



42nd Annual
DOWN HOME DAYS FESTIVAL & PARADE
2023 Parade Application
 Saturday, April 22, 2023
"Building Our Future"

224 SW Range Ave. Madison, FL 32340 850.973.2788
 madisonfl.org

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CONTACT NAME _____ DATE _____
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BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
PO Box or Street Address City ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ WEBSITE _____

CELL PHONE _____ OFFICE PHONE _____ FAX _____

PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD _____
Check by Mail or Credit/Debit Card (Online Invoice)
(If you prefer to pay by Credit or Debit Card, your invoice will be sent to the email address provided above.)

*Please **DO NOT** provide your Credit or Debit Card information here.*

NO REFUNDS

ENTRY AS YOU WANT IT LISTED IN LINE-UP _____

Decisions for parade lineup will be made on a first come, first served basis on the day of the parade. Lineup will begin at 8:30AM at the main entrance of North Florida Community College (behind O'Neal's Country Buffet). Please call our office with any questions. (850) 973-2788

IMPORTANT!

NOTE: Please, no battery driven childrens vehicles. We've found this to be very dangerous and it slows the procession. **ALSO**, candy, toys, beads, and other objects **CANNOT** be thrown from the parade units for the safety of small children. Anyone observed doing this will be asked to stop immediately.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- Commercial \$30
- Political \$30
- Nonprofit \$15
- Pageant Entries \$15

PARADE CONTEST

Theme: "Building Our Future"



Categories to be judged: Best Overall, Most Creative, Best Reflects the Theme

PROVIDE A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PARADE ENTRY

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT

April 17, 2023

Please have your completed form and payment turned into the Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism no later than Monday, April 17, 2023. Your parade application will not be considered complete without payment.

WHERE TO SUBMIT

Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Drop Off or Mail To:

224 SW Range Ave. Madison, FL 32340

PARADE ORGANIZED BY



Applicant's Signature _____

Applicant's Printed Name _____



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ORGANIZED BY TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism invites you to join us in our **42nd Annual Down Home Days Festival & Parade on April 22, 2023**. Our parade has always been one of the most anticipated events of our festival, and your participation will make it all the more memorable. This year's theme is, ***"Building Our Future"***. The floats will be judged during line-up at 9:30am.

Parade line-up begins at 8:30 AM at the entrance of North Florida Community College (behind O'Neal's Country Buffet). The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Judging of the floats will take place while in the line-up. More information will be posted on our facebook pages, *Madison County (FL) Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, I Love Madison County Florida* and *Down Home Days*.

Safety: Candy, toys, beads, and other objects cannot be thrown from the parade units for the safety of small children.

All vehicles with greater than 15 horsepower will flow single-file down the parade centerline. No lurching or accelerating toward spectators is permitted. The safety of spectators and participants is paramount. Gunfire and other small explosions, such as firecrackers, etc. are not permitted so as to not frighten small children and senior citizens. Anyone who violates these rules or otherwise endangers or frightens the public will be asked to leave the parade. We would like to discourage "walkers" in the parade, (except for the purpose of distributing beads or candy to the crowd). Children must not be encouraged to approach floats at any time other than marching formations. Walkers must accompany a float, vehicle or be in an organized group and maintain the pace of the parade at all times. All other parade entries will be asked to ride in their vehicle or float. The Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for any loss, theft or damage to personal property or any personal injury.

Appropriate Themes: As the Down Home Days grows and becomes more popular, we are looking to upgrade the appearance of all events, including the parade. We are trying to encourage entries which interest the public including bands, marching units, floats, antique automobiles, and equestrian units. Please ensure that any signs, which adorn your entry, are professionally painted and are large enough to be read from 100 feet away. Military salutes are always appreciated. Derogatory remarks or profanity will not be permitted.

Please detach and return the completed form below by **Monday, April 17, 2023** to:

Down Home Days Parade
Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
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