



**Please Note:  
New Check-In Location at  
Clinton and State Street this year**

Dear Parade Applicant:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 39th Annual Summerfest Parade on **Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 11:30 am.**

Please find attached an entry form to complete and return. Below are the parade rules for 2019. Please read them carefully and comply.

The theme for this years' parade is: **"Nursery Rhymes"**

**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 with 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. "Throw 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. Please arrive by 10:00 a.m. check in at the corner of State Street and Clinton Street (by Bliss). We will be under a pop up tent at the entry area for the parade. 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 the parade in front of the radio station.
  11. The parade begins at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – rain or shine. Please help by observing the above time requirements.
  12. Everyone who enters is recognized.
  13. If you have a large group please have a meeting place and have one person register your entry.
  14. Please note we have eliminated the judging and prizes for the parade entries this year to more closely match the other parades held annually.

Thank you for considering the 2019 Summerfest Parade. We look forward to receiving your application.

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**OFFICIAL APPLICATION – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**TYPE OF ENTRY - CHECK ONE**

- Mobile/Car                       Band/Marching Unit                       Float                       Animal

**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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_