



Luling Watermelon Thump Association

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Dear Parade Participant,

The 72nd annual Luling Watermelon Thump festival is scheduled for **JUNE 26-29th**. We extend to you a cordial invitation to be a participant in our unique Parade.

Parade Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Judging: 9:00 a.m.
Deadline to enter: Friday, June 20, 2025

Parade participants will compete for awards in all categories and a sweepstakes trophy will be presented to the most outstanding entry in the parade. **There will be a special award for all entries except Visiting Festivals, Chamber of Commerce and Fairs category, for the best watermelon decorated entry.**

For your best parade position, please complete the application and return it as soon as possible. You can also fill out an entry form on our website: <https://newsite.watermelonthump.com>. No entry forms will be accepted after Friday, June 20, 2025.

A confirmation including your line-up number, time schedule, map, and parade rules will be **emailed** approximately one week before the parade. If we can be of assistance, please contact our office at the address or email listed above.

We sincerely hope that you and your organization will plan to join us this year on June 28th to help ensure the success of our ever-popular Giant Parade.

Thank you,
Dayton Bailey, Parade Chair/Thump Vice-Chair

LULING WATERMELON THUMP PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **PARADE FORMATION** - on the streets surrounding the L.I.S.D. schools, corner of Hackberry and Bowie Streets. Numbered stakes will be in view.
2. **LINE-UP TIME** - 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
3. **CHECK-IN** - This is not required, but if you need information or assistance please report to the intersection of Hackberry & Bowie Streets.
4. **DRESSING/RESTROOMS** - The high school gym at the intersection of Bowie and Hackberry Streets will be open for dressing and restroom facilities.
5. **JUDGING** - Begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. sharp! All entries must be in place, set-up, and ready to go with riders in position by 9:00 a.m. Participants **MUST** remain in place until all judging is complete to qualify for an award.
6. **PARADE TIME** - Begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. sharp - RAIN OR SHINE!
7. **PARADE WINNERS** - Will be presented with their awards(s) before the parade begins.
8. **SAFETY** - As a safety precaution for our young spectators, we ask that no candy, gum, flowers, or samples of anything be thrown from your entry during the parade. This rule will be strictly enforced and any items thrown from your entry will be removed.
9. **ENTRY SAFETY** - Please try to maintain a safe distance between your entry and the preceding entry along the entire parade route. We suggest a 2-3 car length distance. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP AND PERFORM ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE!**
10. **NO ENTRY** may proceed through the parade route more than once without permission from the parade committee.
11. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** consumed by drivers before, or during, the parade is expressly forbidden. If a driver is seen consuming alcohol while driving the parade route, it will result in removal from the parade formation.
12. **EACH YOUTH GROUP** shall be represented by an adult supervisor who will be responsible for his/her group following all parade rules.
13. **AUTOS AND VEHICLES** must be driven by a licensed driver.
14. **CAR CLUBS** will be limited to 5 (five) vehicles. Total Car Club participation is limited to 3 (three) clubs and participation will be on a first applied first approved basis. Multiple chapters of the same car club will not be allowed. No weaving of vehicles is allowed on the parade route.
15. **NO EXTENDED BLARING** of loud air horns and sirens; intermittent please. Train horns are not allowed.
16. **THERE WILL BE NO** undecorated private or commercial large trucks, tractors, ect. This does not pertain to antique type vehicles.
17. **WATER GUNS OR WATER BALLOONS** may not spray or be thrown into the crowd,
18. **THE LULING WATERMELON THUMP** & parade committee assumes **NO** responsibility for accidents or losses of any kind.

We hope that your participation in the Watermelon Thump Parade is a truly pleasant and memorable experience for you and your organization. Best of luck to you!

Sincerely,

The Parade Committee

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PARADE APPLICATION - "THUMP 2025"

72nd Annual Luling Watermelon Thump

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Name of Organization or Individual: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

PARADE DIVISIONS (Please check one)

- Vanguard/Dignitaries Local Commercial Out-of-Town Commercial Military
- Civic Clubs/Churches Youth Groups Shriners Horses In-Town-Court
- Visiting Festivals, Chambers of Commerce, Fairs (PLEASE LIST COMMUNITY POPULATION BELOW.)
(You MUST list the population of your community for this category, please _____.)

TYPE OF ENTRY (Please check one)

- Color Guard or Marching Band or Drill Team
- Float
- Decorated Car or Truck
- Car or Truck Club (limit of 5 vehicles per club - no exceptions!)
- Horses (_____ number in your group)
- OTHER, please describe _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Will your entry have music? YES NO If YES, will it be LIVE or RECORDED? (circle one)
2. Approximate amount of space in feet needed for your entry? _____

COMMENTS FOR THE PARADE ANNOUNCERS _____

The Luling Watermelon Thump Association officers, members and designated officials are not liable in either official or individual capacity for property damage, personal injury or death arising from your participation in the Luling Watermelon Thump Parade. By signing this disclaimer form, the responsible person for the entry binds each person participating in the activity under the authority of this entry form to hold afore named harmless from liability and agrees to provide each participating person under the authority of this entry form with a copy of this disclaimer and rules for the parade.

Name of Responsible Party (please print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____

Date: _____

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You can also fill out the application online through our website:
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