

# General Society of Mayflower Descendants Rose Parade® Float “The Voyage of Hope – 1620”

## 2020 Participant Guidelines

The 2020 GSMD Rose Parade® float is sponsored by The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. The number of float riders or out walkers has not been determined yet, but we are applying for 51 to represent the survivors of the first winter in Cape Cod. The mission is to educate spectators and TV viewers about the passengers on the Mayflower; correct misconceptions about their clothing; the importance of the Mayflower Compact to the founding of America and our US Constitution; and to increase membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The 131<sup>st</sup> Rose Parade® themed “The Power of Hope®” fits perfectly with our mission and that of our Pilgrim ancestors, hence the name of our float, “**The Voyage of Hope – 1620**”. The Rose Parade will take place on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. PST. Participants are representing the General Society of Mayflower Descendants to the public and as such should be welcoming at all times, know basic history of the Mayflower, be enthusiastic, have fun and plan on waving and smiling a lot! ***It will be an experience of a lifetime!***

## Expectations

All **Float Riders, Out Walkers** and **Post Parade Hosts** must have proven lineal descent from a Mayflower Passenger and must be a member in good standing with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants or a Junior Member, sponsored by a member in good standing. **Float Riders** and **Out Walkers** must supply period-correct costume that has been approved by the Costume Coordinator, Jane Wong (please see guidelines available on the [camayflower.org](http://camayflower.org) website). Participants must be available in the Pasadena/Irwindale/Los Angeles, California area for various opportunities with the media and events from December 26, 2019 through January 2, 2020. Participants may arrive earlier and stay later than these required dates. Transportation, accommodations and meals are the sole responsibility of the Participant. Participants must sign appropriate waivers, as provided by The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Fiesta Parade Floats, and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses®.

## Float Riders

Riding on the float may be physically demanding.

- Riders must be comfortable with heights and adhere to safety guidelines.
- Riders must be able to stand for the duration of the parade (which lasts approximately three hours) until the float arrives in the post-parade off-loading area.
- Riders must be able to walk up to ½ mile to reach the float for loading and be able to endure cold or hot temperatures, rain or inclement weather.

- Riders must be at least 12 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, per Pasadena Tournament of Roses® rules.
- Riders must be able to speak with the media, participate in interviews, and report to scheduled media opportunities on time, in period-correct costume, regardless of the hour or location.
- Riders must be available in period-correct costume for Float Judging events, when scheduled, as well as during the parade.

### **Out Walkers**

Walking beside the float and participating in related activities is physically demanding and the participant must be able to handle the level of physical activity required.

- Out Walkers must be able to walk up to ½ mile to reach the float in the formation area, stand alongside the float until the float starts the parade (depending on position in the line-up) then walk the entire length of the parade route, which is 5-1/2 miles, until the float arrives in the post-parade off-loading area.
- Out Walkers must be able to maintain a pace equal to the float, which travels on average of 2-1/2 miles per hour. It is strongly suggested that Out Walkers train by walking 5 miles in 2 hours or participate in a 10K and complete it within 3 hours or less.
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