



OFFICIAL PARADE APPLICATION
12th ANNUAL DEERFIELD VALLEY
BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE

Sponsored by a grant from the Town of Dover
Saturday August 1st, 2026 Line-Up 10:00 am Start 11:00 am

RED WHITE AND BLUEBERRY

Celebrate America's 250th
Show off your family's heritage
Registration DEADLINE: July 24, 2026
Parade Will Go Rain or Shine!!



*Organization Name _____

*Contact person _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____ *Phone _____

*Email Address _____ *** Required Information**

Entry

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| 1. _____ Float | _____ Business | _____ Organization | _____ Individuals/Neighbors |
| 2. _____ Antique Auto/Truck (50 yrs & Older) | | 9. _____ Military Units (Marching or Motorized) | |
| 3. _____ Classic Auto/Truck (25-50 yrs old) | | 10. _____ Horse Unit (Group) Professional** | |
| 4. _____ Antique Tractor (25 Yrs & Older) | | 11. _____ Horse Unit (Individual or Drawn) ** | |
| 5. _____ Auto/Truck Club (6 Vehicle Limit) | | 12. _____ Color Guard | |
| 6. _____ Band (Other than High School) | | 13. _____ Individuals (clowns etc.) | |
| 7. _____ Band, High School/ Tumbling Unit/Cheerleading | | 14. _____ Political | |
| 8. _____ Misc. Motorized Units (Limited to Two Axles) | | | |

****Horse units must provide Coggins & Rabies Certifications.**

Float Entries

Tell us how you want your unit announced (75 words or less)

*Will your unit have audio effects (i.e., background accompaniment/music)? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, describe

** How will you handle your horse's sanitation? (Check one): _____ Diaper _____ Scooper

Prizes Awarded for:

Best Themed to **Red White and Blueberry**: First place \$200 Second Place \$100

Best Themed to **Your Family Heritage**: First place \$150 Second place \$75



PARADE ENTRY WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, the undersigned, as group representative, have read all the rules and procedures for participating in the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival Parade (DVBFP) and hereby agree I/we will follow all said rules and procedures while participating in the activities before, during, and after the DVBFP.

Date _____ Signed _____

Name of Group _____

I, the undersigned, as group representative, hereby release, remise and forever discharge the Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Living History Association, and their officers and directors, severally or jointly, the SVDVCOC Parade Committee and the Town of Dover, of any and all liability, claims, actions and possible causes of action which may occur to any member of the group from every and any loss, damage and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in the parade.

Date _____ Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Name of Group _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (MUST BE SIGNED BY PERSON IN CHARGE)

I/we assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that I/we may incur in participating in the DVBFP and I/we hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators do hereby, expressly and forever waive and release any and all claims against and agree to hold harmless DVBFP, Inc., The Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Living History Association, the Town of Dover, and all their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever arising as a result or in connection with the participation of me or my child in the herein mentioned event.

Signature _____ Title _____

Thank you for your application. Please mail to:

Attn: Parade Committee Blueberry Festival

c/o Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 291

Wilmington, VT 05363

Phone: 802-464-8092

Email: events@visitvermont.com

RULES & PROCEDURES FOR ALL ENTRIES
(PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS)

1. All applications must be completed. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.
2. The SVDVCOC Festival Parade Committee reserves the right to bar or remove from the parade any entry, which refuses to follow all instructions from parade officials and/or police.
3. Only applicants NOT approved by the Parade Committee will receive notice that they cannot participate in the Blueberry Festival Parade.
4. No additional vehicles or persons (including cars, scooters, marchers, etc.) will be allowed to accompany units unless the Parade Committee deems them essential to the quality of the unit.
5. All applications must be accompanied by a signed waiver of liability.
6. Absolutely nothing may be thrown by parade participants. Gifts, merchandise, and candy may be handed out by street level individuals along the parade route. Officials and police will strictly enforce this policy.
7. Equestrian units will be required to supply pooper-scoopers or diapers for animals.
8. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is forbidden by anyone anywhere throughout the parade or on any float or vehicle or on the person of any participant.
9. Parade officials will enforce spacing between each unit. Units are required to close the gap between itself and the proceeding unit when directed by parade officials. Distances of 100 to 150 feet between units must be maintained.
10. Individuals or groups may identify themselves either by way of banner or sign, either carried by marchers, posted on a vehicle, or float. It must NOT include an offensive political statement or religious inscription used as a political statement, nor depict the same through pictures or other artwork. Groups may not use language or actions that depict violence, sex, nudity, etc. which may be deemed in poor taste or offensive to those viewing the parade.
11. An entry which fails to appear for the parade without first notifying the SVDVCOC Blueberry Festival Office, or an entry which does not comply with all rules, will jeopardize future invitations to participate in the SVDVCOC Festival Parade.
12. Participants must arrive at their designated staging spot at the specified time between 10:00 am and 10:30 am, or they will not be allowed to participate.
13. Use of vehicles shall be limited to the following:
 - Convertibles for dignitaries as determined by the Parade Committee.
 - Approved units such as antique tractors, car clubs/truck clubs, floats
 - Police and fire units
14. Trucks, tractors, semis will not be permitted except as float rules.
15. **In order to assure your participation in the parade, this application must be received at the SVDVCOC Festival Office no later than July 24, 2026.** Be sure to keep a copy for your records.
16. All entrants are responsible for arranging any power, helium, or other supplies necessary for set-up and tear down of the unit.
17. All entrants are responsible for walking/inspecting the route before the parade to make sure their unit can clear any wires, trees, viaducts, street lights, corners/turns, etc. along the route, including the staging areas and routes and disembarking area.



Keep for your records

FLOAT UNITS

THERE IS NO FEE TO ENTER A FLOAT IN THE PARADE

1. The following restrictions apply:

	Maximum	
Length	60 feet	
Width	12 feet	
Height	14 feet *	The height is especially important because of light poles and wires.

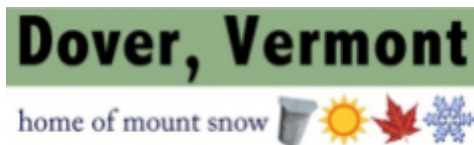
2. The following safety measures are required:

- Handholds or other support for personnel standing on the float.
- Float materials and costumes made of flameproof material (or sprayed with flame-proofing solution of 7 oz. Borax, 3 oz. powdered boric acid and 2 qts. hot water).
- A fire extinguisher aboard the float or propulsion unit.
- Safety-type couplers for all towing connections.
- Carefully secured lug nuts on all wheels.
- Reasonably new tires of good quality.
- At least one adult must supervise children.

3. The float design should relate to the theme(s). The sponsor's name on either commercial or non-commercial entries may appear on the float or on a banner preceding the float.

4. Parade Officials may disqualify an entry at any time if, in their opinion, the entry is not fully observing the parade rules and regulations.

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