# Dairy Festival Parade Application Hosted by the Pilot Club of Eatonton Saturday, June 7, 2025

# Theme: LET’S CELEBRATE DAIRY

Group or Participant:

Authorized Person: Phone:

Email Address: Mailing Address:

Estimated number of participants (Walkers/Riders) for this entry:

Type of Entry (float w/ vehicle, vehicle only, animal, walker, tractor trailer, etc.):

Approximate Length of Entry:

**BRAG ABOUT YOUR GROUP**. Send a detachable sheet of information about your group and the description of your entry. This information may be used on in newspaper or other forms of publicity articles.

The undersigned, on behalf of the participants named above on this entry, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Eatonton, Pilot Club, Eatonton and/or Putnam County from any and all responsibilities or liabilities for injuries or damages resulting in participation in the 2023 Dairy Festival parade. All entrants assume full and complete responsibility for the conduct of themselves and all other participants included in their entry and will conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner. All motorized vehicles must be covered by liability insurance. **A copy of proof of insurance must be submitted with the application.** Due to the Georgia Department of Transportation proposed limitations concerning the length and duration of the parade, the Sponsors reserve the right to limit or reject any participant in the parade.

### ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Application form completed and SIGNED;
2. Entry Fee of $10 (check or money order) made payable to Pilot Club of Eatonton (Entry fee waived for sponsors of the Dairy Festival as well as decorated Floats)
3. Copy of vehicle(s) insurance card(s) where applicable.

### THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES TO THE ABOVE:

Signature: Date:

## Mail completed application to: Pilot Club of Eatonton

P.O. Box 3031 Eatonton, GA 31024

Drop off Location Chamber of Commerce

108 W Marion St.

## Eatonton, GA

**Application Deadline Friday, May 23, 2025**

**For additional information, visit** [**https://putnamcodairyfestival.com**](https://putnamcodairyfestival.com)

# 2025 Dairy Festival Parade Rules and Regulations

Parade will take place Saturday, June 7, beginning at 10:00 am along the downtown Eatonton parade route. **Entries line up at the Putnam County Elementary School beginning at 8:00 AM**. **No late or same day entries will be allowed.**

1. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations as well as follow all instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade.
2. Vehicles allowed in the parade include those pulling a float, transporting parade guests, antique vehicles, certain farm vehicles, organized specialty groups with prior approval or other vehicles individually approved by the committee. NO ATV’s or dirt bikes.
3. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade must possess a valid driver’s license, be at least 18 years old and possess vehicle liability insurance.
4. No materials may be thrown from vehicles or floats along the parade route. Walkers will be allowed to hand materials to spectators. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup and turned over to law enforcement officials. All city, county and GA state statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police before, during and after the parade.
5. Livestock, reptiles, wild and domestic animals shall not be in the parade unless special written permission is granted by the Dairy Festival Parade Committee.
6. The use of high intensity sound making devices is prohibited. Sound, including music, of any type must be approved by the Dairy Festival parade committee and must be at a compatible sound level of 80-90 decibels.
7. The Dairy Festival parade committee reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume or performance does not meet the parade rules and regulations or conform to the standards of reasonable public taste and fit the parade theme.
8. Political signs are not permitted on floats or vehicles.
9. Application fees are non-refundable for approved entries. With the exception of entrants invited by the Pilot Club, each entry must pay $10 to participate in parade. (Fees waived for sponsors of Dairy Festival and decorated Floats)
10. The Dairy Festival parade committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

### Planning Your Entry

1. All entries must be decorated. All banners must be neatly lettered and legible. Full description of entry including towing vehicle, must be submitted along with parade application.
2. Entries may be historical, humorous, religious or modern in design as long as they are in good taste. Remember: a very large part of the audience will be children. Theme of floats is encouraged to incorporate the dairy industry or dairy families.
3. Please identify only the sponsor(s) and/or builder of your float/entry. No other advertising is permitted.
4. NO decorations and or float construction material may protrude from the side of the float.
5. All electrical devices must be grounded properly.
6. All floats must have handholds or standup holds for the safety of each rider on the float.
7. No participants may board a float during the parade or interfere with any other unit in any way. No participants will dismount from the float during the parade route except for designated entrants who will dismount at the Courthouse Square. Participants will not have body parts extending past the sides, front or rear of the float. This is an EXTREME safety hazard.
8. Float platforms should be axle trailers pulled by a truck or car. Farm wagons make excellent platforms. No small lawn trailers will be accepted.

### Marching/Walking Units

1. All members of the marching unit should be at least 6 years old in order to complete the parade route. There will need to be 1 adult for each group of 10 children under the age of 13.
2. Walkers must be dressed alike to easily identify them as part of the same group.
3. No vehicle may accompany marching units without written approval.

### Judging of Floats

1. Prizes will be awarded to second and first places. First Place receives $100 and second place receives $75.
2. Judges will evaluate entries based on interpretation of the parade theme through detail, difficulty, creativity, special effects and adherence to parade rules.
3. Judges’ decisions are final. Winners will be announced during the Platform program.

### Lineup

1. All approved entries will be issued a line-up permit at the entrance to the school. The permit must be displayed in the front window of the vehicle until the parade begins.
2. No entries will be accepted the day of the parade.
3. In case of inclement weather due to strong rain or storms, the parade will be cancelled. The decision will be announced on area radio stations.

Revised 01/21/22