CONTACT INFORMATION
Rhode Island Pride is an organization managed by volunteers, if you require assistance with your registration, we ask that you contact our parade coordinator(s) via email at parade@prideri.com. For assistance with billing, please contact billing@prideri.com.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
Application Deadlines
- Pre-registration: March 10, 2022
- Regular: April 15, 2022
- Late (waitlist): June 1, 2022

Payments must be postmarked by the dates listed to qualify for that pricing tier. Registration/Invoices unpaid after the listed dates are subject to the increase of the current tier.

The Rhode Island Pride Illuminated Night Parade’s purpose is to promote a positive and safe environment to celebrate the diversity of the LGBTQIA+ community. Participants are to conduct themselves in a manner that is positive and respectful for all. Participants are asked to show respect for all genders, ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, faiths and sexual orientations and be aware that children will be in attendance during the parade. Costumes and other apparel worn in the parade must comply with applicable state and city obscenity and public decency regulations. Sexual paraphernalia, genital or phallic representations and/or real or simulated sexual acts are prohibited. Participants will refrain from using obscene gestures, profanity or other improper conduct toward other participants or spectators.

REQUIREMENTS
Sponsors are required to complete the parade registration form in accordance with the Rhode Island Pride Sponsorship Agreement. Please indicate during the registration that you are a current PrideFest sponsor. Sponsors who do not fill out the Parade registration form will forfeit the option to have a contingent in the parade.

Pre-registration pricing is valid until March 10, 2022. Registrations and/or payments received after March 10, 2022 are subject to pay the “regular” price. Payments must be postmarked by the dates listed to qualify for that pricing tier. Registrations/Invoices unpaid after the listed dates are subject to the increase of the current tier. Parade registrants must be paid in full and have all necessary paperwork present in order to participate in the Illuminated Night Parade. Registrations received after June 1, 2022 are immediately placed on a waitlist and will be considered on a case-by-case basis – written approval will be received by the parade coordinator after payment has been received.
Payments/Registration
Fees are due upon the completion of registration and can be paid via credit or debit card (we accept Visa, Discover, Master Card, and American Express). You have the ability to select ‘Pay by Check’ at the end of your registration. Handling checks (checks, money orders, and cashier’s checks) is cumbersome and time consuming for an all-volunteer organization, invoices may accompany an administrative processing fee of $15.00. Should any payment be returned for non-payment, the parade registrant will be assessed a $50.00 return fee, required to be paid before registration approval is given.

Mailing Address
Rhode Island Pride
PO Box 1082
Providence, RI 02901

Payments mailed should be accompanied with a printed copy of the invoice, if you are unable to print the invoice please indicate the invoice number in the memo area of the check. Note: invoices can take up to 72 hours to be generated.

Refunds
Parade registrations are non-refundable and must be paid prior to the parade date. Parade registrations are accepted contingent on fulfillment of registration fees and submission of required licensing. Any group may transfer their credit to another year if they cancel their space in lieu of a refund. Forfeiting a registration or forced cancellation for any reason will not result in the issue of a refund. Rhode Island Pride reserves the right to refuse, place, relocate or expel a group at any time for any reason, without refund of registration payments.

Fees
Rhode Island Pride reserves the right to charge administrative fees (not to exceed $50) for qualifying account maintenance, including but not limited to billing alterations, registration alterations, and registration cancellation.

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Motorcycle (per) $60.00

INP Terms & Conditions: 2022-0310
Modification of this agreement
Rhode Island Pride retains the right to update or modify terms and conditions with written notice to Participants. Participants have four (4) business days to raise an issue with Rhode Island Pride about the modified terms and express interest in removal.

Contingent Marshals/Group Leaders
Marshals are the point of contact between the Rhode Island Pride Parade team and your group/organization. Each group shall provide one marshal to manage their group during the parade. Organizations having floats (over 5,000lbs) shall provide at least two Marshals. Marshals can contact the Parade Coordinators at parade@prideri.com with any questions or concerns. The designated marshal for your group agrees to communicate all policies to their organizations’ contingent members.

Marshals should make sure that your contingent/float has checked in at the assigned time provided. Check-in times are between 4:30pm and 7:00pm, late arrivals will be placed at the Parade Coordinators discretion. Check-in times are provided to parade participants to avoid any confusion and potential traffic concerns.

To help ensure safety, marshals should make sure the path is cleared in front of your group/float, safety for everyone is our number one concern, floats should have two or more designated Marshalls.

Check-in times are assigned between 4:00pm and 7:00pm participants will be assigned times to arrive at the staging area. Assigned times are to ensure efficient and safe staging. Late arrivals will be allowed to participate at the Parade Coordinators discretion. The staging area will be setup with designated spaces and each participant will receive a location number. Groups walking or walking with a small vehicle will be assigned check-in times between 6:00pm and 7:00pm, groups with floats or walking with floats will be assigned check-in times between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.

You will receive 1 lanyard for each Marshal in your contingent. This should be displayed on your person to ensure the parade staff has a point of contact with your group. Once your group has arrived at the assigned staging area please keep clear of designated area for vehicle travel, once your float has been parked a parade official will inspect all required documentation. Contingents with floats should display pink slip confirmation in the front windshield. Once you’ve parked your vehicle/float you agree to keep it in place and switched off until directed by parade officials. Please do not leave vehicles idling in the staging area for long periods of time.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS
Animals and Horses should be under control at all times. Riders and animals should be familiar with riding in crowds. Pets accompanying their companions in the parade should always be on a leash. Each unit shall be responsible for waste clean-up. Entrants are not permitted to allow
animals any contact with parade spectators. Liability for animal's actions is the responsibility of the animal's companion/owner and not Rhode Island Pride.

Vehicles and Floats including horse drawn wagons shouldn't be any longer than 45 feet (the limit permitted by the RI DOT) Organizations entering floats are responsible for surveying the parade route to ensure their float/vehicle can make required turns. All vehicles should be decorated with the exception of antique or customized cars.

All vehicles must be registered, inspected and insured to be included in the parade. A copy of the vehicles registration, proof of insurance and valid driver’s license with appropriate operator class should be given to the parade team during the Illuminated Night Parade Orientation Meeting. All of the above stated documents are also required on the day of the parade.

Any vehicle/float that becomes disabled should pull to the side of the street. If your able to diagnose and fix the issue and would like to continue with the parade, please wait till the end of the current procession and blend in safely at the end.

Parade participants are strictly forbidden to carry firearms openly or concealed, on their person.

The use of pyrotechnics, open flames, confetti, paper streamers, and water guns are strictly prohibited. Feathers attached to costumes are welcome, but should not be thrown or treated like confetti.

Parade participants agree to follow the placement, movement and dispersion directions of the Parade Coordinators and Official Rhode Island Pride personnel.

Participants shall follow all lawful directions of the Providence Police Department, Rhode Island Pride’s private security firm and other on duty emergency personnel.

Personal safety participants should be diligent to provide a safe environment for other parade participants and the audience.

Participants are strongly encouraged to drink water to prevent heat exhaustion, heat stroke or walking produced fatigue. Flashlights, light colored clothing and reflective tape/decals are encouraged during the parade.

Any drivers found to be intoxicated or with controlled substances or alcohol on their persons or in their vehicles will be removed from the Parade and March.

Floats and vehicles over 5,000LBS should have at-least one ABC fire extinguisher.
The participants are fully responsible for ensuring that they comply with all Federal and Municipal regulations (including, but not exclusively, noise, health, fire safety, etc.) which may apply to any aspect of the Participant’s participation.

Illumination; floats must be illuminated! All other entrants, including walking individuals are encouraged to be illuminated by lights, reflective materials, individually held glow sticks, or other similar materials.

**Awards**
Awards will be presented to entrants on a competitive basis at the Rhode Island Pride Honors Gala, hosted in October each year. A panel of 5 judges will evaluate each unit as they pass the reviewing stand. Groups may stop for a maximum of 60 seconds in front of the viewing stand to perform for the judges.

Award categories will be:
Best Walking Unit
Most Original Float
Best Illuminated Float
Best Interpretation of Theme
Committee Award
Presidents Award

**Giving out Swag**
Swag distribution is encouraged but should be done responsibly. Please inform Parade Coordinators in advance about what items you will be giving out. “Throws” should be handed out and have some intrinsic value providing enticement to be kept, rather than dropped or thrown away. No sexually explicit or sexually suggestive printed materials may be distributed. Condoms may not be thrown or given to minor children.

**Litter**
Participants shall be diligent to ensure that litter is not generated during the parade. Postcards and other novelties should not be thrown onto the street. Items should be handed to the audience! Those who do not comply are subject to fines imposed by municipal authorities and Rhode Island Pride.

**Face Coverings**
Masks, bodysuits and any other article that covers a Participant's face are allowed. For safety reasons, all participants must be prepared and willing to show their faces to Rhode Island Pride Organizers and Officials if requested.

**Policy and Procedure Enforcement**
Rhode Island Pride endeavors to provide a safe and organized event within all applicable laws and ordinances including insurance requirements. These policies and procedures are subject to
the interpretation of the Rhode Island Pride Parade Director. Decisions may be appealed to the
Rhode Island Pride Board of Directors.

Rhode Island Pride reserves the right to refuse entry to any application or removal of a
contingent for violation of the presented policies and procedures.

Collecting Donations
There will be no active solicitation of donations along the Parade route. Please understand that
this is one of the few opportunities for Rhode Island Pride to collect donations to help pay for
PrideFest and the Illuminated Night Parade and other programming that we offer throughout the
year. You may feel free to accept unsolicited gifts if spectators indicate they wish to donate, but
please do not ask, or display any signs encouraging people to donate.

Summary
The purpose of PrideFest and the Illuminated Night Parade is to celebrate the gay, lesbian,
bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and allied community. All participants agree to
support this purpose. All vendors and parade contingents understand that Rhode Island Pride
has no control over acts of God, weather, or any other cause that may prevent and/or interrupt
PrideFest and/or the Illuminated Night Parade. All participants hold Rhode Island Pride and its
Board of Directors harmless of any damages or loss.

By signing below and/or completing the online PrideFest registration form with indicated digital
signature - you identify yourself as the responsible party, accepting the following terms and
conditions for participation in the annual Rhode Island PrideFest celebration. Parade
registrations are subject to the approval of Rhode Island Pride.

____________________________________
Authorized Signature of Parade Participant

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Organization/Company/Group

Authorized Signature of Rhode Island Pride

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Printed Name

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Printed Name

Authorized Signature of Rhode Island Pride

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