

## 2018 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FREEDOM CELEBRATION PARADE RULES

For the safety and well-being of participants and spectators of the parade, the established set of rules will be strictly enforced. The Champaign County Freedom Celebration Committee reserves the right to remove any entry or person who does not comply with the following rules:

1. Candy distribution is allowed with the following restrictions: to keep children from running into the street, candy must be handed to spectators; throwing of candy is strictly prohibited. Only prepackaged candy is allowed.
2. Distribution of any other items (brochures, key chains, etc.) along the parade route is prohibited.
3. All vehicles and floats must be decorated and should depict this year's theme in some manner.
4. Maximum height of a unit is not to exceed thirteen (13) feet without written permission from the Parade Chair prior to the day of the event.
5. Floats and entries must be constructed of fire-retardant materials and equipped with a fire extinguisher.
6. Commercial entries are limited to two (2) vehicles. Not-for-profit vehicles are limited to three (3) units. Exceptions may be considered for floats-contact parade chair listed below. Entries will be strictly limited to 100 persons. Any entries not following the rules may be disqualified from future parades.
7. Gaps in the parade should be avoided. To reduce gaps, vehicles should limit their speed to the pace of a slow walk (approximately 2 miles per hour) and stay within two car-lengths of the preceding entry. Please take into consideration that marching bands and balloon handlers may move at a slower pace.
8. Children under 12 are not allowed to walk or roller blade along the parade route. Exceptions may be made if a decorated vehicle large enough to accommodate all such children is part of the entry. In such case, the children must remain with the vehicle at all times.
9. Entries listed as "antique vehicle" must be manufactured prior to 1985 model year.
10. Horse units must designate an individual to clean up after horses at the staging area AND during the parade. Horse units without a designated person will not be allowed to enter the line-up.
11. Marching units should conform to a uniform dress code. Bands may wear matching t-shirts and shorts, if desired, and must play musical selections in the parade.
12. For safety reasons, only floats and vehicles that are IN the parade will be allowed into the staging area. Anyone who is dropping someone off to be in the parade can park in the north section of the E-14 parking lot. Marching band students should be dropped off in the high school marching bands staging area.
13. Parade marshals are in place to ensure the safety of spectators and participants. Parade marshals have the authority to remove any entrant from the parade for failure to comply with these rules.
14. The Champaign County Freedom Celebration Committee assumes no responsibility or liability in the event of injury or accident.

These rules are in place to provide a safe and enjoyable parade experience for everyone.

Parade line-up and staging assignments will be distributed by July 1st.

Please direct any questions to Parade Co-Chairs:

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