



HERITAGE DAYS PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries in each category. Parade entrants must observe all applicable Rules and Regulations or be barred from the parade. Main Street Bath and the Heritage Days Parade Committee reserve the right to remove from the parade either prior to assembly, at assembly or at any time during the parade any entrant not conforming to the Rules and Regulations, or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials.
- First and foremost, we encourage all parade applicants to consider in advance how to decorate or craft their entry to follow the theme for the Parade. We love creativity and applaud those who display it! All entries **must** have some form of theme related music, humor, or entertainment purpose and participants should be in costumes or be a sponsor. Therefore, vehicles with a business name and no other form of decoration will not be allowed to enter the Line-Up. Classic cars do not need additional decorations; however, costumes are strongly encouraged for participants. Remember, play to the crowd - you are a performer on Bath's largest stage! Enjoy!
- **No items may be thrown into the crowd from an entry. This includes, but is not limited to: candy, food, pencils, silly string, etc. Entrants attracting children into the Parade route will be removed from the Parade. Please be safety conscious!**
- **Candy and flags may be handed out by walkers on the same side of the street as the walker, no crossing during the Parade – no handouts, letters, publicity, coupons nor printed materials of any kind. (Paper items are difficult to clean up and not permitted.)**
- **Absolutely no stopping during the entire Parade Route. This is dangerous and creates huge gaps which delay the movement and prolongs the length for everyone.**
- Parade volunteers designated by Main Street Bath will check entries the day of the parade to correspond with their registration form. Motorized entries must be properly licensed, registered, inspected if applicable, and have proof of insurance on the day of the parade. Decoration cannot impede driver vision. All entries will be reviewed and must be declared in compliance with the rules to join the parade.
- All units must be properly constructed to minimize the chance of a breakdown during the parade. In case any float breaks down, obtain help from parade officials to quickly push entry out of line of the march and over the curb. In the event a float develops a flat tire or for any other reason cannot proceed under its own power or be towed, quickly remove it from the parade route at the nearest intersection. All parade entries are to proceed around any such problem. The parade must keep moving.
- No vehicles are allowed to park in the formation area unless part of an entry. Vehicles must park in designated areas.
- **MIND THE GAP** - Entries must maintain steady movement of the parade with no more than 20 to 30 feet between each entry. Floats or entries may **not** stop during the parade for any reason. Parade formation committee members will be stationed along the route and have the authority to regulate spacing and respond to any problems that develop. It is difficult for spectators to stay engaged when gaps develop between entries. Judges will be awarding points for those entries who keep pace.

- An adult must be on floats where there are children. The ratio of adults to children should be 1:5 for children below the age of 16. Children riding in back of pickup trucks must be seated at all times behind rails or sides of the truck. Trucks must have closed tailgates or enclosed backs. No parade participant may ride with feet hanging over the side of the entry.
- The use and/or possession of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs by any unit/entry or participating member are strictly forbidden.
- No smoking on or near floats. There must be an adult attending the float at all times.
- **All parade entries containing animals must have designated “Waste Pick-Up People” or “Pooper Scoopers” following closely behind to quickly remove piles from the street. Entries that do not have this type of assistance will not be allowed to enter the parade. Entrants are expected to monitor their animals for safety & comfort, ensure they are under the handler’s control, and make provisions for water along the route. Dogs and other household pets must have the opportunity to ride for a portion of the parade route, if animal appears distress a parade volunteer will ask your unit to exit the parade route.**
- Specify if you wish to use your siren or horn so that we don’t place you near any animals or musical entries by clearly marking registration packet **SIREN, HORN.**
- **The parade formation and staging area is at the Bath Middle School. All parade entries must have their designated rep check in at the registration table to receive your entry number. (Be sure to inform your group of your parade line-up number when you receive it in the mail.) After checking in at the registration table, (limit the contact to one or two people, please) you and your parade entry should remain in the designated parade area as many entries will be judged prior to the parade.**
- **Bathrooms are located at the Bath Middle School. Two Safety Stations will be available at various sites along the Parade Route. Please observe the Location Sign of the available restrooms at the Registration Table & convey this information to your group.**
- There will be shuttle transportation available at the end of the parade for those that need a ride back to the parade line-up site. Please inform the Parade Committee if your entry will need the shuttle with your return registration packet clearly marked **RIDE.**

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Please sign the bottom portion of this form, cut along the dotted line and return the signed portion in the enclosed envelope along with your completed entry packet by **June 16th**. This timeframe will ensure the Line-up can be completed by June 20th, allowing Confirmation Packets to be mailed to entries on **June 23rd**. Entries will **not** be allowed into the Parade Line-up without the signed form on file at Main Street Bath. Thank you for participating in the 2017 Heritage Days Parade. We look forward to sharing a safe and fun time with you - entertaining our guests, young and old alike.

 SIGNATURE, Entry Contact

 Date

 SIGNATURE, Alternate Driver/Contact

 Date

Your signature indicates that you have read, understood and will comply with all Parade Rules and Regulations for the 2017 Bath Heritage Days Parade.