

# Morristown's Star-Spangled Celebration Parade

## Preliminary Guidelines for Participants

The Morristown's Star-Spangled Celebration Parade is an opportunity for residents of Morristown- Hamblen County and neighboring communities to come together to celebrate America's Independence Day and the freedom we have in the United States of America.

The parade is sponsored by the Downtown Morristown Association, the Morristown Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Morristown. Funds raised from the entry fees will benefit the programs and events of the Downtown Morristown Association.

## Parade Entries

All parade entrants must submit a completed Parade Participant Application to The Fret Store located at 172 West Main Street Morristown, TN 37814 by June 22, 2009. Entries are subject to approval by Parade Committee.

## Parade Entry Categories

The following will be considered for entry into the parade:

- ★ Wagons (i.e. radio flyer, little tykes)
- ★ Big wheels and tri-cycle
- ★ Power wheels
- ★ Bicycles
- ★ Antique American Automobiles-pre '68
- ★ Floats
- ★ Churches
- ★ Athletic clubs and teams
- ★ Commercial entries (see entry requirements below)
- ★ Dignitaries (e.g. elected officials)/Special Guest/Celebrities
- ★ Military Groups
- ★ Musical Groups (marching bands and other)
- ★ Non-profit organizations
- ★ Other children's groups and neighborhood groups (non-athletic)

**The parade is a family fun celebration and entries must be appropriated for all ages.**

## Parade Entry Requirements

- ★ **Parade theme:** entrants are encouraged to creatively express American patriotism. We encourage everyone to incorporate red, white, and blue decorations/props, exciting visuals and patriotic music. All entries excluding the children are asked to be identified with a professional looking banner and/or sign.
- ★ **Decorated wagon, big wheel, tri-cycle, power wheel or bicycle:** all children must be accompanied by a guardian at all times. Entry fee is \$5.00 per immediate family (**this includes families of one or more child however each child must have an adult; no children are to be left unsupervised at any time.**)

- ★ **Decorated float or vehicle:** floats are encouraged but vehicles decorated with patriotic colored fringe or skirting are acceptable. Entry Fee is \$20.00
- ★ **Music:** entries are encouraged to incorporate music into their display, either live or recorded. Bands and sound systems should include patriotic music in the music selections.
- ★ **Attire:** participants in the parade should be outfitted in red, white, or blue or combination of these colors. Marching bands may wear their uniforms but should select the uniform that is most patriotic. Please be respectful in your attire.
- ★ **Dignitaries and politicians:** dignitaries and politicians must adhere to the requirements for decorated car or float and entries are limited to one decorated car.
- ★ **Commercial Entries:** commercial businesses may enter the parade, however, the entry (decorated float or vehicle) **must support the parade theme** and not to be just a promotion of the business. Floats or vehicles may display a business sign with the approval of the parade committee. Because of the marketing benefit to commercial entries, each commercial entrant must pay an entry fee of \$50.00.
- ★ Children in parade must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- ★ Parade Committee has the sole discretion to refuse anyone from participating due the negligence of the above guidelines. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jennifer Gentry at 423-586-060.

**Parade will begin at 7:00pm. You will be asked to be in your designated location no later than 6:30pm. Children's categories will be judged and winners will be given a savings bond from Knoxville TVA Credit Union. Conformation letter will have more details. Thank you for Participating.**

# Morristown's Star-Spangled Celebration Parade Entry Form

Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle Entry Category

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| Wagons   | Big wheels and tri-cycle |
| Power wheels   | Bicycles                 |
| Antique automobiles-pre 68'                                    | Floats                   |
| Athletic clubs and teams                                       | Commercial entries       |
| Dignitaries  | Military Groups          |
| Musical Groups   | Non-profit organizations |
| Church   |                          |
| Other children's groups and neighborhood groups (non-athletic) |                          |

Will your entry have any type of music played with it (live or recorded) **yes or no**

**In the interest of the safety of our children, and to prevent distractions of parade viewing, throwing of candy, during the parade is prohibited. Solicitation of donations of any kind during the parade is strictly prohibited. Initials \_\_\_\_\_**

I voluntarily and of my own free will elect to participate in the Morristown's Star-Spangled Celebration Parade. I understand that there are certain risk and hazards involved in participating in the Parade that may result in injury of death to including but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, participating conditions, equipment and other participants. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks and injuries suffered by me while participating in Parade while on or upon the premises of any and all of the City Of Morristown Downtown or area. I release, discharge, hold harmless and agree to indemnify and agree not to sue the City of Morristown, TN, or the Downtown Morristown Association its officers, agents of employees or any person or entity connected with the program for any claim, damages, cost or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a resulted of injuries, damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant signature Date

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 4PM MONDAY JUNE 22, 2009**  
**All entries must be pre registered and paid in full. You will receive a confirmation the following week. If you have not received one please contact Jennifer Gentry at 423-586-0260 or [jgentry@mymorristown.com](mailto:jgentry@mymorristown.com)**  
**RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO Downtown Morristown Association and deliver to The Fret Store (Darrell Williams) 172 West Main St. Morristown, TN 37814**