

GUIDELINES FOR JULY 4TH PARADE

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

The parade has always been a major attraction for the July 4th celebration. Each year there are more entries in the parade, as well as an increase in the number of spectators watching. This increased involvement produces a corresponding increase in the concern for safety along the entire parade route. For this reason, we have created a set of helpful guidelines for the parade to ensure a safe and enjoyable parade for all participants and spectators.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse participation to those not complying with these guidelines.

1. All entries must be decorated and suitable for a family audience, as well as tasteful and in the spirit of the event.
2. Parade entrants may toss candy to parade observers along the parade route. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM THE VEHICLES.** Have walkers passing it out to the children/spectators along the edge of the street (close to the sidewalk). This is for the safety of our children and those driving vehicles. Walkers must keep pace with the float and use wagon/strollers for replenishment of candy supply.
3. Nothing may be tossed or thrown toward any member on a unit or other units in the parade.
4. Motorized vehicles must remain a safe distance apart (20 feet or more) during the parade.
5. Under-aged drivers are not permitted to operate a licensed vehicle, motorized unit/vehicle during the parade.
6. Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Drivers of all vehicles must be able to show proof of a driver's license and insurance
7. All children under the age of 16 participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult. Adults **MUST** accompany and supervise children, youth organizations, school groups, or non-profit groups with children participating
8. Playing music too loudly is not allowed. Music must be suitable for a family audience, tasteful and in the spirit of the event.
9. All horse entries should provide a pooper-scooper.
10. Water guns may not be used to spray the crowd and water balloons may not be thrown into the crowd.
11. Group entries are limited to a maximum of 50 people.
12. The Parade Organizers would like to keep the event as green as possible. Entrants are encouraged to seek ways to incorporate environmentally friendly ideas in creating their floats and entries.
13. No fireworks, explosives or other pyrotechnics can be used during the parade.
14. Units with sirens are asked not to use them and please use the lights only.
15. Smoking is prohibited anywhere near floats.
16. Parade participants are prohibited from using alcohol or drugs before or during the Parade.

The parade starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. All entrants must be in place and ready to go by 9:30 a.m.

**BAR HARBOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PARADE REGISTRATION FORM
THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019, 10:00 A.M.**

THEME: *Star Spangled Salute - A Celebration of Family, Fun & Freedom*

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION/ ENTRY NAME:

DAY OF PARADE CONTACT (*WHO WILL BE AT THE PARADE TO ORGANIZE YOUR ENTRY*)

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ CELL PHONE #: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: CATEGORY (check one that best describes your entry):

Walking/Marching___ Horses___ Auto___ Float___ Other___

SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ENTRY (Examples: two antique cars, truck pulling a 12' trailer, large van with people walking)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS _____

****By signing below, you are agreeing that you have read and will abide by the guidelines listed in our application packet. An authorized representative of the group, business or organization must sign and will be considered the legally responsible representative at the July 4th parade.**

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019.

Return this completed and signed form to:

Email: events@visitbarharbor.com

Mail: Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, *Attn: Parade*

P.O. Box 158 Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Telephone: 207-801-2566 ext.12

Parade position, map and confirmations will be ***emailed to the contact listed above*** the week before the parade. The parade starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. All entrants must be in place and ready to go by 9:30 a.m. Thank you!