

The Chamber

AUSTIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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AUSTIN MN.

FREEDOM FEST

2019 4th of July Parade Unit Entry Form

This form must be turned in **NO LATER** than **June 10, 2019**

Name of Unit or Organization _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

All units must be self-insured. Please submit proof of insurance with this application or make arrangements to supply prior to the parade start.

Signature of responsible person: _____ Phone _____

Please initial that you have read and will adhere to V, VI & VII on the reverse side of this form. _____

Initial

Type of Unit

() Marching Band; Indicate Number of Members _____

Bus to follow? (Yes / No). Total space required: _____ ft.*

() Musical Unit, Other, describe: _____

() Float: Total Length of Unit _____ ft. (truck & trailer)*

() Horse-drawn Carriage/Wagon Length: _____ ft*

() Other, please describe/include unit length: _____

_____ Length* _____

Will your unit provide music or other sounds/activities that may frighten horses? ___ Yes ___ No

The Freedom Fest Parade Committee will send you confirmation of your entry.

No items may be thrown from vehicles! No printed materials may be distributed.

All candy and novelties must be hand-delivered to spectators.

The parade committee reserves the right to accept or decline applications. A confirmation email will be sent to you, no later than June 24, 2019, along with your unit number. **Your entry will not be considered unless your payment (if applicable) and a copy of insurance is submitted with this form.**

Please return this form to:
Austin Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Jeanine
329 N. Main Street, Suite 102
Austin, MN 55912

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____
Approved: _____ Rejected: _____
Check No. _____ Proof of Insurance _____
Parade Unit Number _____

***NOTE:** Please include all vehicles that will be part of your entry when estimating total length. We reserve space in the staging area based on **your** estimate.



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GRAND PARADE

11 A.M. JULY 4, 2019
Austin, Minnesota

PARADE APPLICANTS:

Thank you for considering participating in Austin's 4th of July Parade! The parade will be on Thursday, July 4th at 11:00 a.m.; line-up begins at 9:00 a.m.

A few things to note about this year's parade:

- I. Austin's 4th of July parade is a 34-year tradition with an estimated 20,000 spectators. The route is 1.5 miles and the parade route will **begin on north Main Street**. The disbursement area is along Lafayette and Marcusen parks on the south end of Main Street. An area is reserved for buses only in Lafayette Park to pick up marchers and walkers. Free parking for all other vehicles is available in the area.
- II. Only vehicles that are entered in the parade will be allowed to enter the staging area. Vehicles dropping off pedestrians that will ride floats or walk as part of a group should be dropped off at the intersection of 8th Ave & Main Street. You will have to plan to meet those pedestrians in the disbursement area.
- III. The celebration continues in Bandshell Community Park, following the parade, with a variety of family entertainment, including music, food, games and the area's most spectacular fireworks display at dusk.
- IV. All commercial entries and political candidates will be charged a fee of \$100. Entries that are members of the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce will receive a \$25 discount. Charitable and civic organizations, including churches, will not be charged a fee. The parade will be limited to the first 100 entries, and all fees must be paid in advance.
- V. Do not throw candy **from vehicles!** A \$100 fine may be imposed and your unit could be removed from the parade. All parade participants wishing to hand out candy should have someone walking along side the unit for that purpose. This is a safety issue and will be enforced by the Law Enforcement officials.
- VI. We have experienced significant gaps during the parade in the past few years, making the parade longer than usual. Please follow the instructions of the parade volunteers to close the gaps.
- VII. No use of alcohol or tobacco by parade participants along the parade route.

We are looking forward to your participation. If you should have any questions, please contact us at 507-437-4561.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation our 4th of July parade!

Freedom Fest Parade Committee

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