



April 2017

Dear Local High School Band Directors,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to kick-off the 2018-2019 school year by participating in the 2018 St. Marys SummerFest Parade in St. Marys, Ohio. This year's theme is "Back to the 80's. Celebrating 35 years of SummerFest!". The parade will be held on Saturday, August 11th and will begin at 4:30 p.m. All participating bands will receive a donation to their band program in the amount of \$350.00.

In order to participate, please complete the enclosed form and mail or e-mail it to the address/e-mail on the form. Bands returning this form on or before July 1st will receive their check on the day of the parade.

****NEW THIS YEAR**** Marching Bands will park and unload between Arlington Street and Greenville Road near Moran's Refrigeration. This should alleviate congestion and eliminate needless marching through the parking lot. By 3:30 p.m. Directors should check in with the Parade Marshall at that site. **Before the start of the parade**, buses/trailers should drive to the parking lots (entrance off East South Street) behind Holy Rosary Church/School and next to the St. Marys Foundry to pick up their students at the end of the parade.

We hope you will join our parade and showcase your band. If you have any questions, you may contact me at the St. Marys Chamber of Commerce information listed on the form, at my office 419-394-7441 or by email through davisfzg@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Zach & Stacy Ferrall

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SummerFest Parade Co-chairs



PARADE ENTRY FORM

Submission Deadline: July 13, 2018

Name of Entry _____

Contact Person _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Will your entry have music? Yes_____ No_____
Number of people participating in entry: Adults_____ Children_____

Type of Entry (check all that apply)

- Walking, Band, Car/ Trucks, Float, Drill Team, Motorcycles, Trailer, Cheer/Dance Squads, Animals, Scouts, Civic/Social Group, Other

Do you have a special need regarding the parade line-up? (NOT GUARANTEED)

It is a requirement that any youth or youth groups participating in the parade have an adult available at all times in the event of an emergency. WAIVER: The undersigned acknowledges that it is to be insured against any and all risks involved with participation in said parade. The undersigned also acknowledges that it assumes all risks involved in connection with its participation in said parade. They agree to waive any and all claims or rights of action it may have against the City of St. Marys, the SummerFest Committee, St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce, or its members for damages incurred as a result of involvement.

Signature

Date

Return this form no later than July 13th, 2018. Parade participants will be pre-assigned to an order and organized in the Conti-Tech parking lot prior to the start of the parade. Entries must be in place no later than 3:30 pm on the day of the parade to be judged.

Mail or E-mail completed form to: St. Marys Chamber of Commerce 301 E. Spring Street, St. Marys, OH 45885

Any questions, please contact: Phone: (419) 300-4611 Email: info@stmarysohio.org

GENERAL INFORMATION/CHECK-IN INFORMATION

The parade will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at 4:30 PM. All entries must be checked in and in place no later than **4:00 PM (3:30 PM to be considered for judging)**. Entries will line up as they arrive and as directed by parade marshals. Spot assignments will be given upon arrival. Restrooms and water will be provided at the parade formation points.

PLEASE NOTE: NO ENTRY will be admitted prior to 2:30 PM without prior approval from the Parade Chairman.

- **All Entries:** Please report to the parking lot at Contitech/Continental via SR 66.
PLEASE NOTE: NO ENTRIES will be allowed to enter the Contitech/Continental parking lot via Wayne Street. They will be asked to go to the SR 66 entrance.
- **Marching Bands:** Marching Bands will park and unload along Arlington Street (near Moran Refrigeration). Directors should check in with the Parade Marshall. Bands will be escorted and will walk to their assigned location. *Before the start of the parade*, buses/trailers should drive to the new St. Marys Foundry parking lot (entrance off South Street and located at the intersection of S. Spruce and South St.) to pick up their students at the end of the parade.

SUGGESTED ROUTE: 66N turn right on Greenville Road. Follow Greenville Road and turn left onto Beech St. Turn left onto South Street and follow to parking lot (after Pine St.) on your right.

ATTENTION

People who are riding on floats/entries: Anyone riding on entries must park in the designated area and either walk or be driven by a parade marshal to their entry area.

Animal units: ALL animal units must provide their own cleanup crew in their start-up area and immediately walking behind their entry during the parade.

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

NO CANDY, GUM, ETC. OR OTHER OBJECTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE THROWN FROM ANY VEHICLES. ONLY ENTRANTS WHO ARE ON FOOT WILL BE PERMITTED TO HAND OUT THESE ITEMS. If you wish to disperse candy, gum, etc. or other objects, please arrange for "walkers" to distribute them for you.

PARADE ROUTE

Begin at formation point. Travel north along Wayne Street to Spring Street. At Spring Street, the parade will turn right and proceed east on Spring to Pine Street. The parade will disperse at Pine Street where walkers, marching bands, and entries picking up walkers will turn right and driving entries will turn left. There will be a parade marshal at Pine Street to direct you where you need to go.

PARADE AWARDS

- Chamber President's Award
- Parade Chairmen's Award
- Parade Theme: Back to the 80's! Celebrating 35 years of SummerFest