



PANAGBENGA 2016
The 21st Baguio Flower Festival
"Bless the Children with Flowers"



GRAND FLOAT PARADE COMPETITION - FEBRUARY 28, 2016
APPLICATION FORM

The City Government of Baguio and the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation invites you to participate in the much awaited Grand Float Parade!

May we please request that you fill out this application completely and return it on or before **February 20, 2016** to:

Mail : BFFFI Secretariat Office
BCVB Bldg., Abad Santos Drive Burnham Park,
Baguio City 2600 Philippines
Tele/Fax : (074) 442-4315
Email : panagbenga.secretariat@gmail.com

You may also include additional information about your organization. Please note that supplemental materials cannot be returned.

This years' theme is "***Bless the Children with Flowers***". Registration of float entries is free of charge.

We encourage you to return the application form as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding your participation in the Float Parade, please contact the Panagbenga 2016 Secretariat at (074) 442-4315.

MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES:

A. ENTRIES:

- All floats must at least be **90% decorated with natural materials and vegetation** as part of the judging criteria.
- Any artificial materials that will be used in the construction of the float (i.e.: florist foam, wires, plastic and etc.) **must not be visible**.
- Participants are welcome to use any vegetation (i.e.: moss, tree barks, flowers, vegetables) in the construction of the float.
- Participants **ARE ALLOWED TO DYE FLOWERS** and OTHER VEGETATION appropriate for the float design, **but they may NOT use any type of paint**.
- The company's name or logo is considered as part of the float design and should be rendered in flowers or other natural materials.
- Streamers and placards are **not** allowed on the floats.
- Float designs must include the fact that the wheels of the float **must not be seen**.
- For those who intend to use a sound system, it must be incorporated into the design and should not be seen.



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- Persons on the float are considered part of the design and must therefore be "in character" or in costume to match the float theme, concept or design.
- Participants must also take into consideration that their floats will be put on display for twenty four (24) hours after the parade as part of the judging and must therefore make sure that their float remains intact and presentable for that length of time.
- Decorated push carts, cars or bicycles shall not be considered as floats and shall not be allowed to participate in the parade.

B. SIZE:

1. SMALL FLOATS CATEGORY

- Floats must have a minimum dimension of five (5) feet in height and five (5) feet in width up to a maximum of eight (8) feet in height and eight (8) feet in width. The street size and overpass height along the parade route makes this requirement necessary. The minimum length of the float required is at least twelve (12) feet up to a maximum of fifteen (15) feet per entry.
- The length of the float should be governed by the proper proportion for the design and should be constructed so that it will be able to make the 90 degree turn at intersections without delaying the forward motion of the parade or causing potential hazards.

2. BIG FLOATS CATEGORY

- Floats must have a minimum dimension of (ten) 10 feet in height and (ten) 10 feet in width with a maximum of twelve (12) feet in height and twelve (12) feet in width. The street size and overpass height along the parade route makes this requirement necessary. The minimum length of the float required is at least twenty (20) feet up to a maximum of forty (40) feet per entry.
- The length of the float should be governed by the proper proportion for the design and should be so constructed that it will be able to make the 90-degree turn at intersections without delaying the forward motion of the parade or causing potential hazards.

C. SAFETY:

- Throwing objects from the float is prohibited. Throwing of any object by the parade entrant is not permitted. Parade coordinators and parade marshals shall conduct inspection prior to the start of the parade to check the floats to ensure that this is complied with.
- No one may step on or off the float until it comes to a COMPLETE stop.
- An adult must be on the float to accompany the children. The ratio of adults to children must be adequate to provide for the safety of children below the age of 16.



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D. PARADE IN MOTION:

- All entries **must** report to their designated starting area no later than **6:00 am** in order to receive instructions and line order. **The parade will begin promptly at 8am. Late comers will be disqualified from joining the parade and the competition.**
- All floats are required to carry an identification number and displayed at all times to be judged. Float entries being judged must have their identification clearly marked so as to facilitate viewing by the judges.
- Floats must be capable of maintaining a minimum speed of 10km per hour under expected conditions.
- Forward motion must be maintained by all units during the parade. Floats or entries may not stop during the parade for any reason unless otherwise directed by a Parade Marshall/Parade Coordinator.
- Any additional personnel **not** connected to or not necessary to the design of the float is limited to **4 persons only** and must maintain proper distance from the float so as to not detract from the aesthetic properties of the float.
- Entries must maintain at least twenty (20) to thirty (30) feet distance from each other.
- Floats experiencing difficulties must move to the side of the street so others may pass. If at any time a float holds up the parade due to mechanical or obstruction difficulty, the float will be disqualified.

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

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| NAME OF COMPANY / ORGANIZATION: | |
| ADDRESS: | |
| NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE: | |
| CONTACT NUMBER/S: | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS: | |
| ALTERNATE PERSON IN CHARGE: | |
| CONTACT NUMBER/S | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS: | |

*Please attach the following:

- Float design with specifications of flowers used
- Float concept and description (in paragraph form).
- Materials used in the float.

Note: Once a float design has been approved, the applicant may not make any changes to the design and specification of the float. Should any alteration be undertaken from the submitted and approved design of the float without prior approval from the Foundation, the float will be disqualified and will not be included in the parade.



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POLICY ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

- The Grand Float Parade is not a political event nor should it be construed as a venue for one. It is a Flower Festival Parade and shall remain to be so;
- As much as the people of Baguio does not look kindly to political participation nor in making the Panagbenga Festival as a venue for one, the Executive Committee shall strictly implement the guidelines outlined on this policy relative to political participation;
- No political personalities may join the Grand Float Parade in any form or manner, except for INCUMBENT LOCAL officials of the City of Baguio, from the present serving Congressman, Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Councilors and Barangay Captains and Chairpersons;
- The Peace and Order Committee has been tasked by the Executive Committee of the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation, Inc. (BFFFI) to politely remove any political personalities not covered by the exceptions as stated on this policy statement. This shall be done in the presence of the accredited media group of Panagbenga Festival;
- Politicians opting to sponsor any float entry during the Grand Float Parade may do so, however they cannot require their sponsored float to advertise, carry, distribute or display any of their streamers, banners, posters, leaflets, merchandise that shall bear any of their names, political party or pictures. Any entry that shall violate this rule shall automatically be disqualified on the competition and shall not be allowed to parade.

REMINDERS:

****ALL float entries must be at the parade starting point along Panagbenga Park South Drive Baguio City, no later than 6:00AM on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Late entries shall be disqualified. The parade will start promptly at 8AM.**

FLOAT PARADE: JUDGING CRITERIA

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| Creative Design | 20% |
| Floral Craftsmanship | 20% |
| Artistic Merit | 15% |
| Floral and Color Presentation | 20% |
| Dramatic Impact | 25% |
| Total | 100% |

- The winners shall be determined on the basis of the ranking based on the judges' rating.
- The judges' decisions shall be final and non-appealable
- Any disputes should be placed in writing and addressed to the Executive Committee of Panagbenga 2016.