

Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Tomato Festival

"Where history & hospitality meet"

Dear Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the **82nd Ellinger Tomato Festival Parade** on Sunday, **May 27, 2018**, beginning at **10 A.M.** The judging will be at 9:15 A.M. If you wish to be judged, please have all riders in place by 9:00 A.M.

First and Second place awards will be given in the following categories:

BEST DECORATED FLOAT	BEST PATRIOTIC
BEST CLASSIC VEHICLE	BEST BUSINESS
BEST ANTIQUE VEHICLE	BEST COMICAL
BEST HORSEBACK RIDER	BEST MUSCLE & PONY CAR

Check in starts at 7:30 A.M. at the tent behind the Shell station on Hwy. 71 at the corner of Munn and Jarmon Streets. Turn on Munn Street at Peters Bar B Que.

The Tomato Festival will pay tribute to all veterans and military members. A ceremony honoring the military and veterans will be held after the parade inside the air condition hall.

Parade awards will be given as the parade passes by the Chamber of Commerce Hall. The parade sponsor is PETERS BAR-B-QUE.

The parade entry form and parade rules are enclosed. Please fill out the form and return before May 18, 2018 to:

Ellinger Tomato Festival Parade
% William H. Koehl
768 N. Horton St.
La Grange, Texas 78945

Thank you for your participation in this annual event.

If you have any questions, please contact William Koehl at 979/968-3781 or email ellingertexas@hotmail.com

Ellinger Tomato Festival Parade Entry Form

Name of organization, firm, or individual:

Address

Phone #

Person in charge

Category----Please circle one

Best Decorated Float

Best Business

Best Antique Vehicle

Best Classic Vehicle

Best Patriotic

Most Comical

Best Horseback Rider

Best Muscle & Pony Car

TOTAL LENGTH OF ENTRY INCLUDING VEHICLE _____ FEET

Comments for the parade announcer:

Hold Harmless Agreement

The undersigned agrees to participate in the 2018 Ellinger Tomato Festival Parade to be held on Sunday, May 27, 2018, in Ellinger, Texas. We agree to cooperate in every way possible and to abide by the established rules in order to ensure the safety and success of the parade.

The 2018 Parade Committee shall not be responsible and/or held liable for the property of participants from theft, damage by fire, water, accidents, and/or any other causes of injuries. It is hereby understood and agreed that the above organizations, businesses, and/or individual(s) shall not hold the officers, members, agents, and/or volunteers of the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce and/or Sponsors of the event responsible for any and all liability, suit destruction, injury, and/or claims caused by them, their volunteers, and/or to volunteers, participants, and/or spectators.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please Complete, Sign & Return by May 18

**Ellinger Chamber of Commerce
Tomato Festival
Parade Rules**

I.

PARADE WILL START PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.

II.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE JUDGED, RIDERS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 9:00 A.M.
JUDGING WILL BE AT 9:05 A.M. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS THE
PARADE PASSES THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALL**

III.

**AUTO AND LARGE VEHICLES MUST BE DRIVEN BY A LICENSED DRIVER.
SMALL VEHICLES (MINI-BIKES, GO-CARTS, ETC.) MUST BE OPERATED BY A
PERSON AGE 12 OR OLDER.**

IV.

**WHEN DRIVING, UNITS SHALL NOT BLOCK THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC FOR
PARTICIPANTS BEHIND YOU. STAY 1/2 BLOCK BEHIND THE ENTRY IN FRONT
OF YOU FOR SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN THAT MAY BE IN THE ROAD PICKING
UP CANDY.**

V.

**EXCEPTIONS TO THESE RULES MAY BE MADE ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF
THE PARADE COMMITTEE.**

VI.

**ANY WRAPPED CANDY MAY BE THROWN, BUT MUST BE THROWN FAR
ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE VEHICLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.
CANDY MUST NOT BE IN ANY TYPE OF MEDICINE CONTAINER OR DEPICT ANY
TYPE OR FORM OF MEDICATION.**

VII.

**THE ELLINGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ANY ACCIDENTS.**

VIII.

**THE ELLINGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RETAINS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE
ENTRY OF ANY FLOAT, UNIT, OR INDIVIDUAL NOT CONFORMING TO THE
STANDARDS OF THE ELLINGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FAILURE TO
COMPLY WITH THE PARADE RULES MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE
PARADE FORMATION.**

PARADE SPONSORED BY: PETERS BAR-B-QUE, ELLINGER, TEXAS