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PARADE FLOAT and HAYRIDE REQUEST FORM

Troops/Groups must submit this completed request form to their Service Unit Manager (SUM) at least two (2) weeks prior to the event. The SUM must submit the form to her/his Director of Membership Services (DMS) or designee for approval. One copy of the approved or denied request is to be retained by the Membership Department, one should be retained by the SUM, and the Troops/Groups should retain a copy for their records.

Activity Guidelines are on page 2 of this request form.

Service Unit: _____ Troop/Group # _____

Troop/Group Leader or Advisor's Name: _____ Phone (with area code): _____

Address: _____ Phone (Alternate): _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of Participants on Float or Hayride

Daisies _____ Brownies _____ Juniors _____ Cadettes _____ Seniors _____ Ambassadors _____

Adult Females _____ Adult Males _____ Participants who are not registered Girl Scouts* _____

**All participants who are not registered Girl Scouts must be covered by Mutual of Omaha Activity Accident Insurance.*

Describe Vehicle(s) used in the Parade or Hayride

Do girls standing have secure hand holds? Yes _____ or No _____

Do girls sitting have secure seating? Yes _____ or No _____

Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy No. : _____

I have read the related GSUSA *Safety Activity Checkpoints* (see the information provided on page 2 of this form); and I am familiar with Girl Scouts of Connecticut policies, standards, and procedures. I understand that parents/guardians are to be informed of the nature and scope of this activity, event, or trip and that they **must** give written permission for their child to attend.

Troop/Group Leader or Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Permission Slips Completed: Yes _____ No _____ In Progress _____

Permission is granted to Troop/Group # _____ for this activity, event or trip.

SUM's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DMS's or Designee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Activity Guidelines:

Floats, hayrides, trailers, towing vehicles, and similar conveyances must meet all requirements listed in the *Safety Activity Checkpoints*, including the following general guidelines.

1. An adult must accompany girls on any moving float or hayride.
2. Floats and Hayrides must be safe and well constructed, without toxic or highly flammable materials, and well secured to the towing vehicle.
3. Any coupling of a trailer to a vehicle must be appropriate to the load and have safety chains.
4. Hauled vehicles must have protective sides and rear fencing or gates, as well as, rear lights in working order.
5. Girls never ride in the hauling vehicle.
6. Riders must be provided with secure seating without overcrowding and a secure handhold or a safety harness, if standing.
7. Floats and hayrides must be equipped with portable ABC fire extinguishers.
8. Ensure the route is clear of debris and hazards that may cause a jolt or jarring ride for participants; drivers must eliminate any blind-spot hazards.
9. Participants must not walk close to moving floats or hayrides.
10. Nothing may be distributed to onlookers from a moving vehicle, hayride, or float.

Safety Activity Checkpoint References

Hayrides: This section covers insurance, hauling vehicles, identification, private property, speed, and other important information.

Parades & Other Large Group Gatherings: This section includes information about appropriateness, readiness, sponsors, facility use, food handling, clothing, transportation, Emergency Procedures and First Aid, and other important information.

Furthermore: Connecticut law about carrying children in pickup trucks and open-bed vehicles is quoted below:

***CT General Statutes, Vol. 5 Title 14, Chap 248 Sec. 14-272a.
Carrying of children in pickup trucks or open-bed vehicles. Restrictions.***

(a) No person may operate on any public highway any truck type motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not exceeding seventy-five hundred pounds having an open rear section or any motor vehicle having an open bed when a child under the age of sixteen years is in such open rear section or open bed unless such child wears a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt which conforms to the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Section 571.209, as amended from time to time. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person who operates such a vehicle (1) in a parade authorized by the municipality or municipalities in which such parade is conducted, (2) used for farming purposes or registered pursuant to subsection (q) of section 14-49 or (3) in a recreational hayride conducted between the months of August and December.