

MANISTEE



NATIONAL FOREST
FESTIVAL

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

July 4, 2012 • 10:00 a.m.

(Please Print)

Name of Group/Organization/Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Responsible Person: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Unit Being Entered: (Circle those that apply)

➔ PLEASE NOTE: We need to know if you have music for placement in the parade.

- Marching Band Color Guard Horses Float Constructed By Entrant
- Riding Band Queen/Court Other Animal Other (specify): _____
- Marching Group Convertible Float With Music _____
- Drill Team Other Mobiles Float Without Music _____

BANDS: Director _____ Number of Members _____

PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

*Best Overall Theme *Best Musical Entry (not including school bands) *Most Unique Entry *Best Float Sponsor, if other than business: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: (For media and judges) PLEASE NOTE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES.

Commercial painted vans, semis, tractors, etc. in and of themselves do not constitute an entry. Such units must display additional decorations compatible with parade theme. Delivery vans, trucks bearing company name only will not be allowed. Substantial theme decoration is required or pulling a float (preferable) and must be visible to parade officials.

PARADE RESERVATION FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

If you're advertising a Business - - \$50 Political Candidates/Incumbents. . . . \$50
Individuals - - **NO CHARGE** Non-Profit Organizations - - **NO CHARGE**

Reservation fee checks may be made payable to "Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce" and returned with signed contract.

Applicant understands that the Manistee National Forest Festival and the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce and its sub-committees are not responsible for injuries, damages, or losses incurred by the entrant.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Return signed contract and fee (if applicable) by **June 22, 2012** to:

**MANISTEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
11 CYPRESS STREET
MANISTEE, MI 49660**

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE FACTS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

In return for being invited to participate in the Manistee National Forest Festival Independence Day Parade, presented by the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce on **July 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**, all participants agree to the following:

1. Entry application and fee (if applicable) must be received by Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, 11 Cypress Street, Manistee, MI 49660 no later than June 22, 2012
2. **PLEASE COOPERATE TO INSURE SPECTATOR SAFETY. NO OBJECTS OF ANY KIND MAY BE THROWN TO PARADE SPECTATORS. *SEE BELOW**
3. Elected government officials and candidates for offices representing Manistee County will be permitted to participate in the parade; however, they must provide their own transportation and signage.
4. All units will strive to maintain a forward motion at all times. Doubling back, or going against the traffic of the parade should be avoided.
5. Recordings are not permitted as accompaniment for marching units. A written waiver may be requested.
6. All mechanical equipment should be in sound mechanical condition, equipped with a tow bar or chain and should carry an emergency portable fire extinguisher and be at assigned formation position for inspection by Parade Officials.
7. Entry must be covered by adequate insurance and be prepared to provide proof upon request.
8. All units must be in place 30 minutes before parade start time the day of the parade. *See below.
9. No philosophical or religious messages may be incorporated into the design or used on any entry in the Parade without written permission from the Manistee National Forest Festival Parade Committee.
10. Placement in the line of much of the parade is at the sole discretion of the Manistee National Forest Festival Parade Committee. Early registration is afforded first consideration in parade line-up but does not guarantee placement. No unit will be admitted to the parade that has not pre-registered and been approved by the Committee.
11. Absolutely NO drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed. Anyone with alcoholic beverages on their entry will be disqualified.
12. Entries should be related to the Manistee National Forest Festival theme.
13. Commercial entries, other than log trucks, must be decorated.
14. The Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the number of any one kind of entry. Early entry will be given first consideration.
15. **NO SPRAYING OF SPECTATORS OR OTHER PARADE ENTRIES WITH SQUIRT GUNS, SUPER SOAKERS OR ANY OTHER DEVICE.**
16. **HORSE ENTRIES MUST HAVE SOMEONE TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEM OR THEY MAY BE OMITTED OR PLACED AT THE END OF THE PARADE LINE UP.**

*ALL UNITS PLEASE TAKE NOTE: ALL UNITS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO DELAY THE MOVEMENT OF THE PARADE. THEREFORE, A FORWARD MOTION ONLY IS REQUESTED AT ALL TIMES AND **AT NO TIME WILL ANYTHING BE THROWN TO THE CROWD FROM ANY UNIT** (such as candy, gum, trinkets, informational materials, etc.). ITEMS BEING HANDED OUT MUST BE DONE BY AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF "WALKERS" TO PERMIT CONTINUED MOVEMENT OF THE PARADE AND TO AVOID CONGESTION OF PARADE-GOERS WAITING THEIR TURN FOR HANDOUT. Units arriving late will be put at the rear of the parade. Line-up openings will only be held to 30 minutes prior to parade start-up time. Units will be moved forward to fill empty spaces at that time.