

2024 4th of JULY PARADE APPLICATION

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Rockford 4th of July Civic Committee Parade Rules for July 4, 2024

- The Rockford 4th of July Civic Committee reserves the right to not approve any application.
 - Approved applications will receive an **email** showing approval and their division information.
- **THROWING** of any objects from your float/vehicle along the parade route will **not** be permitted. Objects are defined, but not limited to, **candy**, political propaganda, etc. If you are seen throwing anything, you will be removed from the parade route.
 - Candy **handed out** along the sides of the parade route **is** permitted. **No Throwing.**
- Your parade unit must be of a patriotic nature. Occult or non-patriotic units will not be permitted in the parade.
 - 60,000 – 80,000 people are expected along the parade route...Impress them with your creativity!
 - We are celebrating our country and our community. If you do not want to follow the rules of decorating, then please do not apply.
 - You must submit the concept of your vehicle/float along with this application.
 - Any group that doesn't show any festive decorations pertaining to Independence Day will not be allowed to partake in the parade.
 - A Trophy will be awarded for '**Best Patriotic Float**'
- Signs that insult, belittle or embarrass any individual or organization will not be allowed to be carried or displayed as part of your parade unit.
- Active political campaigning will not be allowed in any division other than the division that is termed "Political Division."
 - **Each politician must pay an entry fee to march/float in the parade. Please see fees on page 1.**
- We are all Americans celebrating the birth of this great nation! **Let's all have a great time!**
- **Questions:** please contact Tom Luepkas at 815-979-2977.

*****I have read the Updated Parade Rules and will abide by them*****

X _____ **Date** _____



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728 N. Prospect Street – Suite 107, Rockford, IL 61107
4thandlights@gmail.com www.4thandlights.com
Tom Luepkes, 815-979-2977

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email (required): _____

Type of Parade Unit:

- Vehicle (Decorated) Float
- Marching Other _____

Vehicles and Floats must submit concept art with this application.

A TROPHY will be awarded for BEST PATRIOTIC FLOAT.



PARADE ENTRY FEES

- **Commercial/Business Units:** Please include a check with a **minimum donation** of \$100
- **Political Entries (other than incumbents):** Please include a check with a **minimum donation** of \$400 **per Individual Political Entry**. *You will not be allowed to participate if the parade fee has not been received.*
- **Nonprofits/Not-For-Profits:** No Charge with return of 501c3 or 501c4 number.

Please fill out, sign, and return application no later than **June 20th** to ensure your position in the parade.

Rockford 4th of July Celebration – 60th Year!
2024 Parade Information

Line-Up time:	4:00 pm Sharp
Jeep Parade Start Time:	4:40 pm Sharp
Motorcycle Start Time:	4:50 pm Sharp
Main Parade Start Time:	5:00 pm Sharp

PARADE ROUTE

Route forms at 7th Street and 6th, 5th and 4th Avenues.

Proceed North on 7th Street to East State Street.

Turn West on East State Street

CONTINUE on East State Street, crossing the bridge and passing Wyman and Main Streets.

Disband at Church Street.

THROWING candy or objects is **NOT PERMITTED.**

PLEASE NOTE

- 7th Street will be CLOSED to parade traffic
- Please use 6th Street South (one way) and 9th Street South (one way) to reach your assigned Parade Division. If you move an unmanned barricade, put it back once through.

If you throw candy or any items, you will be removed from the parade immediately and fined from the Police Department.

Handing out candy is permitted.

FLOAT EXAMPLES

WIN THE TROPHY!!!!!! IMPRESS THE CROWD

