

Dry Decorating Information

Girl Scout Troops / Groups

2018



Thank you for registering to decorate the 2018 Rose Parade Floats! Enclosed you will find pertinent information.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

ONLY AGES 10 & UP CAN PARTICIPATE IN DRY DECORATING!!!

Remember this is not the usual Girl Scout event; this is a real-life working situation AND we are counting on your arrival. When you registered your troop, you and your girls made a commitment to a contract between the Girl Scouts and Fiesta Parade Floats, guaranteeing specific numbers of volunteers each shift. Your failure to show up could deny other girls the experience because we only have a limited number of openings each shift. If some emergency arises and you find you cannot fulfill your commitment, please call me ASAP so I can make your shifts available to other troops.

Rain is NOT an acceptable excuse for cancellation!

If you are NOT the person attending be sure the person attending has this info!

Dry Decorating

Dry decorating is the time (before December 26) where we prep materials. You will not be assigned to a float. It's a day of (among other things) cutting dry flowers, cutting stasis to dry, ironing cornhusks, crushing coconut, filling water vials (you may get wet), and socializing.

If you can talk and cut flowers at the same time, this is a good job for you! Also a great start for 1st timers, the pace is more relaxed and friendly and you really need to do the prep work to appreciate exactly how valuable the material is so you won't waste it when applying it to the float! All dry decorators should bring their own lunch. Finally, please wear old clothes; some dry decorating tasks can ruin your clothing.

Waiting

Remember to come prepared (mentally and physically) to wait around until you are assigned. You will be placed where you are needed and it requires time for the Supervisor to assess the needs for the day and get the different groups started.

Clothing

Dress in layers with sturdy, broken in; closed-toe shoes (no sandals or open-toe shoes). No shorts or tank tops. Make sure they are clothes you are never planning to wear again, THEY COULD GET RUINED.

Meals / Snacks / Drinks

Dry decorators should bring your own sack lunch. Do not bring food or drinks into the building. Leave meals, snacks and other drinks in vehicle. Water bottles are ok in the Fiesta building.

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Keeping it Clean

Keep your work area and around the float as neat as possible, dispose of empty containers as you empty them and clean any work area you use BEFORE moving on to another job. It's much easier to clean as you go then to leave it all until the end when we have to completely clean before leaving for the day. Please keep the outhouses clean! Don't throw paper on the floor, and if you drop it PICK IT UP! If you see a problem, report it to Kathleen - Fiesta Supervisor.

Parking

See the location map.

Smoking

There is ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING in the building!!! Smoking is ONLY permitted outside the building.

Decorator Pins

Commemorate your decorating experience and your scout troop! Pins can be purchased from Kathleen on the website or the date you decorate! The pins can be paid with cash, credit cards, or checks on your decorating day! The pin order form can be downloaded from our website at www.gsfloatdecorators.com

What to Bring

If you are NOT the person attending be sure the person attending has this info!

For every person attending - scouts, adults, or non-scouts:

- School picture ID & a copy of birth certificate, for proof of age, if we have doubts
- Health History (in Leaders possession)
- Small scissors on a string (no scissors = no work)
- camp chair (mandatory for dry decorating)

Optional items:

- Small first aid kit
- Automotive hand cleaner / rags or towels
- Ponytail holders / bandannas
- Allergy medication

We suggest you do not bring anything valuable, and leave all your purses locked in the trunk of your car or at home. Neither Fiesta, nor the Girl Scouts will be responsible for any losses or damage.

Again, I want to remind you to impress on EVERYONE you bring that there are no "glamour" jobs. Each and every job must get done for the floats to be completed. "Fair" is to the company we are working for, not to the individual girls, or troops.

Remember, these vendors have paid \$250,000.00 and up to have these floats built and they want it done right! We put people where we need them to be, sometimes regardless of their previous experience.

Each and every adult should be responsible for making sure that the group they are working with is doing their job correctly! If there are questions or confusion about the correct instructions, please clarify with the Fiesta Float Supervisor. This is a cooperative effort, we don't want misunderstandings to happen so please be pleasant to one another and if there are any problems bring them to **Kathleen IMMEDIATELY!**

Remember we are representing Girl Scouts and we want to be able to do this in future years.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF DECORATING

Go over these with everyone in your group!

PLEASE DO....

- Ask questions, better to ask and do it right than to have to do it over again later.
- The work asked of you.
- Keep the area around the float as clean as possible, sweep and pick-up often.
- Keep track of scissors and marking pens if you are using them.
- Watch where you are going, people decorate everywhere.
- Wear your badge at all times.
- You are not done until your area is clean!

PLEASE DON'T...

- Refuse to do any job, EVERY duty is important, from cleaning up to cutting the flowers (besides, you might not get another job)!
- Fool around, having fun is fine, but don't be disruptive.
- Wear nice clothes
- Waste flowers, we may not have enough.
- Climb or step on any of the float surfaces unless instructed to do so.
- Bring friends or relatives who just want to look around.
- Smoke near the float or decoration materials.
- Touch the spandex area on or around moving joints.
- Change jobs unless instructed to do so by a Fiesta Supervisor
- Leave a job to ask/beg to be moved to another one, we'll move you as soon as we are able.