

TEXAS COTTON GIN MUSEUM

The Official Cotton Gin Museum of Texas

...keeping the legacy of cotton alive for all generations –
through the maintenance and preservation of the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin
the oldest operating cotton gin in America.

2017 Burton Cotton Gin Festival Parade Invitation and Rules – Saturday, April 22

The **TEXAS COTTON GIN MUSEUM** invites you to participate in the **2017 Burton Cotton Gin Festival Parade** on **SATURDAY, APRIL 22!** Plans are ginning for a great Festival and we would be honored if you would join us in celebrating our **28th** event!

Please fill out the Parade Application and return to: **Texas Cotton Gin Museum P.O. Box 98 Burton, TX 77835** or you may **fax to 979-289-5210** ...**Mail or fax by Thursday, April 13 !!!** We are again making Announcement cards for each parade entry and strict adherence to this deadline must be honored. You may still be in the Parade – but if we do not receive your application by April 13th no card will be made. As in years past you may place a sign outside your vehicle/entry **on the right hand side** to identify information you would like folks to know about your entry.

Staging Area – Located at **Burton High School** – 917 N. Main St. (also known as FM 390). Parade entrants will “sign in” at the registration table in front of Burton High School after 8 a.m. **PLEASE** designate **ONE PERSON** from your group to sign-in and obtain your entry number.

****Tractor and engine exhibitors will sign in at the Tractor Show Registration (enter via Spur 125 off of 290 W) and if you would like to be in the parade you will proceed out of Festival grounds onto Railroad St. and then right onto Cedar St. At this point you will be directed to “feed in” to main Parade.**

*****Horses – ALL Horses MUST have a CURRENT COGGINS CERTIFICATE!!! This certificate MUST be presented to parade officials BEFORE unloading and kept with the horse at all times. All horses must be at least 2 years of age. Only (1) one rider per horse will be allowed.**

There will be an Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. – The Parade will begin rolling at 10 a.m.

- ❖ **It is imperative that everyone be in place by 9:30 a.m.**
- ❖ **All drivers in operator’s seat by 9:40 a.m. – (for safety reasons - do not start engines before 9:30 a.m.)**
- ❖ **No candy or trinkets to be thrown from your vehicle, tractor, float, etc. – you MAY have someone walk beside your entry and THEY can throw candy, etc. INTO the crowd.**
- ❖ **If you have engine failure... please pull your vehicle to the right side of the roadway ASAP to keep the parade route clear.**
- ❖ **At end of parade you will be directed where to go... back to staging area to exit or if you are signed up to go onto Festival grounds - tractors, exhibitors or antique cars that will be on display.**

**George and Kim Higgins
2017 Festival Parade Chairmen**

We hope to see you at the 2017 Annual Parade and Festival!

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