

April 2008

**Re: SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARADE  
SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008**

Dear Participant:

The Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc., is excited to announce the 2008 Parade and Post Parade Concert! Always celebrated the last Sunday in June, the annual parade and waterfront concert are scheduled for **SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008**. Our modo is "*Celebrando nuestra cultura junto a nuestros hermanos Latinos*" which means "*Celebrating our culture with our Latino brothers and sisters.*"

Enclosed you will find the Rules of Participation, Award Categories, Criteria and the Participation Form to be completed and returned, along with the \$25 registration fee. We encourage you to submit the Participation Form and registration fee as soon as possible. The deadline is **Friday, June 13, 2008**. Each participant must submit a completed Participation Form. Please note participants will be judged in accordance with the Parade's theme.

The parade will begin at the Rafael Cordero Molina School at 7th & Elm Streets in Camden, New Jersey. Registration tent and table will be located at 4th & Vine Street. The parade will continue along 7th Street to Market Street; turn on Market Street and onto the Camden Waterfront. The use of public transportation such as New Jersey Transit, the Patco Speedline and the Riverlink is strongly encouraged.

Should you require any additional information, please contact me at (856) 757-9600 (office) or (856) 963-6023 (voicemail). Thank you, in advance, for your anticipated participation in the San Juan Bautista Parade.

Sincerely,

Juan J. González, Esq.,  
President & Parade Coordinator

## **RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

1. All participants must submit a completed Parade Application Form by the date established by the San Juan Bautista Parade Committee. **No walk on/last minute sign ups will be permitted.**
2. All participants must pay a \$25 fee by the date established by the Committee. Please make checks payable to the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc.
3. All participants must check-in at the registration table, located at 4<sup>th</sup> & Elm Streets, on the day of the Parade. Participants will be given a number which must be displayed at all times during the parade. The numbers will be collected at the Judges Reviewing Stage.
4. Line-up begins at 9:00 a.m. on Parade Day at the Rafael Cordero Molina School, Seventh & Elm Streets in Camden, New Jersey. Kick-off shall be at 12:00 p.m. **SHARP!**
5. All vehicles in the parade must be decorated and in good working order and must comply with the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of New Jersey. The operator's driver's license, registration card and insurance policy must be presented. **There shall be no more than 5 vehicles per one entry (per participant).**
6. Participants must supply their own music and/or sound equipment (CD players, CD's, etc.). The Committee assumes no responsibility for the participant's music and/or sound equipment.
7. Participants are limited to three (3) minutes for their performance at the Judges Reviewing Stage. All music must be cued and ready to play at the stage. Music **MUST** be in "**GOOD TASTE**" with **ABSOLUTELY** no foul language.
8. Within the discretion of the Committee, participants' attire **MUST** be in "**GOOD TASTE**".
9. Participants may not engage in political campaigning nor distribute political propaganda during the parade.
10. Participants may not consume and/or distribute alcohol and/or illegal drugs during the parade.
11. Participants may not engage in any activity that may represent a safety hazard to the participants or spectators, throw flowers, fruits, flyers, etc. Items may be handed out, not thrown.
12. Puerto Rican flags with any other emblem and/or design will **NOT** be permitted in the parade. Any altered Puerto Rican flags will be immediately removed from the parade.
13. Violation of these rules will constitute grounds for removal from the parade.
14. Groups with active San Juan Bautista Parade Committee members participating in the parade are exempt from receiving awards.
15. Awards Presentations will be at the Post-Parade Concert at approximately 6:30 p.m. Only the contact person listed on the Participation Form will be eligible to receive the award. The Parade Committee shall be the final arbitrator of all awards.

## **PARADE CATEGORIES**

### **MARCHING UNIT:**

Any groups of individuals marching in formation; including color guards, drill teams, baton units, marching bands, military and/or uniformed units, and fraternal orders/lodges.

### **DANCE GROUP:**

Any group of dancers performing a particular dance, regardless of the dances' origins.

### **FLOATS:**

Traditional decorated floats including decorated flat bed trucks adorned as a float.

### **DECORATED AUTO:**

Any individual decorated automobiles including vans, convertibles and antique cars.

**NO TRACTOR TRAILERS WITHOUT A FLOAT, MOTORCYCLES, QUADS, MINI-BIKES, DIRT BIKES; GO CARTS, OFF ROAD VEHICLES, ETC., ARE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

### **ATHLETIC GROUP:**

Groups of individuals walking together representing sport teams such as little leagues, baseball/softball teams, bowling leagues, etc.

### **INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE:**

The participation and performance by a (1) person in the parade.

## **EXEMPT FROM RECEIVING AWARDS**

1. Participants paid by the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc. to be in the parade.
2. Political entities, including political candidates, elected officials and political action committees.
3. Groups with active membership in the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc. participating in the parade are exempt from receiving awards.



**PARTICIPATION FORM**

The San Juan Bautista Parade will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2008, commencement will be at **12:00 p.m. SHARP** at the Rafael Cordero Molina School located at 7th & Elm Streets in Camden, New Jersey. The Parade will line up at 9:00 a.m. at the school. For more information, please contact Juan J. González, Esq., at (856) 963-6023. Complete this form and return the form along with the \$25. **Registration fee\***. The registration deadline is Friday, June 13, 2008. Please submit to:

**Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2908  
Camden, New Jersey 08101**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY (please check one):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Participants:** \_\_\_\_\_

_____	Marching Unit	_____	Dance Group	_____	Float or Flat Bed
_____	Decorated Auto	_____	Athletic Group	_____	Other
_____	Individual Performance				

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Please provide a brief description of your organization/group for the announcers at the reviewing stand. Include group leader, President, Queen, etc....

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The undersigned hereby agrees to comply with the Rules of Participation of the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc., and to abide by all local and federal laws applicable. Participants shall hold harmless the Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc., and any of its members for damages or injuries as a result of the participation in the Parade.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative/Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE NOTE PARTICIPANTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE JUDGES REVIEWING STAND. THE PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.**