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Dear BFR Parade Participant:

**Congratulations** again on being selected as a participant in this year's Celebration! We are looking forward to a wonderful 34th Annual Black Family Reunion Parade, our theme this year is, "Bold & Beautiful".

**Please take a moment and review the Parade details below.**

### **PARADE DETAILS**

**PARADE DATE:** Saturday, August 20, 2022 (RAIN or SHINE)

**PARADE FEES:** If you are registering a Vehicle or Float in the parade, the fee **must** be paid and registration form (via google forms) **prior** to the parade day. This can be completed and paid online by going to the BFR website([myblackfamilyreunion.org](http://myblackfamilyreunion.org)), and clicking on the Parade Section and completing the registration form and submitting payment via the designated PayPal Buttons . **No payments will be accepted the day of the parade - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**VEHICLES:** The **ONLY** vehicles that are allowed in the Avondale Town Center are vehicles that are **Registered** in the parade. All other participants should park their vehicles in one of the approved parking lots (listed below), or find street parking and walk to the Avondale Town Center Staging area.

**REGISTRATION/STAGING TIME: 8:00 a.m.** - Avondale Town Center

Note: please **enter the Avondale Town Center from Reading Road (signs will direct you)**. Your cooperation in arriving early is greatly appreciated. Only vehicles



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that will be driven **IN** the parade and participants **IN** the parade will be allowed in this area.

**PARKING:** Approved parking lots for parade participants are Zion Baptist Church, Rockdale Academy (back parking lot), South Avondale Elementary School. Outside of these parking areas participants are encouraged to find available street parking. As parking may be limited due to the number of participants in the parade, plan to arrive early to allow enough time to park and walk to the staging area prior to the start of the parade. It is highly recommended that you carpool as parking is limited.

**PARADE START TIME: 10:00 a.m. SHARP**

**PARADE ROUTE:** Turn right onto Forest Avenue, turn left onto Wilson Avenue, turn left onto Rockdale Avenue. Parade ends on Knott Street. The approximate length of the parade route is 1.7 miles. A parade and staging area map are attached.

**LINE-UP ASSIGNMENTS:** Each entry will be assigned a section, starting with the letter "A" and a line-up number (1-16). Please appoint ONE representative from your group to check-in at the Registration Table. Once registered, the representative will be provided with your group's line-up assignment (ex. A-5). We try to provide a parade that showcases each organization without putting groups back-to-back that are doing performances alike or have similar messages. We ask that you remain in the order you are assigned. **CHANGES TO YOUR ASSIGNED ORDER ARE NOT ALLOWED!**

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES:** Following the State of Ohio Covid-19 guidelines there are no restrictions at this time. If the Ohio Covid health orders change you will be notified. With that, 'handouts' during the parade are allowed. However, we suggest that everyone is mindful and respects the safety of yourself and others.

**SPECIAL MUSIC REQUESTS:** Music will be played at the reviewing stand throughout the parade, however if your group has a specific music request, contact Butch Gibson([butchgibson@butchgibson.com](mailto:butchgibson@butchgibson.com)). All music requests must be requested by **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**



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**REVIEWING STAND:** There will be a Reviewing Stand located at Rockdale Academy on Rockdale Avenue, where the judges will be seated. The Master of Ceremony will announce your entry by name and give a brief description of your group. You are allowed to stop **briefly while** your description is being read. Any band, drill teams, cheerleading squads or musical groups will have 3 minutes to perform at this location. **TWO MINUTES ONLY!**

**PARADE CONCLUSION:** At the end of the parade, you will be directed to turn right onto Knott Street. **DO NOT STOP YOUR VEHICLE.** Vehicles are asked to continue onto Prospect Place and then to Reading Road for dismissal. There will be a water station located at the end of Rockdale Avenue. Please do not stop your vehicle to get water. Participants who are walking may go directly to the water table at any time once you've passed Knott Street. If you'd like to get some water and you're riding in a vehicle, please park your vehicle at South Avondale Elementary School on Prospect Place and walk over.

If you have any questions, please contact Trina Tolbert Thank you for your participation in the 34th Annual Midwest Black Family Reunion Parade. We want everyone to have a good time and we hope to see you again next year.

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