

PARADE PARTICIPATION FORM

Western Massachusetts Puerto Rican Parade of Holyoke, MA will be held on **Sunday, July 15, 2012**, commencement will be at **12:00 p.m. SHARP**, assembly for all at the Holyoke High School back parking lot, Pine Street & Resnic Boulevard in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The Parade will line up at 10:00 a.m. at the school. For more information, please contact Freddie Vazquez and Herb Colon, Esq., at de_payaso@yahoo.com. Complete this form and return the form along with the registration fee*. The registration deadline **is Friday, July 6, 2012**. Please submit to:

**Western MA Puerto Rican Parade
C/o La Familia Hispana, Inc.
P.O. Box 6550 Holyoke, MA 01041-6550
(413) 532-4496 / Email: de_payaso@yahoo.com or paradeprholyoke@gmail.com**

Name of Organization: _____

Person in Charge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

CATEGORY (please check one): Number of Participants: _____

Marching Unit _____ Dance Group _____ Float: _____ Flat Bed: _____

Decorated/Antique Auto: _____ Athletic Group: _____ Individual Performance: _____

Other: _____ **Registration - License Required**

***Please note that a registration fee is required. (Non-profit \$50.00, for profit \$100.00, Political Candidates \$200.00, & others will be decided on a case by case. Please make checks payable to the La Familia Hispana, Inc. / The Hispanic Family, Inc. The registration fee must be paid by Friday, July 6, 2012 in order to participate in the parade.**

Must Pay by Check or Money Order

NO QUADS, MINI-BIKES, VEHICLES, DIRT BIKES, GO CARTS, ETC. ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PARADE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Please provide a brief description of your organization/group for the announcers at the reviewing stand. (If additional space is needed use the back of this sheet). Include group leader, President, Queen, etc.... The undersigned hereby agrees to comply with the Rules of Participation of the Western Massachusetts Puerto Rican Parade and to abide by all local and federal laws applicable. Participants shall hold to Harmless Agreement and any of the members, of La Familia Hispana, Inc. /Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade for damages or injuries as a result of the participation in the Parade. **See attached guidelines/regulations for the parade.**

Signature of Representative/Contact Person

Date

PRINT NAME _____

THE PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Once you have submitted your Registration Fee* is non refundable

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RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

La Familia Hispana, Inc.
Holyoke, MA

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade, Festival De La Familia Hispana, and/or any other activities of La Familia Hispana, Inc., in Holyoke, Massachusetts or elsewhere, THE UNDERSIGNED, for herself/himself, her/his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin: HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, AND CONVENANTS NOT TO SUE The La Familia Hispana, Inc./Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade, all participants in Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade, Festival De La Familia Hispana, and/or other activities of La Familia Hispana, Inc., in Holyoke, Massachusetts or elsewhere, sponsors of the Parade, or La Familia, Inc. and directors, officers, volunteers, or agents of the foregoing, all of whom are referred to as "releases," from all liability that the undersigned, his/hers personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while the undersigned is observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in the Parade (including, but not limited to, all preparation therefore, the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-parade and post-parade activities, and the return of Parade materials to storage locations), the West Mass Puerto Rican Parade, or any other activities of La Familia Hispana Inc ..

1. HEREBY AGREES TO IDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releases and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in any way observing, or working for, or for any purpose participating in the Parade (including, but not limited to, all preparation therefore, the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-parade and post-parade activities, and the return of Parade materials to storage locations), the Western Mass Puerto Rican Inc., or any other activity of La Familia Hispana, Inc. and whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.
2. HEREBY AGREES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY HARM, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releases or otherwise while observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in the Parade (including, but not limited to, all preparation therefore, the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-parade and post-parade activities, and the return of Parade materials to storage locations), the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade, or any other activity of La Familia Hispana, Inc.

THE UNDERSIGNED expressly acknowledges and agrees that the activities of the Parade (including, but not limited to, all preparation therefore, the Parade itself, all incidental activities including pre-parade and post-parade activities, and the return of Parade materials to storage locations), the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade, or any other activity of La Familia Hispana, Inc. are dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage.

THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, wavier, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid, then the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND WILLFULLY ADHERES TO LA FAMILIA HISPANA INC. CODE OF CONDUCT.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Volunteers under 18 years of age must also have a Parent/Guardian sign Waiver as well.

Print:
Parent/Guardian
Name
Print Parent/Guardian
Name Signature
Date

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WESTERN MASS PUERTO RICAN PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

The intent of the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade is for participants of all ages to have fun and the themes conveyed should be understandable by children and appropriate for viewing by children. The Parade is intended to be a fun, local event for the Holyoke community to celebrate festival and parade.

This Parade is not judged or sanctioned, No awards will be given to any parade entry.

The Parade will be limited to participation by 100 units. A Parade unit is limited to no more than 50 persons. The 100 entries to the Parade will be selected in the order that the application is received. This requirement is intended to limit the time of the Parade to approximately one hour and a half, so as to move participants along to the Festival De La Familia Hispana, which begins at 1:30 pm.

No entry will be allowed that conveys any obscene message, as viewed by the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade viewing community, which includes children of all ages.

All participants, in consideration of participation in this event, agree to indemnify, hold harmless and release the by La Familia Hispana, Inc, from any and all liability for any injury or damage which may arise out of or in any way be connected with participation in the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade.

Applications must be thorough and complete and submitted by the deadline set by the La Familia Hispana Inc. Each section must be filled out completely. **Incomplete forms will NOT be processed and parade entry will not be allowed.** Applications must be submitted in person or by mail to La Familia Hispana, Inc. Those applications submitted or received after the deadline, will NOT be accepted.

Parade entry descriptions should include a comprehensive description of the entry. The Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade reserves the right to edit the description of your unit to fit within the time frame allowed for the Parade. Changes to the Parade entry description must be submitted to the **Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade prior to July 6, 2012**. No Changes will be accepted after that date.

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You will be informed of your entry's acceptance to participate in the Parade no later than **July 10, 2012**. Decisions made by staff under these Rules and Regulations can be appealed to the La Familia Hispana, Inc. representative.

Applicants are required to comply with the Parade entry description set forth in their application. Additions to parade entries of persons or vehicles are not allowed due to limited spacing.

Line-up information will be mailed to all units no later than July 8. It will include the unit's staging area and position in the Parade. It is the applicant's responsibility to inform all members of the unit's official entry name, number, position and other instructions.

Parade line-up will be based on proper flow and movement of the Parade, Parade staging space and safety. Parade dignitaries will be placed toward the front of the Parade. Parade units with musical aspects will be evenly spaced throughout the Parade. Only the Parade Committee can authorize a switch of the line-up on the day of the Parade. If a Parade unit changes its line-up, without approval, its entry in future events will be denied.

All entries must indicate if they have music or sound amplifying systems, and shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. If a unit is informed by the Parade Committee or the Police that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down or take other steps identified by the Committee or the Police.

Entries with children under the age of 18 must also have parents or other adult chaperones walking alongside that are providing supervision. Applicants are required to ensure the safety of persons riding on the floats. Persons riding on floats or flatbed trucks must be seated if there are no protective restraints. The Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade is not responsible for the safety of the float or the persons riding the float. The applicant is required to comply with all applicable laws to ensure everyone's safety.

No sprayed or horns shall be honked (especially air horns). Printed literature, samples, gifts, candy, etc. can be distributed by Parade units, as long as it is handed out by the walkers. We do not want any children running into the streets in front of cars or floats so candy may NOT be tossed into the crowd from the cars or floats. If the Parade Committee or the Police find that any unit is throwing material, the unit will be removed from the Parade.

All dogs in the Parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them.

Animals participating in the Parade must be kept under control. If you cannot control your animal or its presence presents any safety issue, please leave the Parade area with your animal rather than risk a problem.

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Entries involving animals of any kind must provide their own clean-up, or "pooperscooper" immediately following their entry.

Participants on bicycles, skates, motorcycle etc. must wear a helmet and proper safety equipment.

All drivers must have driver license.

No Alcoholic beverage policy. Due to insurance regulations, alcohol is prohibited.

No smoking is allowed by any participant in the staging area or in the Parade.

The consumption of alcohol beverages either in the staging area or in the Parade is strictly prohibited.

No firearms may be fired, no open flames allowed and all entries that will be including a float must have a legal 2A-10BC rated (or larger) fire extinguisher on board. Decorations must be flame resistant.

This is a forward motion Parade; entrants may stop to perform in front of the announcing stand no long than 5 min., and there will be no stopping anywhere along the Parade route.

Participants will be informed of their unit's arrival time no later than July 1. Parade units that arrive after 9:45 a.m. on July 10 will be placed at the end of the parade to participate in the 10th of July, Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade.

Please follow the direction of Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade/La Familia Hispana, Inc. staff members, Parade Committee and/or the Police. The Parade Committee and the Police have the right to accept, reject, reclassify, or remove any entry, which does not adhere to the Parade Rules or Regulations.

The Parade Committee and the Police reserve the right to reject or dismiss any entry, which violates the above-stated Rules and Regulations. Entrants who violate the Parade Rules and Regulations may be declined entry in future parades.

By applying to participate in the Western Mass Puerto Rican Parade, the signatory and all participants in that unit agree to abide by all of the Parade Rules and Regulations. These rules and related information have been developed in the hope that the Parade will be fun, safe, patriotic, and a reflection of the Community we love so much.

***Only Mail Pages 1-2 & registration fee to:**
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