



**Knights of Pythias**  
**Gaston Lodge #104**  
*ORGANIZERS OF THE WAPATO SHOWDOWN*  
**P.O. Box 507**  
**GASTON, OR 97119**

July 11, 2008

Dear Friends,

It's time once again time to make plans to participate in the Gaston Good Ol' Days Parade! The theme for the annual event is "Hot Time in the Ol' Town." You are invited to join us, along with our Grand Marshal, Retired Gaston Fire Chief Ron Hoodenpyl on Friday, August 22, 2008 to make this year the best ever. Your parade number will be assigned through pre-registration. The order in which entries are received will be considered in the parade line up, it is not required for entries to pre-register, however by doing so will help us in having a safe and organized event. Below are a few items to keep in mind so that we may have a fun and attractive parade.

1. Entries along with the \$5 parade fee are due back **no later than August 18, 2008** to: Knights of Pythias, Attn: Parade, PO Box 507, Gaston, OR 97119. **PLEASE PRE-REGISTER!** Checks can be made payable to Knights of Pythias.
2. Between 5:30 & 6:30 PM on parade day, you must check in & pick up your number at the intersection of Old Hwy 47. (*\*Please note this is the same location as 2006*). From there you will be directed to your staging area. It is important that you arrive as close to 6:00 PM as possible--Hwy 47 will be closed at the intersection of Springhill Rd. and Flett Rd. at 6:00 PM. Horse Staging will be at the intersection of Bates Rd. & Old Hwy 47. Staging (all other entries) will be in the right lane of Old Hwy 47.  
**\*IMPORTANT – There is no room for extra vehicles in the staging area, extra vehicles must be parked in town!**
3. The parade begins promptly at 7:00 PM from the intersection of Mill St. and Old Hwy 47(Doris' Cutting Corner) and will disband at the same location. Everyone must disband at this location due to parade spectators on Front St. Those wishing to attend the Steak Feed will be routed to the ball fields through the coffee shop gravel parking lot.
4. Your number is to be placed visibly on the **front right side** (passenger side) of your entry.
5. Three awards will be offered to participants this year. These awards will presented by the announcer on Front St. and will judged prior to the parade (6:30PM) on the following criteria:
  - Grand Marshals Choice Award – The overall entry that best displays the parade theme selected by the Grand Marshal.
  - Sponsor's Choice – The youth/children's group that best displays the parade theme selected by the sponsor.
  - Mayor's Choice – The Gaston entry the Mayor feels best displays the parade theme.
6. **NO CANDY OR OTHER OBJECTS** can be thrown from the floats or vehicles. However, you may **HAND OUT** candy while walking alongside parade vehicles. This is to avoid injury to spectators, especially children. We ask for your cooperation so that everyone can enjoy the parade!
7. **ALL** entries must be supervised by an adult.
8. All parade participants are invited to attend the Steak Feed at the Community Park immediately following the parade. The cost is \$12/person--those interested in driving directly to the park off the parade route will be directed from the disband area. Tickets can be pre-purchased at Gaston Market.

Attached you will find your entry form. We ask that you please be explicit in your descriptions for the announcer along the parade route. I hope you find the information provided helpful and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me through the information listed below. For more information about the Parade and the Wapato Showdown visit [www.oregonpythian.org/gaston](http://www.oregonpythian.org/gaston)

Sincerely,  
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