



Bath Heritage Days Parade 2019

"Independence Rocks!"

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Dear Friends,

Main Street Bath and The Bath Heritage Days committee invite you to participate in Maine's largest Independence Day parade on Thursday July 4, 2019 at 10:00am

This years parade theme is **Independence Rocks!** There are a lot of innovative ways to play up this theme. Maybe a rock band, or something with rocking chairs, or literally rocks! You may also just choose your own theme. All that your entry needs is spirited participation, imagination, and lots of noise to excite the crowd.

The parade has a 100 entry limit so be sure to get your forms **COMPLETELY** filled out and back to the Main Street Bath office prior to June 20th. Please include a clearly written return mailing address with your **COMPLETED** entry packet including a check written out to Main Street Bath for \$25 (entry fee). A confirmation packet that will include your entry line up number will be sent out on June 25th. Again this year we will be holding pre parade registration at the Main Street Bath office on July 3rd from 5:00 until 7:00 for those who have received their confirmation packets and line up number this will allow each entry to go directly to line up on parade morning thus avoiding the parade check in madness.

Please take note that the judges are required to consider how well a unit is decorated consistent with the theme. All awards are determined at the discretion of the judges. Awards will be sent out via mail the week following the parade and the winners will be listed on the Main Street Bath website and Facebook page.

For your convenience the parade route as well as general information regarding Bath Heritage Days will be available at Bathheritagedays.com or you can call the office at 207-442-7291.

I can't wait to see all of the creative ideas "floating" through our cool little city on parade day.

Becky Welsh, Parade Chair

JUDGING CATEGORIES

Most Entertaining Award - The entry that receives the most crowd reaction

Dedication Award - The best non-profit entry

Route 66 Award - The best antique car

Best Overall Award - The unit which best depicts the parade theme

American Dream Award - The best small business

Shining Star Award - The best youth entry

Let Freedom Ring Award - The best musical entry

Salute to our Troops Award - The best armed forces entry

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SAVE-THE-DATE

- **Parade Date:** July 4, 10 am
- **Deadline:** June 20
- **Confirmation Packet:** Emailed or post marked June 25
- **Pre-parade Registration:** July 3, 5-7 pm

CHECKLIST

- Complete Entry Form
- Mark whether to receive confirmation via email or post office
- Sign Contracts (Hold Harmless Agreement / Rules & Regulations)
- Enclose \$25, cash or check payment made out to Main Street Bath



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PARADE ENTRY FORM

(Form must be completed in its entirety & submitted with \$25.00 Entry Fee)

CONTACT PERSON _____ (ONE PER ENTRY)
MAILING ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
INDIVIDUAL/BUSINESS/ORG _____
TELEPHONE _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

- SEND MY CONFIRMATION INFORMATION VIA EMAIL
SEND MY CONFIRMATION VIA US POSTAL SERVICE
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

TYPE OF ENTRY (Check all that apply)

Wheeled Entry Float Pets Theme Entry
Kids' Entry Musical Humor Street Walkers (Entries on Foot, Mascots)

Estimated Length of entry, in feet _____ (Includes cars, anything towed and walkers.)

Describe your Entry _____

Special Needs or Requests _____

Vehicle Information: Plate # _____ Inspection Date _____

Driver's Name _____ Driver's License # _____

Proof of Current Insurance Must Accompany Signed Hold Harmless Agreement (see attached). A copy of the completed form will be returned with your confirmation packet. You may choose to participate in Pre-Parade Registration scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd, at Main Street Bath from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please bring proof of insurance and a valid Driver's License. If early registration is not convenient, please bring both forms to the Registration Table on the day of the Parade. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Ck. Date _____ Ck.# _____ Amt. \$ _____ Date Rec'd _____ Staff Initials _____

CONTRACTS – SIGN AND RETURN

Please sign the two contracts below and **include with your completed entry packet by June 20th**. Entries will **not** be allowed into the Parade Line-up without the signed forms on file at Main Street Bath. Thank you for participating in the 2019 Heritage Days Parade.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations

_____ Date
SIGNATURE, Entry Contact

_____ Date
SIGNATURE, Alternate Driver/Contact

Your signature indicates that you have read, understood and will comply with all Parade Rules and Regulations for the 2019

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

By executing this agreement as a participant in the 2019 Bath Heritage Days Parade, the undersigned (must be signed by person responsible for the entry) agrees for himself, herself, itself and its (their successors), heirs and assigns that participation in the Bath Heritage Days Parade, as described herein, shall be at the risk of the undersigned, and that the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges and expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Main Street Bath, the Heritage Days Festival, and the officers, directors, employees, agents and members of either organization, together with their successors and assigns of and from all debts, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, dues, sum and sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, specialties, contracts, covenants, controversies, agreements, promises, doings, omissions, variances, extents, execution and liabilities whatsoever including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, claims for contribution, exoneration or indemnity, or any other thing whatsoever which might arise from the undersigned's participation in Bath Heritage Days.

_____ Date
SIGNATURE, Entry Contact



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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.

- 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.**