

Waukegan Park District
2019 AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE PARADE RULES

1. The unit coordinator shall be responsible for the conduct of all participants in their group and agrees to inform ALL participants of these rules and regulations.
2. It is each parade entry's responsibility to have a foul weather contingency plan in place. Note severe weather shelter options on route map.
3. Parade entries must line up in the space they have been assigned.
4. Number of vehicles declared on the application by the unit coordinator is the maximum allowed on the day of the parade. Vehicles can only be added with approval prior to parade day.
5. All units must display their unit number, preferably on the front right window of vehicle, float, or a person in the parade.
6. Waukegan Park District staff reserve the right to request a float be modified for safety reasons or appropriateness; units must comply with the request or be removed from the parade.
7. Units must **withhold playing loud/blaring music until parade step off**. Vulgar lyrics will NOT be tolerated.
8. **No alcohol or glassware is allowed in the parade.** Bottles or cans of nonalcoholic beverages are permitted. Use of alcohol will result in immediate removal from parade by police.
9. Candy and other items being passed out must be handed to the crowd at the curb. **No throwing is permitted.** Please distribute candy or other items **HAND-TO-HAND** by walking along the parade route next to the spectators; it is very dangerous for spectators to run into the street for candy and other handouts.
10. Participants may not stand on or in vehicles. If standing on floats, they must do so safely. Hanging off the side or edge of any moving vehicle or float is not allowed.
11. **All units must maintain forward motion. Groups are ONLY allowed to stop at the THREE Performance Locations along the parade route. SEE Parade Map.** Performances should be **NO MORE THAN 1 MINUTE IN LENGTH**. Performances that cause large gaps will not be permitted. Stopping or reversing motion may result in removal from the parade and will jeopardize future participation.
12. Units must not disband until **the end of the parade (north of Parmalee)** Watch for the signs.
13. **There will NOT be a Reviewing Stand at the end of the parade. Please refrain from stopped performances.**