

Dear Parents of Tulip Festival Float Riders,

Tulip Festival is fast approaching and is set for May 19, 20 and 21. We would like to know, in advance, if your **K-5<sup>th</sup>** grade child(ren) is/are interested in riding a **Tulip Festival float**. Due to safety concerns and the overwhelming number of riders in the past, we are requesting that your child(ren) sign up for **no more than three parades**. Please split between afternoon and evening parades. This allows us to have to have a good number of children for each parade. *Please do not sign up for all afternoon parades*. We are looking for a good group of children in evening parades as well.



Please place a check mark by the parade(s) that your child(ren) will ride and return the bottom portion of this sheet to the school or the Tulip Festival office by **Monday, May 2**.

Your child(ren) will be added to the list for the parade(s) indicated below. **Please fill out your calendar with this information**. Volunteers will have extra permission slips on hand the days of the Tulip Festival. Please come see the volunteers for the permission slip at the check in point.

You, your child, or both should be at the corner of **Arizona Ave and 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW between 1:45 and 2:10 p.m.** for the **afternoon parades and 5:15-5:45 p.m.** for the evening parades. Our wonderful volunteer workers will not be ready for you before this time. Children and parents please be respectful of those in line ahead of you and our volunteers. Everyone will be checked in.

**Your child(ren) will receive their float number and their carnival ride ticket when they check in.** If your child is participating in Street Scrubbing, Dutch Dancing, or Children’s Games they need to be at the corner as soon as possible after the event. **Floats will be assigned prior to the parades so there will be no need to be at the corner first.**

**Check-in is required.** Children cannot just jump on a float, they must check in with our volunteers. Your child(ren) is/are required to wear a **Dutch costume and wooden shoes or black shoes to ride a float. NO BARE FEET PLEASE!** Courtesy is expected of everyone. We want our visitors and our participants to have fun and enjoy our annual festival.

If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please call the Tulip Festival office at 712-707-4510.

*Tulip Festival 2016 Dates – Thursday, May 19 | Friday, May 20 | Saturday, May 21*

-----PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED BOTTOM SECTION BY MONDAY, MAY 2-----

Please check the parades your child(ren) are riding in. **Please mark your calendars as well.**

___ Thursday Afternoon (child name _____)	___ Thursday Evening (child name _____)
___ Friday Afternoon (child name _____)	___ Friday Evening (child name _____)
___ Saturday Afternoon (child name _____)	___ Saturday Evening (child name _____)

Child(ren) first and last name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I (parent or guardian) give permission for my child(ren) listed above to participate in float riding during Tulip Festival. I understand that neither the City of Orange City nor the Friends of the Festival Foundation is responsible for accidents.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please ensure that this is a phone number we can reach you at during Tulip Festival.**