



AUSTIN MN.

# FREEDOM FEST

# 2018 4th of July Parade Unit Entry Form

This form must be turned in NO LATER than **June 8, 2018**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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\* \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*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.

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 22, 2018, 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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## **GRAND PARADE**

11 A.M. JULY 4, 2018  
Austin, Minnesota

### **PARADE APPLICANTS:**

Thank you for considering participating in Austin's 4th of July Parade! The parade will be on Wednesday, 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 33-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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