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2015 Independence Day Parade Application

Saturday, July 4, 2015
Theme: "Let Freedom Ring"

For everyone's safety, parade participants must NOT throw candy or giveaways from floats or vehicles. Walkers may hand out items to parade attendees. Please note: this important safety rule will be closely monitored and those who violate this rule will be banned from participation in future parades. Throwing items encourages children to run between vehicles; other communities have suffered serious tragedy this way. Help us keep our community and children safe!

Business/Organization _____ Email _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____

Entry Fee: (please check one) \$0 Military/Dignitaries \$10 Civic Non Profit \$20 All Others

Checks payable to the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce.
All proceeds support the Fireworks Display!

Type of Entry: (please check one) Float Car Truck Classic Vehicle Animals

"For sale" signs are not permitted; you must clean up after your own animals.

How many vehicles are being entered? _____ Estimated # of walkers _____

Does your entry have music, sirens, horns, etc.? Yes No

Do you have a special placement request (please list) _____

I consent and take full responsibility for ensuring that all representatives of this applicant know of, and agree to respectfully follow the guidelines so that an enjoyable and safe Fourth of July parade may be experienced by all. I also acknowledge receipt of the parade rules and will hold harmless the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce, Board Members, Volunteers, Organizers, Sponsors, etc., associated to the event and relieve the aforementioned of any and all liability.

Signature

Date












Return Parade Application and Entry Fee to: TACC, P.O. Box 608, Tawas City, MI 48764

CHAMBER OFFICE USE:

Assigned Street: _____ Date Received: _____

Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce 2015 Independence Day Parade Rules

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-  **Please do not park on West Washington – this is a detour route.**
-  When you arrive, you must go to your designated line up street. Your street assignment will be sent to you no later than June 29. There will be Chamber volunteers assigned to the streets to assist you, if needed.
-  To stay clear of overhead wires, entries must be less than 13.5 feet high, as measured from the ground.
-  No flat beds over 15 feet in length (or semi-trucks) due to tight turns on Newman Street.
-  All vehicles must be "road safe." Good brakes are a must and adequate safety chains must be used on all towed units. Clear vision must be provided for drivers. A second person assisting the driver with watching for safety hazards is recommended.
-  **Remember – for the safety of the viewers, candy cannot be thrown from the floats or vehicles. All entries must provide walkers to hand out candy or other items to viewers along the entire parade route. This important safety rule will be closely monitored and those who violate this rule will be banned from participation in future parades. Throwing items encourages children to run between vehicles; other communities have suffered serious tragedy this way. Help us keep our community and children safe!**
-  Alcoholic beverages and the use of water balloons, squirt guns, and similar items are prohibited.
-  All entrants participate at their own risk.
-  Please maintain a safe distance, approximately 1-2 car lengths between entries, but keep pace with the parade. Gaps between entries should not exceed 1-2 car lengths. Please limit stops to emergencies only.
-  The parade ends at Whittemore Street which is one street before the caution light in Tawas City. After turning on Whittemore Street, proceed one block up to Fifth Avenue. You may then proceed back to your point of origin.
-  There is \$20 entry fee per organization, float or vehicle; \$10 for civic non-profit groups; active military and veteran groups and elected officials are exempt from payment. Please make checks payable to the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds support the Fireworks Display.

Questions may be directed to the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce at 362-8643. Thank you for your support and participation in the Independence Day Parade!

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