



## 2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE UNIT ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2026**

Name of Unit or Organization\* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*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

( ) Unit that emits sound (e.g., loudspeaker or live music, horns, engine roars, etc.)

( ) Float, car or walkers

( ) Large truck, tow truck, fire engine or other oversized vehicle

Approximate length of unit(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The parade committee reserves the right to accept or decline applications. **Your entry will not be considered unless payment and a copy of insurance is submitted with this form.**

### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE, CONTINUED STAGING PROCESS FOR THIS YEAR\*\***

Each entry will be **ASSIGNED** to a parking area or a space **UPON ARRIVAL (THERE WILL BE NO PRE-ASSIGNED STAGING NUMBER)** entries will line up in the order of arrival and content of entry (*size, music or use of loud noises*) under direction of parade staff. No entries/units may enter the staging area before 8 a.m. on July 4th. **Parade staff will send out the units according to the first-come first-served lineup as best can be accommodated for staging and timing for the benefit of the event.**

### PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce  
329 N. Main Street, Suite 102  
Austin, MN 55912  
Or email [info@austincoc.com](mailto:info@austincoc.com)

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

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.



## 2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Saturday July 4, 2026, 10 a.m.  
Austin, Minnesota

### PARADE APPLICANTS:

Thank you for your interest in Austin's Independence Day Parade! The parade takes place on Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. with line-up beginning at 8:30 a.m.

#### Parade Entrant Instructions:

- ◆ The parade route is 1.5 miles and it will **begin on North Main Street at 8th Avenue NW intersection**. 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.
- ◆ **Arrive no sooner than 8:30 a.m. on parade day**. Entry to parade staging lots is the North Main at 11th Avenue NW-Parade Staff will guide you to one of 3 lots at that time. Entries will be lined up on a first-come, first-served basis– **placement may also be affected by size of unit, use of music and or loud noises (i.e. sound systems, horns, loud engines, etc.)**.
- ◆ **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 south end of the Astrup parking lot at 8th Avenue NW (if pedestrian assistance is needed, you will request it from a parade volunteer)**. At the end of the parade route, You will have to plan to meet those pedestrians in the disbursement area at the end of the parade.
- ◆ Fees (to be paid in advance)
  - Current Chamber Member fee: \$100
  - Non-Member, Non-Profit fee: \$150
  - Non-Member, For-Profit fee: \$225
  - Political entry fee: \$250
- ◆ **No throwing candy from vehicles, please** (request on behalf of law enforcement for the benefit of public safety).
- ◆ Keep up the pace and close the gaps. There is no stopping for 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 and are subject to approval by the Parade Committee.
- ◆ **Decorate your entry and have fun!** Red, white and blue decorations are encouraged but not required.

We are looking forward to your participation. Please contact the chamber office at **507-437-4561** or **info@austincoc.com** with any questions.

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

*Independence Day Parade Committee  
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