

27th Annual Hilton Head Island St. Patrick's Day Parade!

The 27th annual Hilton Head Island St. Patrick's Day Parade will show off its Irish spirit on Sunday, March 14th, at 3:00PM. A copy of the Parade route is enclosed. It will take your group about one hour to cover the Parade Route. Zones and position are predetermined and will be given to you upon your arrival at the staging area.

STAGING AREA & PARADE ROUTE:

- **The entrance to the staging area will be on South Forest Beach Drive and the** parade will begin at The Smokehouse entrance onto Pope Avenue.
- To get to the Staging area: use Cordillo Parkway; make a left onto Deallyon Ave. then a left onto South Forest Beach Dr. to get to the staging area.
- **You will not be able to drive into the entrance off Pope Ave.**
- The parade will continue along Pope Avenue make a left on Office Park Road at the traffic light and end at Park Plaza. Please be sure to have someone from your group at Park Plaza to pick up any children in a timely fashion.
- Please be prepared to follow instructions upon entering the staging area. Zone Captains will be available to assist you.
- **STAGING AREA: NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE STAGING AREA UNLESS THEY ARE PART OF THE PARADE.** Children will have to be dropped off at the entry to the Staging Area (see Map enclosed). There will be monitors there to escort the children to their position in the Parade. We strongly suggest that you also have members of your group at the entry to assist in getting children in your group to the proper place.
- **YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE STAGING AREA:** The Sheriff's Department will be rerouting the traffic on Pope Ave at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please plan to be in the Staging Area by that time. Once the Deputies turn the traffic, Pope Avenue will become very congested and it will cause delays.

All float entries must be "Parade Ready" no later than 2:00 p.m. on Sunday if they wish to be considered for an award.

ANY ENTRIES ARRIVING LATE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE PARADE

A copy of our rules and regulations is included. As the applicant for participation, it is your responsibility to ensure that every member of your organization or group be aware of these rules. **Any violation will result in immediate elimination from this and future parades.** The Beaufort County Sheriff's Department will be enforcing local laws. Your cooperation in making this a safe and fun event for the community is greatly appreciated.
Erin Go Bragh!

Kim Capin
Co-Chairman
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RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. All parade entries must be decorated. Any service vehicles not decorated with An Irish Theme will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
2. Pull a disabled vehicle to the side of the road and wait for a tow truck. Do not stop your vehicle, except for an emergency.
3. **DO NOT THROW ANYTHING from your vehicle or float.** Any mementoes (candy, flags, etc.) should be handed directly to spectators. *Our parade route is narrow and crowded. We do not want to encourage children to run towards moving vehicles.*
4. Maintain a safe distance from the unit in front of you, but try to prevent gaps.
5. Do not do “burn outs” on the parade route or in the staging area. This is extremely dangerous and will result in prosecution by the Sheriff’s Department.
6. **Alcohol consumption is strictly forbidden by participants on the parade route.** *Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed on the premises of appropriately licensed businesses. Any violation is subject to prosecution by the proper authorities. Don’t say we didn’t warn you!*
7. Children will not be allowed to ride in the lap of drivers in any circumstance. Small children should ride in appropriate child safety seats in the back seat. Air bags can deploy in low speed collisions.
8. Please take any trash with you from the staging area or place in an appropriate receptacle.



These rules exist for the safety of all participants and spectators. Please exercise good judgment and maintain the integrity of this community event.