



162nd Annual Fourth of July Parade

Tuesday - July 4th - 9am

The Oldest Fourth of July Parade in the State of Iowa!

Theme: Party in the USA

<u>Entry Fees:</u>	Floats**	\$10
	First vehicle or walking group (15 people/group)	\$20
	Each additional vehicle or walking group	\$5
	Horse/Livestock Entries (staged at end of parade)	\$10
	Farm Tractors	\$20
	Semi-Trucks	\$20
	State/federal political candidates	\$50

** A float is an elaborately decorated three-dimensional figure or scene mounted on a wheeled chassis that is self-propelled or that is housed upon a flatbed trailer pulled by a manned vehicle. The general shape of the float is such that the underlying structure is not visible and the figure/scene appears to float on or above the surface of the street.

Schedule: 6:30 AM Lineup begins on 4th Ave NE and side streets at (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th)
8:00 AM Entries should be in their assigned starting areas.
9:00 AM Parade begins.

Awards: Best Use of Theme Most Creative Entry
Best Float People's Choice Award
Conducted on Facebook after the parade!

Entry Deadline

4:00 pm – Friday, June 30, 2023

Please complete and return the official entry form (see attached) with the applicable entry fees in order to guarantee your appearance in the parade.

Checks should be made payable to the *Independence Area Chamber of Commerce*
Forms and payment can be mailed to the Chamber (112 First Street East, Independence)
or delivered to the Chamber during business hours (Mon – Fri, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm)

PARADE RULES

1. Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation of these rules.
2. All entries must have **clear signage** to identify their business or organization.
4. For the safety of our parade spectators including children, nothing may be thrown from your entry -- candy, eggs, water balloons, or other objects. Candy and/or small gift items may be HANDED out along the parade route. Water guns and super-soakers are prohibited.
5. The 2022 Parade will begin at the intersection of 1st Street East to 2nd Ave NE - North to the Buchanan County Fairgrounds entrance. Turn right onto 12th St. NE. Line-up will start at the intersection of 4th Ave NE & 3rd St NE. **Please park as directed by parade staff.**
6. Once your entry has started along the parade route, **no one may board your float.**
7. Your entry may not exit the parade route before the end of the parade.
8. **No alcohol is allowed.** Independence's open container law will be strictly enforced.
9. Entries with children under the age of 18 must have one (1) adult chaperone for every five (5) children.
10. Parade line-up is on a "first come" basis. Changes in the parade line-up will be at the sole discretion of parade staff.
11. By submitting a parade entry form, the entrant agrees to release the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce, its staff, its officers, its directors, and its volunteers from liability for any injuries and/or damage that may occur (1) to any participant in your entry, and (2) as a result of actions by any participant or component or portion of your parade entry.
12. **Horse and livestock entries are allowed but restricted to ABSOLUTELY NO interaction with parade goers. Horse and livestock entries must have a designated person/people to follow and be responsible for all animal waste.**
13. Any violation of parade rules or failure to adhere to verbal directions from parade staff will result in immediate ejection from the parade and participation in future parades.



162nd ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Name of Business, Group or Individual: _____

Indicate the Type of Entry You Will be Entering:

Floats or Horse/Livestock _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Vehicle(s) or Walking Group(s)* _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Additional: _____ X \$5 = \$ _____

**A walking group is defined as 15 people.*

Semi Trucks & Farm Tractors _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Federal or State
Political Campaigns _____ X \$50 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Will your entry have music? circle one: None Live Radio Pre-recorded

Printed Name of Responsible Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I accept the rules for the 2023 Fourth of July Parade organized by the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce on behalf of myself or my business/organization, and that my/our entry will fully comply with said rules as well as verbal instructions given by parade staff.

Signature _____ **Date Signed** _____