



2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE UNIT ENTRY FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN JUNE 23, 2023

Name of Unit or Organization* _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Signature of responsible person: _____ Phone _____

***All units must be self-insured. Please submit proof of insurance with this application. By submitting your parade entry form, you also agree to adhere to the parade instructions included on page 2 of this entry form.**

TYPE OF UNIT

- () Marching Band; Indicate Number of Members _____ Bus to follow? (Yes/No)
- () Musical Unit, Other, describe: _____
- () Unit that emits other sounds (e.g., horns, engine roars, etc.) Describe: _____
- () Float
- () Horse-drawn Carriage/Wagon
- () Other, please describe: _____

Total Length of your unit*, including all vehicles (trucks, trailers and walkers) _____ ft.

***NOTE:** Please include all vehicles that will be part of your entry when estimating total length. We reserve space in the staging area based on your estimate and reserve the right to limit late additions.

The Parade Committee will send you an email confirmation of your entry.

The parade committee reserves the right to accept or decline applications. Parade line up information and unit number will be emailed to you no later than June 28, 2023. **Your entry will not be considered unless payment and a copy of insurance is submitted with this form.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Johanna Reyes, Parade Coordinator
329 N. Main Street, Suite 102
Austin, MN 55912
Or email Johanna@austincoc.com

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____
Approved: _____ Rejected: _____
Check No. _____ Proof of Insurance _____
Parade Unit Number _____

Force Majeure: No Party to this Agreement shall be responsible for the non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement if such non-performance is caused [directly or indirectly] by acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, COVID-19, civil disturbance, war, terrorism, fires, or strikes. The Party so affected shall give notice to the other Party and shall do everything reasonably possible to resume performance.



2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Tuesday, July 4, 2023, 11 a.m.
Austin, Minnesota

PARADE APPLICANTS:

Thank you for your interest in Austin's Independence Day Parade! The parade takes place on Tuesday, July 4th at 11:00 a.m. with line-up beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Parade Instructions:

- ◆ Austin's Independence Day Parade is a 37-year tradition with an estimated 20,000 spectators. The route is 1.5 miles and the parade route will **begin on north Main Street**. The disbursement area is along Lafayette and Marcusen parks on the south end of Main Street. An area is reserved for buses only in Lafayette Park to pick up marchers and walkers. Free parking for all other vehicles is available in the area.
- ◆ Only vehicles that are registered for the parade will be allowed to enter the staging area. Vehicles dropping off pedestrians that will ride floats or walk as part of a group should be dropped off at the intersection of 8th Ave NW & Main Street. You will have to plan to meet those pedestrians in the disbursement area at the end of the parade.
- ◆ Fees: Chamber Member fee is \$100
Non-Member Non-Profit fee is \$150
Non-Member For-Profit fee is \$200
The parade will be limited to the first 100 entries, **and all fees must be paid in advance.**
- ◆ You are **not allowed** to throw candy from vehicles! A \$100 fine may be imposed and your unit could be removed from the parade. This is a safety issue and will be enforced by Law Enforcement officials. All parade participants wishing to hand out candy should have someone walking alongside the unit for that purpose. Walkers must stay with the parade unit and not lag behind.
- ◆ We have experienced significant gaps during the parade in the past few years, making the parade longer than usual. Please follow the instructions of the parade volunteers to close the gaps. You are **not** required to stop at stop signs or stop lights along the route.
- ◆ The use of alcohol or tobacco while participating in the parade is prohibited.
- ◆ All parade entries must be family friendly. Parade entries may be subject to approval by the Parade Committee.
- ◆ Parade applications submitted after the deadline of June 23 will be declined. Late entries disrupt the planning process and flow of the parade.

We are looking forward to your participation. If you should have any questions, please contact Johanna Reyes at 507-437-4561 or Johanna@austincoc.com

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in our Independence Day Parade!

Independence Day Parade Committee
The Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline applications.