



New Start Time 11:30am

Dear Parade Applicant:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 40th Annual Summerfest Parade on **Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11:30 am**.

Enclosed is an entry form and parade rules for 2017. Please read them carefully and comply.

The theme for this years' parade is: **"Through the Decades"**
Choose one of the following for your theme: 1920's, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's

SUMMERFEST PARADE RULES:

1. The main objective of the Summerfest Parade is to entertain, promote the community of Hastings and all of Barry County to celebrate summer.
2. All parade entries must be on official parade application and returned to the Barry County Chamber of Commerce or parade chair.
3. The Summerfest Parade's Committee has the final decision as to the suitability of entries in the parade. Notification or rejection is made as soon as possible but no later than 8 hours before parade time.
4. Political candidates are allowed, however, they must follow these rules:
 - a. They must be an officially announced candidate.
 - b. Poster or banner must contain their name and the office for which they are running.
5. Issues are not considered for parade entries.
6. Horses and riders are welcomed to appear with the following restrictions:
 - a. Horses must be of good temperament and able to deal being around large crowds.
 - b. Riders should be experienced and knowledgeable of handling their animals.
 - c. Horse units must provide for and take care of any cleanup necessary from the time they arrive until their unit begins to move along the parade route. Parade route cleanup is provided. No parade lineup cleanup or post parade cleanup is provided.
7. Motor vehicles must travel the entire route at parade speed without breakdowns. Check your cooling system.
8. Float participants shall not ride and/or perform on floats when:
 - a. Exposed to open rotary equipment, belts, pulleys and other such devices.
 - b. Devices and/or platforms not well secured while participants are sitting, standing and/or performing.
 - c. Handrails and/or grab bars have not been provided.



- d. Parade participants shall not throw and/or distribute material from floats during the parade. Tossing of candy, gum, flowers, etc. from the mobile units is prohibited. Walkers can't throw candy. Walkers need to walk over to the crowd and distribute the candy. "DROP IT AT THEIR FEET".
 - e. Dancing and/or similar activities is not allowed on the floats while in motion.
 - f. An adult must accompany children under 12 years old.
 - g. Persons walking with a float must stay 10 feet away on all sides.
 - h. Fire extinguishers are recommended on all floats.
9. Check-in **starts at 10:00 a.m.**, check-in is at the corner of State Street and Apple Street. Someone from your group must check in to receive your line-up position. Past experience has shown us that we need this time to properly prepare a well-organized parade.
 10. The judging takes place during line-up and the parade.
 11. The parade begins at **11:30 p.m.** on Saturday, August 26, 2017 – rain or shine. Please help by observing the above time requirements.
 12. Judging categories: (M) Mobile/Car (B) Marching/ Walking Units
(A) Animals (F) Floats

Awards: **1st Place Ribbon, \$50.00**

2nd & 3rd Place Ribbons

Float (non-commercial)

1st Place = Trophy & \$100.00

*Entries are judged on overall excellence,
originality and uniqueness of design.*

13. Everyone who enters is recognized, please included a short bio on the application.
14. If you have a large group please have a meeting place and have one person registers your entry.

Thank you for considering the 2017 Summerfest Parade. We look forward to receiving your application.

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269- 945-2454 Fax: 269-945-3839

Summerfest Office: 269-948-3025



OFFICIAL APPLICATION – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TYPE OF ENTRY - CHECK ONE

- Mobile/Car Marching / Walking Float Animal
(Circle one Please)

THEME OF ENTRY - CHECK ONE

- 1920's 1950's 1960's 1970's

NAME ON ENTRY: _____

NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email: _____

BANDS: How many members are there? _____ **Director's Name:** _____

ALL ENTRIES:

How many feet needed during line-up: _____?

Have participated in how many previous Summerfest Parades? _____

ENTRY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please fill in as much information as possible. This material is used to announce your entry as you pass in front of the announcer. It is used for the radio broadcast and gives your entry the proper recognition it deserves.

I have read the application form and agree to accept responsibility for the conduct of my unit. All members and drivers have been instructed as to parade guidelines, time and route. I have read the parade rules and the City of Hastings Participant Instructions and agree to the guidelines.

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I _____ agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Summerfest Committee, Barry County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Hastings from any claim, demand, sit, loss, cost of expense or any damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Summerfest Committee, Barry County Chamber of Commerce or the City of Hastings be reason of any damage to property, personal injury or bodily injury, including death, sustained by any person whomever in which damage, injury or death arises out of or is incident to or in any way connected with the performance of this parade, regardless of which claim, demand, damage, loss, cost of expense is caused in whole or part by the negligence of the Summerfest Committee, Barry County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Hastings, or by third parties or any of the agents, servants, employees or factors of any of them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____