



The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival would like to invite you to participate in this year's Teddy Bear Parade celebrating the 54th Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival. The parade will take place on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Registration begins at 1:00 P.M. and the parade will begin at 2:00 P.M. at the Appomattox County School Board Office. The parade will travel through downtown Appomattox and end at the Depot parking lot on Main Street. The parade route is approximately .5 miles long.

ALL ages are welcomed to participate. Participants are asked to decorate their entry. All entries are subject for judging. Trophies will be awarded for the best entry in each category. All participants will receive a ribbon. There is no fee to participate; however, an application must be completed and returned to the festival committee by 1:00 P.M. on October 11, 2026 (Day of the Event) at the Appomattox County School Board Office. Applications can be mailed or completed online on our website. We prefer applications to be submitted online by Thursday, October 8, 2026.

Below you will find the Terms and Conditions of Teddy Bear Parade Participation.

Conditions of Teddy Bear Parade Participation:

- (1) The participating organization shall indemnify and hold harmless the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival from all claims for injury to or the death of any person and for damage to or the loss of any property arising out of or attributed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the participation of the organization and its member participants in the parade.
- (2) Participants shall follow all instructions of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designees, including law enforcement officers, to ensure the parade takes place in an orderly fashion which does not endanger the health or safety of participants or spectators.
- (3) Motor vehicles are prohibited as parade entries. Wagons, power wheels, scooters, bikes, etc are allowed in the parade, however adult supervision is required.
- (4) Participants shall not throw candy or any other items into the crowd, as this may create a risk of injury to spectators. If participants wish to distribute candy or other items, they shall hand the items directly to spectators. Participants shall not commit any acts that endanger the health or safety of participants or spectators. The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designees, including law enforcement officers, may remove a participant or his/her organization from participating in the parade upon a determination that such participation constitutes or will constitute a hazard to the health or safety of participants or spectators.
- (5) Only those individuals listed on the parade application shall be permitted to participate in the parade. No other participants shall take part in the parade without approval, in writing, by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designee prior to the beginning of the parade.
- (6) All entries with children participating SHALL HAVE ADEQUATE ADULT SUPERVISION, as determined by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, or their designee.
- (7) By his/her signature on the parade application form, the representative agrees to ensure that all participants in his/her organization comply with the conditions of parade participation listed above and, with proper lawful authority, binds his/her organization to such conditions.
- (8) Participants may be photographed and displayed on social media and/or websites operated by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.
- (9) The Parade is rain or shine.

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Teddy Bear Parade Application

(Applications are available to complete online at appomattoxrrfest.org for your convenience)

Contact Name:	
Participant Name:	Participant Age:
Email:	Phone:

Preferred Category (Check Preferred Choice)

<input type="checkbox"/> Best Career	<input type="checkbox"/> Biggest	<input type="checkbox"/> Smallest	<input type="checkbox"/> Best Decorated Wagon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Best Dressed	<input type="checkbox"/> Best Unconventional Bear/Non-Bear	<input type="checkbox"/> Best Railroad Festival Themed Wagon	<input type="checkbox"/> Most Hometown Pride	

Please give a brief description of your entry: _____

Applicant Signature:

(By affixing your signature, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by the Conditions of the Teddy Bear Parade set forth by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival included on the back of this form)

Please Complete this Application online at appomattoxrrfest.org

or

Mail this Application to: PO Box 513, Appomattox, VA, 24522



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