

VIGILANTE PARADE ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. **The Vigilante Parade**, started in 1924, is dedicated to the pioneers who settled Helena. Your entry should be built around **historic Helena** themes, so think of a great Helena idea or chose from the list below, or your own idea approved by the co-chairs (see below). Entries may be float entries or walking entries. ***We are planning on large cash prizes for the winners in each division.*** Prizes will be awarded to winners in each division and a Sweepstakes for the best entry in the parade.
2. Select a **chairperson** and decide on a theme that relates to the history of Helena. Refer to the list for suggested themes.
3. The chairman must print out and bring these regulations to the library to **sign up for a float theme:**

Tuesday, April 10 through Wednesday, April 18 during the times listed below.

- 12:10 – 12:25
- 2:25 – 2:50
- 3:20-- 3:40

4. Complete the registration process in the **library** during the dates and times listed below. **No registration forms will be accepted after April 19.**

Tuesday, April 17 through Thursday, April 19 from 2:25 to 4:00

You must complete the following:

- Vigilante Parade Registration from CHS website (typed)
 - Historic essay from CHS website (typed)
 - Parade Vehicles Registration from CHS website
 - Vigilante Entry Roster from CHS website
 - Map where your float will be built, printed, with the address included
 - Parent Approval slips (blue sheets: you will get these in the library)
5. The **“Vigilante Parade Registration”** form is available through the Vigilante Parade button on the Capital High School page. This form must be typed and include your historical essay. You need to take great care in preparing the **Historical Essay** since the judges will refer to your research when making their selections of prize winning entries. You will receive an entry number and a map of the staging area for the parade when you register in the Library.
 6. A maximum of twelve (12) people may be registered as working on an entry except antique vehicle entries which have a maximum of 4 people. **If your float consists of people from both high schools the permission slips for all participants need to be turned in by your chairman at the school where the float is registered. ONLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE.** This does not, of course, preclude others assisting, for example the driver of the vehicle for a float. Get a truck or trailer lined up as soon as possible because only a limited number of trucks and trailers are available in the Helena area, so plan ahead.
 7. If you sign up for a float and do not actually construct that float, you will receive an ***unexcused absence*** for the day of the parade.
 8. Your entry must be registered and given a number. One official number will be supplied and should be displayed on the **FRONT OF THE VEHICLE CARRYING OR TOWING THE FLOAT.** Float entries must have an additional large (12” x 12”) number sign placed on the **LEFT SIDE OVER THE REAR TIRE** of the vehicle carrying or towing the float.
 9. Remember you are participating in a Historical Parade and you must be in period clothing. Therefore, dress appropriately, following your school dress code, ***which includes no bikinis.*** All floats depicting peoples such as

Native Americans or the Chinese must be well-researched and historically accurate. Students are asked to respect cultural diversity and heritage while avoiding racial stereotypes (see below).

10. Your entry must be well identified by a sign, and the quality of the float will be greatly enhanced by a high-quality sign. **A light wooden frame around the sign is necessary** so it does not blow away.
11. According to city ordinance, floats must not be wider than **fourteen (14) feet and must be less than thirteen (13) feet in height** from the street level. If height is greater than 13 feet, you may get hung up on low hanging wires at intersections. If the width of 14 feet is exceeded, your entry will not fit through the downtown pedestrian mall.
12. The parade will be organized on Helena Avenue and the route will be south on Last Chance Gulch, west on Broadway, north along Park Avenue to Benton Avenue and concluding at the Civic Center (see map below).
13. Antique vehicle entries should complete research on the vehicle, and riders should be in costume of the time. Only vehicles from 1970 and older will be allowed in the parade for this category. No “Hot Rodding” of vehicles will be allowed. This includes spinning the tires (burning rubber) or careless/reckless activities. Citations will be issued as necessary.
14. Prizes will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony held in the CHS gymnasium during a lunch assembly on Monday, May 9.
15. Any evidence of the use of alcohol or tobacco will result in disqualification of the entry. If bottles, etc. are used as stage props, the labels must be removed and must be glued to a counter or table. **DO NOT HOLD OR CONSUME.**
16. Students must not throw candy or other objects from their floats, this is a safety hazard for small children along the parade.
17. **NO GUNS, STARTER PISTOLS, OR BB GUNS WILL BE ALLOWED. ONLY REPLICA FIREARMS (WOODEN OR PLASTIC ARE ALLOWED). NO EXPLOSIVES WILL BE ALLOWED ON FLOATS. NO HAY RIDE, HOT TUB, MUD FIGHT, BARBQ ENTRIES OR FIRES WILL BE ALLOWED.** Examples of a fire hazard pertaining to combustible parade floats and other parade apparatus include, but are not limited to:
 - Fires
 - Smoking (tow vehicles and floats)
 - Flammable and combustible liquids
 - Explosives and blasting agents
 - Fireworks
 - Pyrotechnic materials
 - Gunpowder
 - Open flame devices
 - Hazardous materials
 - Flammable gasses (propane, etc.)
 - Heat producing equipment and devices
 - Hazardous electrical wiring
18. Parade officials reserve the right to remove inappropriate entries from the parade. These include entries which do not meet requirements as outlined in this set of rules as well as ***commercial advertisements***, political campaigning, or other inappropriate entries. *It is not the purpose of the Vigilante Parade to advertise for local businesses, however, we recognize the desire to thank them for their contributions.* **Students have the option of displaying one 2' x 2' sign on the door panel of their vehicle for this purpose.** Remember, this parade is representative of the high school students of our community.

The parade is about Helena history and we have included a list of great ideas for your float or *you can choose your own.* **The Montana Historical Society** (<http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/research/default.asp>), **helenahistory.org** or our **Librarians** have great ideas and have a wealth of information to help with your research.

If you come up with an idea that is not on the list, simply present it to Mr. Carter, Mr. Larson, Mr. Mihelish or Mr. Partridge. Since there can only be TWO floats using the same idea from Capital, *it will be on a first come first serve basis with the signup sheet in the library.*

You must have already signed up for a theme BEFORE you turn in your registration packet! DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

For any student who chooses a topic from the American Indian category, please schedule a meeting with Helena School District Superintendent, Mr. Coppins, to discuss your float idea. You must schedule a meeting and get his approval before being officially registered and supplied with a float number for the parade. You can schedule an appointment with Mr. Coppins at 324-2026.

American Indian Division

1. AIM - American Indian Movement (pick an issue)
 2. Big Medicine & White Buffalo Montana Historical Society)
 3. Boarding Schools
 4. Buffalo Jump Diorama(Montana Historical Society)
 5. Buffalo Hunting
 6. Depictions of Native American Relationship to Nature
 7. Dog Days (Resource: Montana Historical Society)
 8. First Agencies of the Tribes
 9. Historical scenes between Lewis & Clark & Sacajawea
 10. Historical scenes between U.S. Army and Native Americans
 11. Fort Shaw All Girls Basketball Team
 12. Indian Health Services (Nicholas Vrooman-Pocha Clinic)
 13. Madison Buffalo Jump
 14. Reservation Flags of the Tribes
 15. Marvin Camel-great featherweight boxer
 16. Metis - Cree, Ojibway, Saulteaux, and Menominee.
 17. Story Telling Tradition
 18. Travois Travel - Dog Days (Montana Historical Society)
 19. Traditional games- Shiny and Double Ball
 20. Treaty Signings (ie. Fort Laramie)
 21. Tribal Life (winter or summer camp, brain tanning)
- Resources: Amanda Walking-Child (324-2598 or 324 2237), or Matt Reyant (324-2598)

Historic Helena Division

1. Archie Bray Foundation (1952)
2. Building of St. Helena Cathedral
3. Canyon Ferry Dam, First on in 1898
4. Centennial Ball (1964)
5. Civic Center (1920)
6. Collapse of Hauser Dam in 1908
7. Construction of the State Capitol 1898-1902
8. Fire Tower Built in 1874
9. First Vigilante Parade (1923)
10. Flower Parade (1908)
11. Flying through the Cathedral
12. Fourth of July Parade (1904)
13. Governor's Cup (1973)
14. Groundbreaking at Mount St. Charles, Carroll College (1917)
15. Hanging Tree (chopped down in 1875, near Highland & Blake streets)
16. Helena Earthquake (1935)
17. Helena Fire: 1872 most of Last Chance burnt
18. Helena High Football Team (1910)
19. Helena High Hockey (1940)
20. Helena Horse Racing
21. Helena Tennis Club (1890)
22. Helena's Chinatown (South Main/Reeder's Alley)
23. Helena's First Fire Dept.
24. Helena's First Speed Cop
25. Helena's Montana Club (1885)

26. Helena's State Fair (1909-1915)
27. High School in railcars after Earthquake (1935-1938)
28. Helena Thespian Troupe
29. Last Chance Stampede (Began 1960)
30. Mann Gulch Fire (1949)
31. Meagher Statue Dedication: 1905
32. Montana Deaconess School
33. Montana Historical Society
34. Mt. St. Charles (CC) Championship Football Team ('31)
35. Original Governor's Mansion (1913-1959)
36. The Great Helena Fire of 1828
37. The Great 1918 Car Race (Helena)
38. Vigilantes of Helena and origin of 3-7-77
39. Vigilantes captured Con Murphy 1874 after escape from the Helena jail

Pioneer Life Division

1. 1886-1887 Horrible Winter (CM Russell's Last of the 5000)
2. Belmont Ski Club: Began in 1941, now Great Divide
3. Cabins in Reeder's Alley
4. Camp Rimini (US Army Dog Training Center in WWII)
5. Cemetery Island covered by Canyon Ferry Dam
6. Carroll College Boxing Smoker (1959)
7. Chevalier Ranch
8. Elkhorn Ghost town: Booming mining town in the 1870's
9. Evolution of Helena life Buffalo (Montana Historical Society)
10. First Special Services Force Training in Helena (1942)
11. First Telephone Exchange in Helena (1882)
12. Fort Harrison: Constricted in 1892
13. Fur Trapping/Fur Trade in the Helena region
14. Green Meadow Country Club (1925)
15. Henry Sieben's Cattle Ranch
16. Hilger's Sheep Ranch
17. Lamb Ranch
18. Little Red Brick School House (Silver Creek School)
19. Montana Fish and Game
20. Montana's 163rd Infantry 41st Division
21. Mystery of Forestvale Cemetery
22. Siebrand Brothers Circus (1953)
23. Sheridan School (Reeder's Alley)
24. Shooting Craps at the MT Club (before '40's crackdown)
25. Spring Skiing at Belmont 1930's & 1940's
26. The Rose of Helena: tour boat at the Gates of the Mountains
27. We Can Do It!" (Helena women during WWII)

Helena Business Division

1. Asarco-East Helena Smelter (opened 1888)
2. Big Dorothy's(Windbag Saloon)
3. Broadwater Hotel
4. Capital City Bowling Alley (1958)
5. Drive-In Theater's - Sunset (1949) or Sky-Hi (1952)
6. Eddy's Bakery
7. Frontier Town
8. Gans & Klein Clothing Store
9. Gertie's Drive-In
10. Montana Woman's Commemorative Mural
11. Grand Pacific Bar
12. Grand Street Theater (1976)
13. Helena Brewery
14. Helena Herald Newspaper (1874)
15. Helena's First Nat'l Bank
16. Holter Hardware (1891)
17. Holter Sawmill
18. House of Wong: Popular Helena Chinese restaurant 1947-1974
19. Imperial Lanes Bowling (1957)

20. Kessler Brewery (1868)
21. KTVH TV, First television station in Helena (1958)
22. Marlow Theater - Helena's Showplace (1918-1972)
23. Magnolia Hotel (1865)
24. Montana Power (created 1912)
25. Montana State Fund & Workers Comp. (1915)
26. Myrna Loy Center (1976)
27. National Biscuit Company
28. Pacific Hide and Fur
29. RB Drive In
30. St. Peter's Hospital (est. 1883)
31. The Weiss Café
32. The Parrot

Famous People Division

1. Amelia Earhart visits Helena (1923)
2. Attorney General John Bonner
3. Belle Weinstein: 1914 launched Montana suffragette movement
4. Charles Lindbergh arrives in Helena (1927)
5. Cromwell Dixon (first flight over the Continental Divide)
6. Dwight D. Eisenhower ('51 visit running for president)
7. Famous Madams-Josephine "Chicago Jo" Hensley
8. Fanny Cory- Pioneer artist
9. Fannie Sperry Steele: 1st Champion Lady Bucking Horse Riders
10. Four Georgians who first came to Last Chance Gulch
11. Crazy Belle Crafton: famous madam of the red light district
12. Gary Cooper: World Famous actor and Helena Native
13. Jack Dempsey, the great boxer in Helena (1942)
14. James Wesley & Clarissa Jane Crump (Former slaves - miners)
15. Jeannette Rankin: first women elected to Congress in 1918
16. John F. Kennedy (campaign visit 1960)
17. John Quigley builds Frontier Town (1946-1979)
18. Leo Seltzer: The Man Behind Roller Derby
19. Montana Women's Commemorative Mural: Dedicated in 1979
20. Myrna Loy: World famous actress and Helena Native
21. Pat Donovan: HHS Grad, All pro center for the Dallas Cowboys
22. Teddy Roosevelt (1903 visit to Helena)
23. Thomas Power, his steamboat, the "Helena" & Power Block
24. William Taft-President(Came through Helena in 1909)

Mining and Transportation Division

1. 1875 US Assay Office (where gov't purchased gold)
2. 1883 Northern Pacific RR Arrives in Helena
3. Charcoal Kilns of Wickes: Wickes Ghost Town south of Helena
4. Drum Lummon Mine
5. Ferry at Canyon Ferry
6. Helena Stage Service: last run in 1883 to Missoula
7. Helena's Street Railway (Trolley 1882)
8. Helena Train Wreck 1989, explosion during record cold stretch
9. Helena Tour Train (1950's)
10. Last Chance Gulch Gold Discoverers (4 Georgians)
11. Last Chance Gulch during Gold Rush
12. Montana Central RR: 1890's from Helena, Butte & Great Falls
13. Montana Transportation History (Montana Historical Society)
14. Mullan Tunnel from Logan to Garrison finished in 1883
15. Northern Pacific Railroad Depot (RR Street): 1885 Helena.
16. Northern Pacific East Helena Depot: Built in 1930 for E. Helena
17. Vigilante Highway from Yellowstone to Helena (early 1920's)

Antique Vehicles Division-Any vehicle from 1970 and older

Helena Public Schools Indian Education For All



Vigilante Parade Cultural Guidelines

Please do not represent American Indians or any other minority in distorted, negative ways by stereotyping. A stereotype is an exaggerated image of minority people. Prejudiced people who are highly negative in judgment toward a minority group will discriminate against others by using stereotyping.

- Examples of stereotyping of American Indians from previous Vigilante Parades include:
- Brown face paint, painted faces and black wigs
- Inappropriate and offensive costumes
- Dancing and drumming in a Hollywood style
- Representing American Indians as lazy or blood thirsty
- American Indians assaulting women

The Indian Education For All Program encourages historic accuracy and respect for American Indian peoples and cultures. Please feel free to contact Amanda Walking-Child (Helena High, Capital High and PAL Indian Education Mentor) or Matt Reyant (CHS) at Capital High) with any questions or concerns. Call 324-2598 or 324 2237 or make contact with her at either high school.

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VIGILANTE PARADE LINE-UP

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Front Street Learning Center

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