



PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION

EVENT: Independence Day Parade

Date: July 1, 2018 – Times: 1 pm start – 4 pm

Location: Oswego High School to Fort Ontario, Oswego, NY

Dear Parade Supporter:

This year's Independence Day Parade will take place on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 1:00 PM. The Parade Committee is seeking floats and/or special attractions highlighting this year's theme, "**Hometown Pride**". Please complete this entry application and return as soon as possible. You must include a detailed description of your organization and your intended entry for the Parade. If you have any questions, please email us at jrudgick@oswegony.org. You will be contacted the week of the parade with your line-up location and staging time. All participants must arrive at the staging area no later than 11:30 AM. **PLEASE SEE ENTRY PRIZES** on page 2.

*****DEADLINE FOR ALL PARADE ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE BY NO LATER THAN: JUNE 8, 2018**

Group/Business/Parade Entry Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Contact Name: _____

ENTRY TYPE:

- Decorated Float
- Truck/Van/Car (w/o float)
- Political Candidates
- Walking Groups
- Marching Band / Performances - Contractual
- Non Profit
- Special: _____
- Other: _____
- Includes Music (Circle: Band or Recorded)
- Will Distribute items to the crowd - (Conditions Apply)

ENTRY DESCRIPTION:

Est. Number of Participants in Group _____

Est. Number of "Crowd Walkers": _____

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PARTICIPATION CRITERIA & RULES

MOTORIZED VEHICLES - Must be a street legal vehicle no taller than the streetlights (14 feet maximum) and must be operated by a licensed driver. Passengers are not allowed to enter or exit vehicles/floats while moving. Participants riding any type of motorcycle, 4-wheeler or bike are required to wear proper helmets. Fire extinguishers are required to be on open floats.

DESIGN/DECORATIONS/ENTERTAINMENT VALUE - All decorations should adhere to the parade theme or default requirements and strive for full entertainment value for the crowd. Float materials should be securely fastened to the float. *Walking groups should have a large banner or banners leading the group.* Non identifiable entries will not be permitted to enter in to the parade.

THEME – All floats must show the parade theme “Hometown Pride.” Include a written description or sketch with your application. By default, any float unable to comply or fit within the parade theme must prominently display American Flags, Banners, Balloons.

JUDGES PERFORMANCE AREA – The only designated performance area is towards the end of the parade directly in front of Washington Square Park to the turn on E. 4th St. This area will be marked in colored spray chalk. Non performing groups are encouraged to do final waves while passing through and exiting. National colors should be dipped in this area along with the execution of any gun salutes. Marching Bands have a maximum of 3 minutes to perform before immediately exiting. These performances must be arranged ahead of time in order to properly space parade.

HEAT EXHAUSTION – To prevent heat exhaustion, please bring plenty of water, sunscreen and shade.

MUSIC- Music on floats must be kept low enough so it can be heard by viewers in the immediate area only. Any music interfering with other floats or bands will be asked to lower the volume.

THROW-OUTS- Items CAN NOT be thrown from floats or any vehicles. We do however encourage having Walkers if items are given away. Walkers must travel along the side of the road and distribute curbside. No items are to be thrown in to the street.

ENTRY PRIZES – Will be given out for the following:

\$750 - Best Float Award

\$500 - Best Community/ Patriotic Float that best represents the theme

\$500 - Most Creative Float Award

\$250 - Best Non-Youth Performance Group

\$250 - Best Youth Performance Group

SIGNAGE – All groups must have signage/banner that helps to identify their organization or business.

OTHER – No smoking on floats or parade vehicles – No open flames or combustibles – Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float or vehicle or on the person of any participant. – If horses are entrants in the parade, the entrant must assign a scooper to clean up behind the horses. – Children age 12 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult on all Floats/Entries.

IMPORTANT – The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse any late entries and/or entries that are not of “Entertainment Value” as determined by the committee or have not adhered to criteria in the past. Inspection shall take place prior to the start of the parade. Failure of any unit to comply with the above requirements may result in expulsion from the parade.

It is important that you read and fill in this form carefully and send it to City of Oswego Office of Economic Development, 44 East Bridge Street, Oswego, NY 13126. If your paperwork goes elsewhere, your acceptance will be delayed.

I have read the rules & regulations. I understand that any decision of the Event Committee is final and that any violation or hazard to the public will be cause for immediate revocation of my permit(s) and agree to abide by the same. I agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the City of Oswego for any lawsuits, claims or other action that arise from my conduct. Acceptance of your application is solely at the discretion of the Event Committee.

Signature _____

Date _____