



Gaspee Days Parade – Performing Unit Application

The Gaspee Days Committee would like you and your organization to consider joining in our celebration by participating in our annual Gaspee Days Parade. Please remember that the theme of the parade is a patriotic celebration of the 1772 burning of the British revenue schooner, HMS Gaspee, and that we encourage all participants to decorate with this in mind. The purpose of the parade is to commemorate the burning of the HMS *Gaspee* in 1772, while at the same time, providing entertainment to the public.

The parade is composed of the following groups and individuals, all of whom are invited to participate:

Division 1

- A. Rhode Island Mace
- B. Pawtuxet Rangers
- C. RI Governor
- D. US Senators in Congress
- E. US Congressman
- F. RI Lieutenant Governor
- G. RI Secretary of State
- H. Rhode Island General Treasurer
- I. Rhode Island State Representatives Pawtuxet Area
- J. National Guard and 88th Army Band
- K. RI State Senators from Pawtuxet Area

Division 2

- A. Grand Marshal
- B. Gaspee Day Committee Charter Members
- C. Past Presidents
- D. President
- E. Parade Chairperson(s)
- F. Colonial Militia
- G. Colonial Fife and Drum

Division 3 to Division 6

- A. Colonial Militia
- B. Colonial Fife and Drum
- C. Floats and fillers

Division 7

- A. Rhode Island Shriner's Units

Division 8 – Warwick Division 8

- A. City of Warwick Mayor
- B. City of Warwick Senators Pawtuxet Area
City of Warwick Representatives Pawtuxet Area
- C. Area
- D. Warwick City Council Pawtuxet Area

Division 9 - Cranston Division

- A. City of Cranston Mayor
- B. City of Cranston Senators Pawtuxet Area
City of Cranston Representatives Pawtuxet Area
- C. Area
- D. City of Cranston Council Pawtuxet Area
- E. All other units from Cranston

Division 10 Providence and Modern Division

- A. City of Providence elected officials
- B. All other celebrated community groups.

The final composition of the parade (participants and line-up) is left up to the discretion of the current Parade Chairperson. The Parade Chairperson has the right to refuse anyone for inclusion in the parade.

If your group would like to be considered, please have your group's authorized agent fill out the attached application. Read and sign our Rules and Regulations, sign contract and return it to us along with the application. Applications should be mailed to address below or e-mailed to parade@gaspee.org as early as possible and no later than April 15, 2024. Please include both a valid postal and e-mail address to ensure future correspondence. **Don't forget to include an updated, brief overview of your group.**

Detailed information on parade participation can be found at www.Gaspee.com. Do not hesitate to contact us at parade@gaspee.org or at (401) 781-1772 (ext. 1), if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



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Contract Agreement

The safety of our parade audience and participants are of utmost concern. Violations of Parade Rules and Regulations and Safety Rules will result in the following - first offense will be a written warning and second offense will result in expulsion from the parade.

1. Participants **must always obey uniformed police officers and red-shirt Gaspee Days Committee members at all times**, including respect to spacing.
2. Each parade participating group or person must be responsible not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of the public audience around them. Please immediately bring any unsafe or troublesome conditions to the attention of a police officer or Division Coordinator/Gaspee Days Committee Representative.
3. Acceptance into the parade will be based on the following:
 - a. **theme, logistics, spacing, and other needs** of the Gaspee Days Committee.
 - b. Participation of any person or group in the parade is at the sole discretion of **the Gaspee Days Committee**, which reserves the right to exclude any such person or group. Only those individuals and groups that have **been invited and/or accepted** by the Gaspee Days Committee will be allowed to march in the parade.
 - c. **The position in the parade line of march of ALL participants will be at the sole discretion of the Gaspee Days Committee.**
4. Vehicle drivers are solely responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle. **Support vehicles other than those towing a float are not allowed** to be in the parade unless specifically authorized by the Parade Committee.
5. **No signage may be displayed that is not in accordance with the patriotic theme and celebration** of the parade. Sponsors and vehicles towing floats may display only minimal signs so as not to detract from the aesthetic value of the float or group.
6. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by parade participants until after they have finished their parade route. All parade participants are responsible for observing state and municipal laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol possession and consumption.
7. Only individuals who hold elective office in federal, state, and/or local government and have received a written invitation from the Gaspee Days Committee may march in the parade. Officials holding such position are also not permitted to advertise a candidacy.
8. Parade groups with animals of any kind must provide people to perform immediate "pooper scooper" duties. This is, of course, in fairness to those who march behind you, as well as for the well-being of our parade audience. If you do not provide this very important duty, we will be unable to allow your animals to participate in the parade.
9. **No overtly commercial, sexual, political, or religious themes** are allowed in the parade. Any participant that violates this rule will be removed immediately from the parade.
10. **All antique vehicles must be able to remain idle** due to various stops along the parade route.
11. No one may carry or wear stiff or firm signs as these both obstruct views and can injure members of the crowded parade audience.
12. No objects of any kind may be handed, thrown, sprayed or otherwise distributed to spectators (this includes balloons, toys, candy, trinkets, literature, pamphlets, buttons, canned confetti, silly string etc.) from any vehicle or float or by any parade participant.
13. Parade vehicles and floats may not be approached by people along the parade route, whether by a spectator or parade participant, and whether the vehicle or float has stopped or not. The vehicle or float may not be used as a base of operations for groups or persons accompanying such vehicle or float.
14. **All acrobatic stunts**, including but not limited to, gymnastic and cheerleading acrobatics, **must supply a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the Gaspee Days Committee, City of Warwick and city of Cranston.**



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15. Military reenactment groups must not fire in the immediate vicinity of horses in the parade. All firearms must be aimed away from people and fired only under the command of a uniformed officer. Musket charges are limited to 100 grains of black powder. Cannons may not be fired along the parade route except by the special contingent stationed at Pawtuxet Bridge.

16. Due to crowd safety concerns, we do not allow privately-owned horses in our parade. Corporate or municipal horses must be insured.

17. No one may interfere with the progress of the parade anywhere along the parade route. There should never be more than 100 feet between groups (the distance between two telephone poles). Groups should perform as they are marching. A group may not stop to perform unless the entire parade has stopped ahead.

18. No scooters, bicycles, Segway, skateboards, wagons, shopping carts, etc. are allowed in or along the parade route unless specifically allowed by the Gaspee Days Committee.

19. **No one may use a public-address system, loudspeaker, or bullhorn** without specific authorization from the Gaspee Days Committee as this interferes with the parade enjoyment of our audience.

Please sign acknowledging that you have read the Gaspee Days Committee Rules and Regulations

Signature

Date



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GROUP INFORMATION: All fields are required unless otherwise stated. Incomplete applications may result in a delay in processing your application.

Group Name					
Street Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Primary Contact Name		Contact Day of Parade			
Primary Contact Phone Number		Primary Email			
Website or FaceBook Page					
Number of Participants in Group		Military Charter Date			

Please tell us the total number you will be bringing to parade (floats should be no higher than 12ft 6 in from ground):

____ Trucks ____ Floats ____ Cannon ____ SUV ____ Car _____ Other (please specify)

- Please check here if your group will be singing or playing music. If yes, please describe below. This acknowledges that amplified speakers, PA systems, bullhorns, and any other form of amplification devices are prohibited from use in the parade.

Please include a brief description and history of your group with this application. below (in third person – ‘they’ not ‘we’) suitable for news media. Please keep description to a few short sentences.

In consideration for the Gaspee Days Committee, we agree to participate in the Gaspee Days Parade, and will abide by all Gaspee Days Committee directives, especially with respect to safety and good taste. In recognition of the opportunity afforded to our organization to participate in the Gaspee Days Parade, we hereby waive any right or cause of action arising because of our organization’s participation in said parade from which any liability may or could accrue against the Gaspee Days Committee, and any of its agents and volunteers. Our organization agrees that this waiver shall include any rights of causes of action resulting from personal injury to members of our organization or property damage sustained in connection with our participation in the parade. Final acceptance of this contract is solely at the discretion of the Gaspee Days Committee.

Payment to groups is processed by June 30th. Fee requested by group for participation (bid):

Name of Authorized Group Agent (Print)

Title of Authorized Group Agent

Signature of Authorized Group Agent

Date