

TOWSON AREA FOURTH OF JULY PARADE MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011



BAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT / REGISTRATION FORM

Indemnification

In addition, in consideration of the Towson Area Fourth of July Parade Committee's approval of the participation of the Applicant in the Parade, in the event this approval is given, Applicant hereby indemnifies and hold harmless the Parade Committee, its officers, agents, and members from and against any and all claims, causes of action, costs, expenses, and liabilities, including legal expenses, of any kind whatsoever, including bodily injury, death, property damage, and any other loss, arising out of or related to Applicant's participation in the Parade, whether or not caused by the negligence of any indemnity hereunder.

Thank you for your interest in participating in the **2011 Towson Area Fourth of July Parade**. The attached document is an application. ALL participants must submit a fully completed application. By submitting this application you are committing to abide by these rules. Violators will not be permitted in future parades.

1. The Parade Committee will not deviate from these guidelines.
2. **The application deadline is: June 1, 2011**
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered – the organization will be notified that the application is not complete.
4. All pages (including this page) must be returned to the Committee. All pages must be initialed where indicated. A copy of the completed application should be retained for your records.
5. Late applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis and will determine the placement of your organization in the Parade. Late entrants will be placed in the last Division of the Parade.
6. Submitting an application does not constitute an agreement that your organization will be participating in the Parade.
7. All participants will be sent a *Placement Packet* 7-14 days prior to the Parade.
8. The person signing this application is responsible for the conduct of their organization and for informing the entire organization of the Towson Area Fourth of July Parade Committee's Rules and Regulations.

Signature/Acknowledgment

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND RETURN THIS PAGE

Contact of Organization

Name of Organization

Street Address

City, State, ZIP Code

Telephone Home

Telephone Cell

Telephone Fax

E-mail Address

Signature

Title

of members in group: _____ **Approximate space needed at lineup** _____

Special needs of unit: _____

Is your unit in another parade on July 4th? Yes No

Please check which other parade/s your unit will be in. This will assist us with your lineup position.

Dundalk @ 8:30 a.m. Arbutus @ 12:30 p.m. Catonsville @ 3 p.m. Other _____

We hereby agree to participate in the 2011 Towson Area Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4, 2011, in Towson, Maryland for the sum of \$ _____.

We recognize that the Parade is a family-oriented event and by submitting application we agree to abide by the rules of conduct set forth by the Parade Committee.

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Does your group object to sponsorship? YES _____ NO _____

By submitting this application we agree to abide by the Parade Rules and Regulations and to submit to the authority of the Parade organizers in all matters related to Parade Activities immediately prior to the Parade and during the Parade.

Return completed application to:

**Judy Gregory, Band Coordinator, Towson Area Fourth of July Parade Committee, Inc.
P.O. Box 5418, Towson, MD 21285-5418**

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

Organizations and units participating in the Parade are subject to restriction of the following activities:

1. Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste which could bring dishonor to the United States of America.
2. The drinking or simulated drinking of intoxicants. Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
3. Use of water pistols, electric shocking devices, silly string, etc.
4. Throwing of candy, souvenirs, promotional or advertising materials either from floats or by marching units is prohibited – these items may be handed out before the parade begins.

SAFETY ISSUES: Distribution of materials of any kind constitutes a safety hazard and will not be tolerated. Throwing of candy presents an opportunity for children to run into the Parade route and be struck by a vehicle. VIOLATORS will be held responsible for any injuries to Parade spectators resulting from such actions.

5. Firecrackers and any other explosives.
 6. The use of a sign, banner or any other advertisement advancing the candidacy or election of any individual to public office OR the use of a sign, banner or any other advertisement advancing any political or social cause.
 7. Proper attire is required of all participants.
 8. Signs or advertisements for commercial purposes unless prior approval from the Parade Committee is received.
 9. Family members of participating organizations.
 10. Stopping along the Parade route unless directed by a traffic safety officer or a Parade official.
 11. All vehicles participating in the Parade must be decorated using the Parade theme and/or the celebration of America's birthday.
- A. Organizations and units participating in the Parade are permitted to carry a single banner or sign identifying their organization by name and place of origination. Any other signage advertising another entity will not be permitted unless prior approval from the Parade Committee is received.
- B. Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the Parade immediately. All of the Parade Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by Parade officials in conjunction with the Baltimore County Police Department. Violators will not be permitted to enter the Parade thereafter.

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RULES AND TERMS

- We agree to participate in the Towson Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4, 2011.
- We agree to be in our assigned position in the formation areas at the time instructed and to follow the instructions of Parade officials.
- We understand and agree for the safety and well being of the spectators, we may not throw any items to the crowd during the parade.
- We understand this is a patriotic parade and we will utilize the parade theme within our unit's performance.
- We understand that all vehicles in the parade should be decorated with patriotic colors.
- Elected officials and candidates for political office agree to follow special rules/regulations provided to you by the Committee.
- We understand the Committee must approve all entries in the parade and has the right to refuse an individual or group entry into the parade. We agree to accept the Committee's decision as final.

Your signature indicates your acceptance of these rules.

Signature

PRINT (name of signatory and organization's name)

Date: _____

Please list information/concerns which the parade committee should be made aware of:

If you have any questions, please call Judy Gregory at 410-979-1057.

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PARADE AND BAND CHECK-IN TIMES

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1. All times published for the Parade is Daylight Savings Time.
2. Parade units are to assemble on Towsontown Boulevard (unless instructed otherwise) at your assigned time. The Placement Packet will be mailed to you 7-14 days before the Parade.
3. A Parade official will direct bands and units to their assigned assembly area. Additionally, the officials will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.
4. The Parade will begin at exactly 10:30 a.m.
5. Unit leader(s) will check in and initial the line-up sheet with the Line-up Coordinator who will be located at the intersection of Bosley Avenue and Towsontown Blvd.
6. Unit leaders will inform the Line-up Coordinator of any changes in the make up of their group.
7. The Parade route: Start is at the intersection of Towsontown Blvd. and Bosley Avenue – it proceeds north on Bosley Avenue, turns right on Alleghany Avenue and turns right on Washington Avenue, past the reviewing stand. (total of 1.4 miles)
8. Parade Officials will be wearing Parade tee shirts and sashes.
9. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:
 - a. Units within the Divisions will march in formation three-to-five abreast, 1-1/2 yards between ranks.
 - b. Bands and Drum Corps: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight abreast.
 - c. Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles participating in the Parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof.
 - d. Absolutely NO maneuvers except for a forward movement. Marching units, bands, color guards, and drill teams must abide by this regulation.
10. The official Reviewing Stand is located on Washington Avenue in front of the old courthouse.

The Parade will **not** be canceled unless there is a thunderstorm in progress. If the Parade is canceled, the announcement will be on the major area radio and television channels