



## 2016 Grand Parade Policy and Regulations

Welcome to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NATIONAL BABY FOOD FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE. We are happy to have you as a participant in the parade and would like to thank you for helping make our celebration a more colorful event. The Nestlé Nutrition/Gerber Products Grand Parade will be held on **Saturday, July 23, 2016** during the National Baby Food Festival. Entries must be for the express purpose of enhancing or promoting the Grand Parade and the festival, and will comply with the guidelines established.

### The 2016 NBFF theme is “ **STORYBOOK LAND** ”

All applications are subject to the approval of the National Baby Food Festival Grand Parade Committee. Deviation from the following terms and placement in the line of the Grand Parade will be made at the sole discretion of the Parade Committee.

**In a continued effort to “Go Green” we are asking that you provide an email address for the committee to send out your confirmation. Confirmations with lineup number will be sent no later than July 8, 2016. If you have not received your confirmation in a timely manner, please check your “spam email” file.** We ask for your cooperation by observing the following:

1. Entry applications must be in the Fremont Chamber Office no later than July 1, 2016. A response email or phone call will be received within 2 weeks or as soon as possible, considering the date application is received.
2. Please keep this "information sheet" from the enclosed packet. **The Parade Entry Form and Application ONLY Must Be Returned.** Describe in three or four sentences your entry for the announcers to read on parade day. Tell us about your organization and people involved in your entry. Describe the float, materials, use of theme, etc.
3. **“Parade Officials”** (wearing Festival shirts) will be at the parade site to further instruct you to your designated line-up area. Look for the registration table, located near the Northwest corner of the school. A map will be provided, via email, with detailed instructions once your application has been accepted.
4. **Parade Wranglers** will be stationed throughout the parade route to ensure the safety of all spectators and parade participants. The wranglers are considered “Parade Officials” to provide assistance and report concerns back to the festival committee. This ensures a safe successful event for all to enjoy.
5. **Entries of a social issue**, ones that generate emotional and ethical opinions WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
6. **All float entries must register by 9:00 am and be in place no later than 9:30 am.** Judging will begin promptly at 9:45 am. Winners will be announced and awards will be given prior to the start of the parade.
7. The parade will step-off at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Assistance will be given during parade day at the registration table. **All participants must check in at the registration table.**
8. **Leave 25 feet between you and the entry in front of you. Please make every effort to keep the parade moving.** If you are having a problem, please pull off to the side and allow other entries to proceed. Parade wranglers will be stationed along the route to facilitate a smooth flowing gap free parade.
9. **Equestrian/Horse units must provide their own clean-up crew.**

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10. Passing out candy, balloons, etc., by a walker, is welcomed if approved by the Parade Committee in advance. In the interest of safety, parade participants are **not allowed to toss or hand out** any materials anywhere on the parade route **from the units**. A violation of this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.
11. All vehicles must have valid vehicle insurance, be clean and in good running condition.
12. For the safety of all spectators and participants, absolutely **NO BURN OUTS** will be permitted by any vehicles in the parade.
  - \* Upon first violation- participants will receive a warning.
  - \* Second violation of this policy will result in exclusion from future parades.
13. Floats must be equipped with Class “A” fire extinguisher. No riders will be permitted in the bed of the pulling vehicle.
14. **No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or displayed during the parade.**
15. **Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age.**

**Please KEEP this form for your records**



# 2016 Gerber Products Company Grand Parade Application

Saturday, July 23, 2016

Step - Off Time: 10:30a.m.

Name of Organization or Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check ALL that apply to your entry:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band (# in unit _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian / Horse Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Car             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Unit (other than band)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Tractor         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political Entry                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen / Festival Car            |  |

**FLOATS:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professionally Built | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Professionally Built |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Entry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Queen / Festival Float   |
- (Advertises a product or company - checked, see below)

Do you have music or provide any other loud sounds? \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of the entry:** (brief description only, more details will be asked with entry form)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Dimensions of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return by July 1, 2016. Send completed Application and Entry Form to:**

National Baby Food Festival Grand Parade  
7 E. Main Street  
Fremont, MI 49412

Telephone: (231) 924-2270  
Fax: (231) 924-9248

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There will be a **\$200 entry fee** for **ALL COMMERCIAL ENTRIES**. Entries exempt from this fee include **Chamber Members, Festival Sponsors, and Non-profit Organizations**. Tax ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ (If not provided, a \$200 entry fee applies.)

**POLITICAL ENTRIES** are subject to guidelines set by the Parade Committee and a **\$200.00 entry fee**. They must provide their own transportation and signs.

Deviation from these terms will be permitted only for very unique entries and will be made at the sole discretion of the Parade Committee. **Payment for the full amount of the commercial or political entry must accompany this application.**

**Please return this form**



ENTRY NUMBER

For Office Use Only

**Grand Parade Entry Form**  
**July 23, 2016 – 10:30 AM**

**Entry Sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Driver** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Firm, individual, or organization)

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Description** (*what you would like the announcer to say*) **3 to 4 sentences maximum!**

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**Interesting facts about your organization or parade entry** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Special Feature of Entry** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of years in NBFF Parade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Origin of Unit** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form