



35th ANNUAL HEARTLAND PARADE PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

We are looking forward to your participation in the 2017 Heartland Parade on Saturday, August 26, 2017. We have made every effort to organize the parade to make it an enjoyable and successful experience for everyone involved. To make it successful, we need your cooperation with the following instructions:

1. The staging area for the parade will be (a.) on Central Ave. (b.) Poplar Street between Mulberry & Central; (c.) North Main Street between Dixie Avenue & Crutcher Avenue; and (d.) South Main between Dixie Avenue & Helm Street.

(SEE ENCLOSED MAP.) Units must be in line according to the following schedule:

8:30 a.m. EST	All floats in line and ready for judging.
9:00 a.m. EST	All bands, horse units, and other units in place.
9:00 a.m. EST	Invited dignitaries in place.
10:00 a.m. EST	STEP OFF!

2. Please note that there will be a shuttle available to transport parade participants from the Roses Shopping Center to the parade route if needed from 7:00-9:00 am.
3. Parade Committee members will be in the area to direct you to your position in the line-up.
4. Vehicles that are unloading participants need to be unloaded as quickly as possible. Vehicles, including buses, should then proceed to the appropriate de-staging area. GENERAL PARKING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE STAGING AREA.
5. The following areas have been designated for de-staging the parade:
 - A. Walking units will be directed to the HELMWOOD PLAZA parking lot. Vehicles picking up these participants should be parked in this area. Exit out of North end of parking lot to Dieks Drive, then left to 31-W.
 - B. Floats will proceed to the parking lot of HELMWOOD PLAZA. Persons riding the floats will de-stage at this point.
 - C. Any other mobile units MAY continue out North Dixie Avenue to the E'town By-Pass or Ring Road and disperse as they see fit.
 - D. Horse units will be routed to the grass area at the end of HELMWOOD PLAZA, down from Firestone, (water is available there). Businesses are open in the shopping center so PLEASE be respectful of their business and customers.
6. Please keep pace with the parade and avoid gaps between participants. We ask that you maintain a 50-foot space. There will be parade marshals along the route and any participant with more than a 50-foot gap may be asked to leave the parade.
7. In case of a breakdown, please try to move the vehicle out of the parade line. If this is not possible, contact the Elizabethtown Police officers or parade officials who will be stationed at major intersections along the parade route.
8. In case of an accident requiring medical attention, contact police officers. The Hardin County Ambulance Service will be contacted by Police.
9. Nothing may be thrown or handed down from any moving vehicle in the parade. No horns or sirens, except in case of an emergency. Only walkers on each side of vehicle may distribute candy.
10. ABSOLUTELY NO WATER GUNS.
11. PROOF OF INSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES.
12. THE ELIZABETHTOWN CITY POLICE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THE PARADE THAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE DRIVING RECKLESS AND A CITATION WILL BE ISSUED.