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AUSTIN MN.

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2017 4th of July Parade Unit Entry Request

Name of Business or Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Cell: _____

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: _____

Type of Unit

Which category best describes your unit?

- Marching/Walking; # of Members _____
- Float; Total Length of Unit _____ ft.
- Vehicle, other than car; Length: _____ ft.
- Clowns, # walking _____ # vehicles _____
- Other; Please describe, include estimated length: _____
- Horse-drawn unit; Length _____ ft.
- Car(s); # & total length # _____
- Color Guard; # of members _____
- # _____ cars following color guard

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

Please provide a brief description of your unit for publicity.

PARADE ENTRY FEES: A flat fee of \$100 will be charged for all commercial entries; Austin Chamber Member fee is \$75. **Festival Sponsors may receive a discount up to 100%.** Commercial described as: All advertising and businesses including Commercial and Non-Commercial entries, Profit and Non-Profit businesses.

(Area civic organizations and churches, no charge)

The parade committee reserves the right to accept or decline applications. A confirmation letter will be sent upon acceptance, no later than June 20, 2017, along with your unit number. **Your entry will not be considered unless your payment and a copy of insurance is submitted prior to June 14, 2017.**

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

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

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 _____



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GRAND PARADE

11 A.M. JULY 4, 2017
Austin, Minnesota

PARADE APPLICANTS:

Thank you for considering participation in Austin's 4th of July Parade! The parade will be on Tuesday, 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 32-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 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. All units are asked to avoid creating gaps in the parade. Try to maintain a consistent distance between your unit and those ahead and behind you.

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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