

Just the FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)
for
**Children Participating in the
Garrett Hill-Rosemont 4th of July Parade**

1. WHERE DO I REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE?

Registration tables are located in the parking lot of the Rosemont Business Campus.

2. WHAT TIME SHOULD I REPORT TO REGISTER?

Register between 9:30a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the parade (July 4th). Judging will take place between 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Rosemont Business Campus.

3. WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE?

- Report to registration table.
- Give your name and a local telephone number where you can be reached that day.
- Speak clearly and spell your name.
- Receive a number placard that you will wear during the parade.
- Move immediately to the area assigned for your category.

4. WILL REFRESHMENTS BE AVAILABLE AT THE ROSEMONT BUSINESS CAMPUS WHILE I'M WAITING FOR THE PARADE TO BEGIN?

No. Refreshments will be available at Clem Macrone Park after the parade. It is up to you to have a good breakfast that morning and bring water to the Rosemont Business Campus in case you are hot and thirsty.

5. ARE THERE RESTROOM FACILITIES AT THE ROSEMONT BUSINESS CAMPUS?

There are limited facilities—a “Port-a-Potty” will be available in the parking lot across from the Rosemont Business Campus. There is also a restroom in the fieldhouse at Clem Macrone Park. Please plan ahead and use the bathroom before you leave your house that morning.

6. WHAT IS THE PARADE ROUTE?

The parade route is approximately 1.2 miles. It is not a flat course—some hills and inclines are involved. See the map on our web site (www.garretthillpa.com).

7. WHEN SHOULD I GET READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE?

Get ready at least one day before the parade.

8. DOES THE PARADE COMMITTEE PROVIDE MATERIALS TO HELP KIDS DECORATE?

No. Participants should provide their own materials for decorations (e.g., crepe paper streamers, small flags, costumes).

9. WHAT ARE THE PARADE CATEGORIES FOR CHILDREN?

- Bicycles, ages 9 & over
- Bicycles, ages 8 & under
- Tricycles and Wagons
- Tots in Strollers
- Costumed Children
- Roller Blades, Skateboards & Scooters
- Small Floats
- Large Floats

10. WILL MY PARTICIPATION BE RECOGNIZED IN ANY WAY?

Yes. Each child participating in the parade will receive a blue participation ribbon and a small American flag at the end of the parade route. (See note below.)

Note: In order to receive a participation ribbon and a flag, you must turn in your registration number at the designated table at the entrance to Clem Macrone Park.

11. ARE PRIZES AWARDED?

Yes. Cash prizes are awarded for top place finishers in each category.

12. CAN YOU GIVE ME AN IDEA ABOUT EACH OF THE CATEGORIES?

• BIKES 9 & OVER

This parade category is for children ages 9 and over who are riding their decorated two-wheelers in the parade. Well-decorated bikes usually have red, white, and blue crepe paper streamers woven through the spokes on the wheels and wrapped around handle bars and fenders. Other red, white, and blue decorations are often used in addition to crepe paper (e.g., tissue paper flowers, small American flags, stars). The rider of a nicely decorated bike usually wears red, white, and blue clothing.

- BIKES 8 & UNDER

This parade category is for children ages 8 and under who are riding their decorated two-wheeled bikes or bikes with training wheels in the parade. (See description above for decorations.) Parents may accompany children participating in this category.

- TRICYCLES & WAGONS

This parade category is for young children on tricycles who have not yet learned to ride a two-wheeler and for very young children riding in a wagon. Parents are expected to accompany these children on the parade route. (See description for Bikes 9 & Over for decorating ideas.)

- TOTS IN STROLLERS

This category is for our youngest participants. Sometimes children this age are not able to handle the length of the parade route and may need to leave midway to go home for a nap. If that is the case, parents should remember to return their child's registration number before heading home. (See description for Bikes 9 & Over for decorating ideas.)

- COSTUMED CHILDREN

This category is for children who walk the parade route. A group of friends might get together and come up with a theme and dress accordingly. Costumes are an important part of this category. Keep in mind that it may be hot, so dress with the weather in mind.

- ROLLER BLADES, SKATEBOARDS, AND SCOOTERS

This category usually draws older participants. Scooters can be decorated without too much trouble, but that is not the case for roller blades and skateboards. Red, white, and blue clothing is a good idea for participants in this category.

- SMALL FLOATS

Small floats are generally created using a child's wagon as a base. They are then "transformed" to look like something else (e.g., a boat or ship, space shuttle, historical building).

- LARGE FLOATS

Large floats are usually constructed on some type of platform with wheels. They may be pulled by hand, but "riding lawnmowers" may be used. In the past, some neighborhoods have come up with fabulous ideas for large floats. (Remember the Eachus Avenue Kids and the floats created by neighbors on Browning Lane?) Large floats usually have a patriotic or historical theme.

13. WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

Since the 4th of July is a day set aside to celebrate America's independence, red, white, and blue are the "colors of the day." Our judges look for patriotic themes, historical events, important figures in American history, Philadelphia-related topics, etc. For example, Benjamin Franklin would be more appropriate than Elsa (from *Frozen*) as a theme. Be creative and have fun coming up with an idea!

14. I'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE RACES AT THE PARK. DO I HAVE TO REGISTER?

No, just show up for the races immediately after you return to Clem Macrone Park at the conclusion of the parade. Look for the colorful banners near the baseball field. The races are an annual event sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Rotary Club. Races are organized by age groups. Ribbons are awarded to first, second, and third place finishers.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our annual parade on the 4th of July!