



MANISTEE
National Forest Festival

2017 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

July 4, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2017
AFTER JUNE 1 A LATE FEE WILL BE CHARGED

ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS/POLITICIAN (\$85)
AFTER JUNE 1, 2017 (\$100)

NON-PROFIT/INDIVIDUAL (NO CHARGE)
AFTER JUNE 1, 2017 (\$15)

DESCRIPTION OF UNIT/FLOAT: _____

*REQUIRED: All units and floats must incorporate the theme of the festival and be decorated beyond company logo/name, etc. and are subject to approval by the Parade Committee. **Does your entry have music?**

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____ NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

SALES, DONATION REQUESTS AND SOLICITATIONS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED.
Make check payable to "Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce" and return with signed contract.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____ DATE _____

Return signed contract and fee (if applicable) by **June 1, 2017** to:

MANISTEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
11 CYPRESS STREET
MANISTEE, MI 49660

Website: www.manisteechamber.com

Chamber Facebook: www.facebook.com/manisteeareachamberofcommerce

Festival Facebook: www.facebook.com/manisteenationalforestfestival

2017 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE FACTS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

In return for being invited to participate in the Manistee National Forest Festival Independence Day Parade, presented by the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce on **July 4, 2017 at 10:00 am**, all participants agree to the following:

1. Entry application and fee (if applicable) must be received by Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce no later than **June 1, 2017. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON PARADE DAY.**
2. PLEASE COOPERATE TO INSURE SPECTATOR SAFETY. NO OBJECTS OF ANY KIND MAY BE THROWN TO PARADE SPECTATORS. *SEE BELOW
3. Elected government officials and candidates for offices representing Manistee County will be permitted to participate in the parade; however, they must provide their own transportation and signage.
4. All units will strive to maintain a forward motion at all times. Doubling back, or going against the traffic of the parade should be avoided.
5. Recordings are not permitted as accompaniment for marching units. A written waiver may be requested.
6. All mechanical equipment should be in sound mechanical condition, equipped with a tow bar or chain and should carry an emergency portable fire extinguisher and be at assigned formation position for inspection by Parade Officials.
7. Entry must be covered by adequate insurance and be prepared to provide proof upon request.
8. All units must be in place 30 minutes before parade start time the day of the parade. *See below.
9. No philosophical or religious messages may be incorporated into the design or used on any entry in the Parade without written permission from the Manistee National Forest Festival Parade Committee.
10. Placement in the line of march of the parade is at the sole discretion of the Manistee National Forest Festival Parade Committee. Early registration is afforded first consideration in parade line-up but does not guarantee placement. **No unit will be admitted to the parade that has not pre-registered and been approved by the Committee.**
11. Absolutely NO drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed. Anyone with alcoholic beverages on their entry will be disqualified.
12. Entries should be related to the Manistee National Forest Festival theme.
13. Commercial entries, other than log trucks, must be decorated.
14. The Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the number of any one kind of entry. Early entry will be given first consideration.
15. **NO SPRAYING OF SPECTATORS OR OTHER PARADE ENTRIES WITH SQUIRT GUNS, SUPER SOAKERS OR ANY OTHER DEVICE.**
16. **HORSE ENTRIES MUST HAVE SOMEONE TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEM OR THEY MAY BE OMITTED OR PLACED AT THE END OF THE PARADE LINE UP AND ASSESSED A \$150.00 FINE.**
17. **SALES, DONATION REQUESTS AND SOLICITATIONS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
18. Applicant understands that the Manistee National Forest Festival and the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce and its sub-committees are not responsible for injuries, damages, or losses incurred by the entrant.

*ALL UNITS PLEASE TAKE NOTE: ALL UNITS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO DELAY THE MOVEMENT OF THE PARADE. THEREFORE, A FORWARD MOTION ONLY IS REQUESTED AT ALL TIMES AND **AT NO TIME WILL ANYTHING BE THROWN TO THE CROWD FROM ANY UNIT** (such as candy, gum, trinkets, informational materials, etc.). ITEMS BEING HANDED OUT MUST BE DONE BY AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF "WALKERS" TO PERMIT CONTINUED MOVEMENT OF THE PARADE AND TO AVOID CONGESTION OF PARADE-GOERS WAITING THEIR TURN FOR HANDOUT. Units arriving late will be put at the rear of the parade. Line-up openings will only be held to *30 minutes* prior to parade start-up time. Units will be moved forward to fill empty spaces at that time.