

Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Preston County Buckwheat Festival

2026 Float Entry Form

PARTICIPATION ONLY COMPETITIVE FLOAT ENTRY

[Check one of the above only. This entry information will be used to describe your float and to publicize your riders as your float passes the reviewing stand during the parade(s).]

1. We Plan to Enter The (Check One or Both):

School/Community Day Parade: Friday, **SEPTEMBER 25TH**, 2026

Farmers' Day Parade: Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 26TH**, 2026

2. Name of Sponsoring Group or Organization: _____

3. Sponsoring Group's Background Information and Organizational Purposes:_____

Floats may be entered in the Friday and/or Saturday parade(s).

Professional Float: The float is rented or purchased from a professional float builder.

Amateur Float: The sponsoring group obtains the float superstructure, designs, builds and decorates the float.

FLOATS MUST BE ENTERED IN THE SAME COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES BOTH DAYS

A Friday float winner **will not** be judged on Saturday, but float sponsors are encouraged to enter these prize-winning floats in our Saturday parade.

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ALL PROFESSIONALLY BUILT FLOATS MUST COMPETE IN CATEGORY IV ONLY—ALL SPONSORS!!

4. Our Construction Category Is (Check One): _____ Amateur _____ Professional

5. Our Competitive Category Is (Check One):

A. _____ Category I--Amateur Sponsors--(1) Youth Organizations or (2) Schools

B. _____ Category II--Amateur Sponsors--(1) Adult Organizations, (2) Churches and Religious Organizations, or (3) Guest Fairs and Festivals

C. _____ Category III--Amateur Sponsors--(1) Commercial Business Profit or Non-Profit, (2) Manufacturing or Industrial Business, or (3) Governmental Organizations or Entities

D. _____ Category IV--Professionally Built Floats

Prizes: A **\$50.00 First Place Prize Only** will be awarded in each competitive category provided sufficient eligible entries exist in that category.

6. Description and Theme of Your Float Entry: _____

[COMPLETE THE NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM]

7. Riders Each Day (Give Names and Titles for All Riders):

A. Friday: _____

B. Saturday: _____

DISCLAIMER AND AGREEMENT:

The Board of Directors of the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., or their designee(s), reserves the right to approve or reject requests or applications to participate in our parades. The right is further reserved to exclude objectionable, or unsafe parade entries, or inappropriate, non-compliant participants once observed in the parade line-up area or during participation in the parade(s).

We **will not** hold the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. nor the Preston County Buckwheat Festival or subdivisions thereof liable for any personal injuries or property damages caused to persons or objects participating in, or viewing either parade as a result of our parade participation. We understand that we are participating at our own risk.

Failure to comply with written regulations, verbal instructions, or requests could result in: (1) competitive disqualification, (2) removal from parade(s) participation, (3) deletion from our mailing list. Parade Marshal(s), firemen and parade staff have the authority to enforce these written regulations for the safety and pleasure of our parade participants and spectators.

The following signature certifies that we have read and understood all of the information herein including this "Disclaimer and Agreement" and the GREEN "Float Entry Information, Criteria, Regulations and Procedures" form.

KVFD respectfully requests that you cooperatively comply with these procedures.

[COMPLETE THE BACK OF THIS PAGE]

Sponsoring Group or Organization: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Telephone No.: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Complete Mailing address--P. O. Box, Route or Street: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address, [Optional]: _____

Make Prize Check Payable To: _____

The Prize Check Will Be Mailed to the Above Address Unless Otherwise Instructed:

RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM IN THE ENCLOSED PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

ONLY WRITTEN FLOAT ENTRIES are accepted and **MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2026** so pre-parade entry forms may be completed and distributed to the parade marshals for line-up sheet preparation, to the float judges for score sheet preparation and to the parade announcers for script preparation. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE.**

IF NOT USING THE ENCLOSED PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FORM TO:

Parade Float Entry
C/O Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Preston County Buckwheat Festival
115 Brown Avenue
Kingwood, West Virginia 26537

Attention: William M. Lindley II

(T 7-14-26 To Be Mailed 7-15-26 WML II)