐ Attend informational meeting on October 8 at 6pm in the AHS Media Center.
☐ Obtain and keep on file parent permission forms for students to participate in float building and riding on float/walking in parade.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding the parade, float eligibility, or this packet, please email Jennifer Mills, Academic Dean, at jennifer.mills@polk-fl.net.