



## **Guide for Disabled Guests**

Welcome to The James H. Drew Exposition! There's plenty of fun and excitement here for you, including many accessible rides, games and attractions. If you have any questions not answered in this brochure, please stop at our Operations Office or call us at 706-737-0650. We'll answer any questions we can to help you have a great day at The James H. Drew Exposition.

### **Safety & Accessibility**

The James H. Drew Exposition wants to provide a safe and enjoyable visit for our disabled guest. We're trying to minimize barriers in all areas of the midway.

Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are located at most of our locations. Please consult the enclosed map for information regarding a typical midway layout.

Electrical power cables and other obstacles which may cause an inconvenience to our disabled guests have been rerouted to avoid all walkways whenever possible.

The James H. Drew Exposition will continue its efforts to improve facilities. We welcome your comments and suggestions on the enclosed form.

### **Ride Admission Policy**

At The James H. Drew Exposition we are proud to have earned one of the best safety records in the industry. We are committed to providing our guests with a safe environment.

Our Ride Admission policy was developed using industry knowledge, manufacturer recommendations, design knowledge and the American Society for Testing and Materials (A.S.T.M.) "*Standards on Amusement Rides and Devices.*"

Each amusement device on our midway has been evaluated to determine the physical criteria necessary to ride safely. This includes the boarding/deboarding process as well as enduring the dynamics of the ride throughout its entire cycle. We considered normal and emergency operating conditions during our evaluation of the rides.

Most rides have safety systems designed to accommodate an average person. Therefore, extremely large or small individuals, people with casts, braces or other disabilities may not be properly seated or restrained in some amusement devices. For example, height restrictions are based on the size needed



for safety restraints to function properly and on the level of development associated with a certain height. In cases where a particular condition may increase the risk of discomfort or injury to an individual, access to the ride will be denied.

We will appreciate your cooperation and understanding in the event we have to restrict access to particular amusement devices. We will only restrict access if we feel safety may be compromised by not doing so.

The James H. Drew Exposition Ride Admission Policy has been developed in consultation with the designers of each ride, a biodynamics engineer and a rehabilitation specialist. Our prime consideration is the ability of each person to endure the dynamics of a ride without risk of injury to that person or other riders.

### **Special Services**

We're trying to make The James H. Drew Exposition as enjoyable and barrier-free as practical. Listed below are some of the services we offer. Please feel free to suggest areas in which we might improve in the future.

1. Guests must be capable of lifting themselves from their wheelchairs onto and off of the ride or must be aided by an adult companion capable of lifting the disabled guests from the wheelchair. The James H. Drew Exposition personnel are neither trained nor permitted to assist disabled guests other than by helping to steady or support the guest or by aiding the guest's companion.
2. On most rides where guests in wheelchairs can be accommodated, guests will have to leave their wheelchairs to be seated.
3. Wheelchair guests with up to two companions will be allowed to ride without waiting in line. Additionally, these guests will be given the option of two consecutive rides if ride operations permit. Please have a member of your party contact the ride operator upon arrival at the ride for further instructions.
4. When sight impaired guests are riding attractions, someone in the guest party must stay with the leader dog, if applicable, The James H. Drew Exposition personnel cannot care for nor be responsible for the leader dog.

*For more information on the accessibility of specific rides and attractions, please consult with the Drew Midway Operations Office or call us at 706-737-0650.*