



Area Chamber of Commerce

Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce
PARADE APPLICATION
Yankee Doodle Day Parade 2009
Saturday, June 20, 2009 - Step off time will be 11:00 a.m.

Name of Organization or Entry _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Business () _____ Home () _____

Email Address: _____

(Please print or type to enable us to process completely)

(Please check one entry category)

- Antique Vehicle, Fire Unit, Police Unit, Balloons, Float, Queen, Circus Unit, Fraternal/ Service Unit, Veterans Unit, Clowns, Governmental Unit, Color Guard, Marching Band, Musical Group, Equestrian/Horse Unit, Other Animals, Other, Please describe

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENTRY

How many people will be participating in your group (approximately)? _____

Will your group have a float? Yes No Approximate Size Will you have music? Yes No

Will you have a decorated vehicle(s) other than float? Yes No Type? _____

The Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Yankee Doodle Days Parade to celebrate Independence Day, on behalf of the Grand Ledge Community and Businesses. To provide an exciting, but safe and organized event, we ask all participating organizations to comply with our Operating Procedures and Policies listed above on this registration form.

Authorized Representative Signature _____ Date: _____

REGISTRATION

1. All units must be registered in advance to participate in the parade. Registration deadline: June 15, 2009. Contingents can begin to assemble in the staging area at 9:00 a.m. The parade check in will be at the Sawon School building. Staging information will be provided at the parade orientation meeting.
2. **ACCEPTANCE OF OPERATING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**
By signing the bottom of the Registration Form you confirm that you are authorized as a representative for the organization and that your organization has read, and understands and agrees to abide by the policies and operating procedures for the 2009 Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce Yankee Doodle Days Parade described below.

PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

*Non-discrimination: The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce, Parade Committee welcomes the participation of all people regardless of age, creed, national origin, race, religion orientation and asks all participants organization to also engage in non-discriminatory actions. All registration forms must be reviewed and approved by the Yankee Doodle Days Parade Committee. The Yankee Doodle Days Parade Committee reserves the right to deny any registration form.

*Parade Image: Participants are requested to show respect for all people and organizations and be aware that children will be in attendance at this event.

*Vehicles and Floats:

-Length: Units cannot be longer than authorized by the state for truck and trailer or tractor-trailer unit.

-Decoration: All vehicles, except antique or custom cars or specialty vehicles are to be decorated.

-Safety: No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be on or in any unit; drivers need appropriate license and insurance. It's recommended floats have at least one ABC Fire extinguisher on the float with easy access.

*Float Guides/Parade Marshals: An organization with a float needs to have a "Float Guide" to direct the float along the route. Guides need to attend the orientation meeting.

*Directions During Parade: The Parade Coordinators authorized to provide placements, movements and dispersion directions.

Participants shall follow all directions provided by police or fire personnel.

*Item Distribution: Organizations can distribute "throws". Throws should have some intrinsic value. Organizations may not randomly throw literature, brochures, business cards or flyers but may hand them to people along the parade route. Sexually explicit materials may not be thrown or handed out. Groups are asked to the Parade Committee if throws are to be distributed. Care needs to be taken to ensure the safety of participants and people along the parade route.

*Route: Check in location will be at the Sawdon School building. Staging street will be on Lamson Street moving onto Scott Street. The parade will travel North on Bridge Street ending at the Grand Ledge Fire Department facilities.

5. SUBMIT THE FORM

Mail the completed form with applicable fees to: Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce, 222 S Bridge St., Grand Ledge, MI. 48837.