

PARK RAPIDS LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

4th of July Parade Rules & Regulations

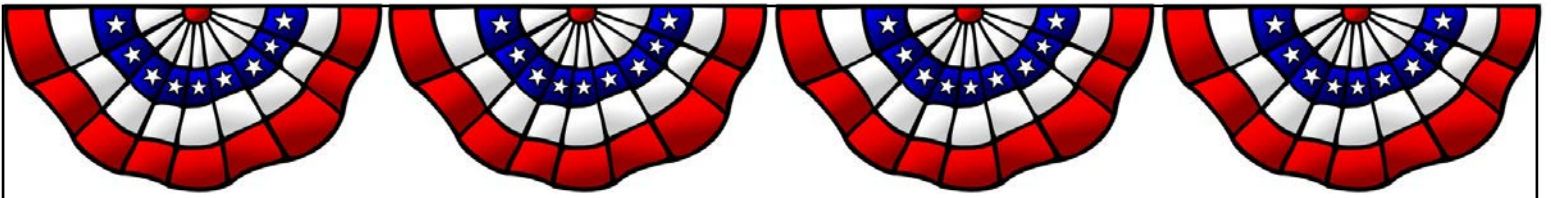
PLEASE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE RULES. BY SIGNING THE PARADE APPLICATION AND PAYING THE ENTRY FEE, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN YOUR ENTRY WILL UPHOLD ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BELOW BY THE PARK RAPIDS LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

1. THE PARK RAPIDS LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT THE APPEARANCE, CONTENT AND MESSAGE OF YOUR ENTRY ADDRESS THE THEME OF THE PARADE WHICH IS: **“Salute to the Troops – Heroes in our Hearts”**
2. **Acceptance:** Acceptance into the parade is based upon your application. The committee reserves the right to dismiss your unit from the parade route if it differs greatly from the original description in the application.
 - a. Applications will not be accepted for any crusading movement of a general controversial nature. Please do not advocate social, ethnic, or political change.
3. **Line-up:** Line-up order is determined by the parade committee to establish variety and to insure even parade flow. Adequate description of your group/float is important on the application. This helps distribute the various types of units. Early registrations will be worked into the line-up first. **The Park Rapids Volunteer Fire Department trucks/equipment wrap-up the end of the parade.*
4. **Movement of Parade Flow:** All units must keep moving forward. Units must not stop on the parade route at any time. Intentional delay or stopping will not be allowed and could be cause for non-acceptance in future parades. Performances by bands, dance groups, clowns, go-cart groups, and motorcycle groups etc. must be accomplished while maintaining the constant movement with the flow of the parade. Performances must be performed on the move. Please keep up the pace and keep moving.
5. **Sirens / Horns:** No sirens or horns are to be used along the parade route. Lights are acceptable. (With the exception of Law Enforcement, First Responders and Volunteer Fire Department at the end of the parade.)
6. **Firearms:** No firearms allowed in the parade at any time. Non-functional firearms may be pre-approved by the parade committee and safety officer if the non-functional firearm is part of a historical reenactment entry.
7. **Water Guns and Projectiles:** WATERGUNS & PROJECTILES ARE PROHIBITED. Units may not employ squirt guns, super-soakers, or any other device to spray any liquid or toss any sort of object to the crowd or on the parade route.
8. **Political Entries:** Political candidates and political office holders are invited to participate in the parade. The candidate or office holder must be present and can either ride the parade route in a vehicle, have a pilot car or walk the parade route. Parade entry may involve 1 average size vehicle in which the candidate or incumbent rides with whomever fits in the vehicle. Political candidate volunteers may walk alongside the candidate vehicle and hand out information. At all times they must maintain pace with their float designated assignment.
9. **Safety:** Park Rapids Police Officers, Park Rapids Fire Department members, and Parade Officials will be monitoring unit behavior and actions throughout the parade. Failure to comply with rules will result in your removal from the parade.

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10. **Equestrian Units:** Horse Units must provide their own cleanup crew that immediately follows their units. Clean up must begin at line-up! Provide a clean-up person for every five horses. A golf cart, gator, lawnmower or ATV may be used by the clean-up crew at slow speeds.
11. **Distribution of Candy/Materials:** No throwing of materials from floats along the route during the parade. The prohibitions on throwing will be strictly enforced by parade officials and the Park Rapids Police Department. It is acceptable to hand out candy and materials; no throwing.
12. **Display Line-up Number:** The parade number must be visible to insure the announcers can identify your float and announce your information. Place the number provided on the upper right side of your unit.
13. **Commentary/Bio:** Participants must provide current and accurate publicity information, in thirty words (30) or less, in the parade application by the application deadline. All commentary is subject to editing by the parade announcer. Information received after deadline may not be included in parade announcements.
14. **Good Taste:** Each entry shall be in good taste and contribute to the entertainment value of the parade theme. (Examples: Red, White, and Blue decorations, displaying of flags with proper flag etiquette, etc.).
15. **Cancellation Policy:** The parade will take place rain or shine. No refunds will be issued because of weather. In case of inclement weather, decisions will be made by Park Rapids Police Department and the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.
16. **Alcoholic Beverages:** ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED at any time or under any circumstances during line-up or during parade appearance!
17. **Music:** Playing of music with vulgar lyrics and profanity is not allowed. Music must be suited for a family audience.
18. **Float Judging:** Judging of floats will take place during the parade at the announcer stage. Judging categories will include: Most Beautiful Float, Most Representative of Parade Theme, and Most Creative. Winners to be announced at: www.parkrapids.com
19. **Assembly Time:** Units should arrive to the designated staging area no later than 3 P.M. Instructions for entry to the staging areas are available through the online event page or by calling the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office.
20. **Multiple Vehicle Entries:** No more than three titled vehicles per entry, unless explicit written permission has been granted by parade chairman or the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.