RULES FOR HOMECOMING FLOATS
FOR CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS AND OFF-CAMPUS NON-PROFIT GROUPS

There have been many changes to the rules for campus organization and off-campus non-profit groups in an effort to create a bigger and better Homecoming parade. Please see some of the changes below:

Float Prizes:

Old – 1st place - $25, 2nd place - $15, 3rd place - $10

New – 1st place - $200, 2nd place - $150, 3rd place - $100

Float Reimbursements:

Old – up to $200 – Campus organizations and non-profit groups must provide receipts verifying expenses

New – up to $500 for the first 12 groups (campus and off campus non-profit) that meet all the requirements below– still must provide receipts verifying expenses

Float Requirements:

• In order to qualify for reimbursement, each organization must:
  o Attend the Float Building Workshop on Thursday, October 2nd at noon in the Ranger Perk.
  o Turn in Float Application with Sketch/Design including details for approval by 5pm on October 9th.

• Specific Float Requirements include:
  o Float must be built on a trailer at least 12 feet in length.
  o The float must have some design and the group must actually build something. There must be some type of structure on the trailer. (Create a structure out of chicken wire, cardboard, etc.)
  o The float needs to have more than just words on skirting and people standing on a trailer.
  o Float should be pomped with napkins, weaved with tissue paper, or covered with floral sheeting, fringe, etc.
  o Skirting on the trailer is required. The wheels of the trailer should NOT show.
  o Moving parts, sound, smoke, etc are all encouraged.
  o Encourage all of your members to dress in theme and walk in front and behind your float.
  o The float can be no taller than 16 feet.
  o The float must follow the theme.
  o Don’t let these requirements hinder your creativity. If you have an idea, ask if it will work. All exceptions to these rules should be approved by the Homecoming Float Committee.
Other rules from past years still apply. See below:

1. Northwestern Oklahoma State University Homecoming Parade will be Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

2. The theme is: Ranger Heroes: Legends of Northwestern

3. The float formation prior to the parade will be on Third Street, starting at the corner of Third and Flynn (Marshall’s Funeral Home), facing south and working its way back to the north. Line up will be first come, first served, after the Ranger Royalty Float, which needs to be first in line. Traffic gets very congested around this area so please get your float in line as early as possible.

4. For judging, floats must be complete and in line by 9:00am the morning of the parade. Judging will take place before and during the parade. Judges will be positioned somewhere along the parade route at undisclosed locations. Winners will be announced during the ceremony at the bandstand on the downtown square immediately following the parade. Please have your organization represented at this ceremony.

5. Floats will be entered and judged in three categories:
   1. Campus Organization or Group
   2. Off-Campus Organization – Non Profit
   3. Commercial Business

6. Judges’ decisions will be based on the following criteria:
   1. Theme presentation
   2. Originality
   3. Construction

7. For each of the three categories above the following cash awards will be given:
   1. 1st place - $200
   2. 2nd place - $150
   3. 3rd place - $100
All floats will also be considered for two sweepstakes awards:
   **President's Award:** $100 plus engraved plaque to keep!
   (This will be the best overall float.)
   **Alumni Association Award:** $75
   (This will go to the float that has an exceptional display of Ranger Spirit.)

8. Each float builder is responsible for having signage that states the builder’s name preferably on the front and back of the float. The judges must be able to identify your float as it moves through the parade or you will forfeit any chance for prizes.

9. Return entry form completely filled out to the NWOSU Student Services Office located on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building Room 126 by October 9, 2008.
10. Building sites must be approved by the general float chairman. Check doors of building as to height and width to see if the float may be removed without damage. Also check street decorations for clearance.

11. The old armory will be open for building floats from Monday, October 27th, to Sunday, November 2nd. Use of the armory is being loaned by the Alva Public Schools, so courtesies should be observed. A $15.00 cleaning deposit will be required for the use of the armory.

12. NO smoking or drinking of intoxicants is allowed around floats.

13. Check the gas in the vehicle pulling the float before the parade.

14. No candy can be thrown from a float! If candy is to be given, it must be distributed by a person walking along side of the float near the crowd.

15. Your organization is responsible for returning all borrowed items in good condition. Should items be lost or damaged, the organization is responsible for the repair to the satisfaction of the lender.

16. Floats must be dismantled and the armory must be cleaned by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 2, 2008. The $15.00 cleaning deposit and expense reimbursement money will be forfeited for each float building organization not cleaning the armory prior to the above designated time. Please bring brooms and dust pans. You must clean up your area completely.

17. All trash must be put in the dumpster or large items piled by the dumpster of the armory; otherwise, the Alva Trash Department will not pick it up.

18. Prize-money checks will be mailed after Homecoming Day.

19. **CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS ONLY.** The Homecoming Association will reimburse $500 per float for campus floats. You may spend more but your sponsoring organization will be responsible for all expenses exceeding $500. Reimbursement will be made after itemized receipts for the cost of the float are submitted to the NWOSU Student Services Office located on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building in room 126. There is no reimbursement for permanent items such as hammers, saws, etc. There is no reimbursement for candy. The deadline to turn in receipts is Friday, November 7th by 5pm.