

2018 North Aurora Community Parade

Hats Off to North Aurora

Sunday, September 23 • 3 pm

Participant Application

All marching groups must complete the application and submit no later than September 1, 2018.

Please Print

Entry Name _____

Contact Person _____ Ph _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Email _____

Entry Category (*circle one*):

Youth: School Scouts Athletic Other _____

Adult: Organization Car Club Individual Other _____

Band: School Military Adult Other _____

Military: Military Unit Veterans Organization

Religious Organization

Business/Commercial *

Political Unit/Candidate *

* Business, commercial and political entries are asked to give a participation donation of \$30.00 to help offset the cost of the parade. This donation may be made with a check, payable to North Aurora Mothers Club, or online using PayPal at www.NAMothersClub.org on the Community Parade page.

_____ Our check is enclosed

_____ We will pay online using PayPal

Size of Entry

In order to better facilitate line-up and marching placement, we need a few details about your entry. Please read through the entire form and mark all that apply.

Circle one: Car SUV Truck Van Fire/Rescue Military

Total # of Vehicles: _____

Will you be pulling a trailer? Yes / No Approximate length _____

Will you have walkers in your entry? Yes / No How many? _____

Will your entry include/play music? Yes / No

Will you be distributing candy? Yes / No

Will you be entering the Float and Vehicle Decorating Contest**? Yes / No

** Please refer to the third page of this application, "Float and Vehicle Decorating Contest," for more information.

Please mail the completed application to:

NAMC Community Parade Chair, PO Box 57, North Aurora, IL 60542

The application can also be emailed to cr@namothersclub.org.

If you have questions, please call Julie Popplewell, (630) 247-1799

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Rules and Safety Guidelines

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

- Entry fees are non-refundable. The North Aurora Mothers Club reserves the right to use photographs taken at this event for future promotions.
- All entries must provide a certificate of insurance naming the North Aurora Mothers Club and Village of North Aurora as additional insureds. Call your insurance company to request this document.
- The North Aurora Mothers Club reserves the right to accept or reject any application.

I have read and accept that the North Aurora Mothers Club and the Village of North Aurora will not be held liable for any injuries or damage to persons or personal property while participating in the North Aurora Community Parade. I acknowledge that I am responsible for everyone participating in my entry. In addition, I will be responsible for each person in my entry receiving a copy of the Parade Rules and Safety Guidelines, and agree to the terms set forth. I understand that disregarding any of the rules and guidelines will result in my entry being eliminated from the parade.

Signature

Date

PARADE CHECK-IN AND STAGING AREA

All registered parade entries must report to the parade staging area designated for their entry, prior to the parade start time. Vehicles are not permitted to move from their line-up area unless specifically asked to do so by a Parade Marshall or a police officer. Due to limited staging area, only parade vehicles, floats and animals will be allowed in the staging area. Please have someone drop off persons riding on entries. Only those vehicles registered in the actual parade will be permitted in the staging area.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Do not throw candy from float or from inside a vehicle. Walkers are the only participants that may throw candy. Please be sure that candy is tossed to the curb in order to keep children safe while they retrieve candy.

BEHAVIOR

No profanity or offensive behavior will be tolerated before, during, or after the parade while still on the parade route. **No alcoholic beverages** will be allowed on floats or tow vehicles. No drugs or weapons will be permitted in the parade assembly area or on the parade route.

VEHICLE, FLOAT, AND YOUNG PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

All children must have adult supervision. No persons will be allowed to ride on the outside of a vehicle or over the edge of a float. Float riders must be secure on the float with handholds or chairs. All decorations must be non-flammable. ALL vehicles must be properly registered and insured. Vehicles must be driven only by properly licensed adults over 21 years old. Floats transporting children more than 30 inches from the ground are strongly encouraged to have side rails. All entries should be properly identified with signs or banners with the organization's name on the entry so spectators know who you are. Floats/vehicles shall be brought to a complete stop before participants climb on or off the vehicle.

Parade Marshals have the authority to remove any entrant from the parade for failing to comply with these rules, inclusive under the direction of the Parade Coordinator.

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The Float and Vehicle Decorating Contest will take place prior to the 3 pm parade start time. The winner will receive a trophy and a \$100 prize.

All floats or vehicles wishing to enter the contest must be in their designated staging area no later than 2:15 pm on the day of the parade or risk being automatically disqualified from the contest.

A representative must be available to answer judges' questions about the concept, decorating materials, etc. of the entry. All costumed float participants should be in place with accompanying music working, if applicable.

Once the judging is complete and scores are tallied, the judges will inform the winner and the trophy will be awarded. The winning entry will also be preceded by a banner naming the award while marching during the parade.

Judges will review and rate all parade entries according to the following criteria:

- **Presentation**
Overall effective presentation of the float or vehicle. Costumed participants will be judged on enthusiasm and overall appearance.
- **Workmanship**
Craftsmanship of the float or vehicle. Details in the design and effective use of materials.
- **Use of Theme**
How well the entry design adapts to the parade theme, "20 Years of Community Pride."
- **Originality**
Creativity and originality in the design concept.
- **Bonus Points Possible**
Awarded to entries utilizing or built with recycled or reusable materials.

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