

CRYSTAL LAKE PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

The parade will step off promptly at 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, July 4, 2021**. Participants will line up in either the "Boss" or "Municipal" Lots. **ARRIVE BETWEEN 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in order to line up without last minute confusion and congestion!** The Parade kicks off on the corner of Woodstock Avenue and Dole Avenue. Please share the following information with ALL participants in your group.

- Registration will be located at the entrance of each lot. For the Boss lot, use the west driveway; for the Municipal lot, use the east driveway. There will be signs identifying the lots.
- Eligible entries will be judged beginning at 12 noon. Please be prepared.
- We will be providing you with a vehicle tag(s) to hang from the rearview mirror of your vehicle(s). **VEHICLES WITHOUT THIS TAG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE LOTS.** No exceptions. You will receive one tag for each vehicle indicated on your application form. If you are pulling a float with your vehicle, you will not need a separate tag for the float. Vehicle tags will be sent to you in advance and will not be available on the day of the parade.
- You cannot drop off or pick up children on Woodstock Avenue before or during the parade. The street will be closed to normal traffic. Only parade vehicles will be allowed on the street. The Crystal Lake Police will be enforcing the rule.
- If you have a large unit containing children, **PLEASE ADVISE PARENTS THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE THROUGH THE BOSS OR MUNICIPAL LOTS TO DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN.** These are staging areas. The safety of the parade participants is our first priority.
- Large groups can assemble at the commuter railroad parking lot on Woodstock Avenue just east of Walkup Avenue or pre-arrange a meeting area with the participants in your unit.
- You cannot drive through the lots to transport any equipment.
- The end of the parade route is at South Elementary School, 601 Golf Road, Crystal Lake. Parade participant pick-up is at the end of the parade route at the South Elementary School **parking lot** which is on the **east** side of the building.
- If you bring food or drinks, **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER THE LOT.** We ask that you dispose of your litter in the garbage receptacles provided.
- **If you have animals in the parade, you are responsible for cleaning up after them immediately during the parade and making sure they have water while in the staging area. DUE TO THE EXTREME HEAT, ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ON A FLOAT OR RIDING IN A VEHICLE. ALL ANIMALS, BESIDES HORSES, ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WALK IN THE PARADE.**
- **Children under the age of 10 years must ride in a vehicle as the parade route may be too long for them to walk. No exceptions!**
- **No one is permitted to get in or out of vehicles or on and off floats once the parade starts. This rule will be strictly enforced.**
- **Do not throw candy or treats to spectators.** Throwing of candy or any objects and spraying of any liquid is not permitted because children have been known to run in front of parade vehicles. You may hand out candy as you walk the parade route.
- **Water guns and related items are not allowed.** Violators of this policy will be notated and you may not receive an application to participate in the parade next year.
- **Open flames of any kind are not permitted.**
- Selling of any merchandise, food or beverages along the parade route or in the staging area is also prohibited.
- Alcohol consumption by parade participants either along the parade route or in the staging area is prohibited.
- Political party entries may advertise their political party only, not their views or opinions.
- Any group holding up the parade will be asked to pick up their pace or step out of line.
- When you reach the end of the parade route, **PLEASE DO NOT DISBAND UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO BY YOUR PARADE MARSHAL.** Parade Marshals will be walking the parade. If you have any questions, please ask before you do anything.
- Questions before the parade should be directed to dsather@clchamber.com or call 815.459.1300.

Don't forget to enjoy the Lakeside Festival and fireworks after the parade.