

The Stow Fourth of July Parade Procedures

First and foremost, the Stow Fourth of July Parade celebrates America, its history, and its freedom. Therefore, participants in the parade must observe proper protocol when displaying the American flag.

1. All participants must be pre-registered and have been assigned a parade permit in order to enter the assembly area or drop off zone.
2. A \$50.00 hand-out fee is required of all entries **that will distribute any item, including literature, candy and promotional items, either in the assembly area or down the parade route.** This fee must be paid at the time of registration.
3. **NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES IN THE PARADE. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE!** Candy or other objects may only be distributed by walkers in the outside curb lanes of the parade route.
4. All parade participants **MUST** keep up with the pace of the parade as it goes down the route. Whether you are walking, marching, riding or driving, you must remain with your entry, and keep up with the unit in front of you.
5. Each entry will be allowed a **MAXIMUM OF TWO VEHICLES OR TWO UNITS** in the parade. Vehicles not designated on the registration form will not be allowed down the parade route. **All vehicles must have an original parade permit that has been issued by the parade committee.**
6. Floats must be designed to allow for a minimum of 180 degree forward field of view for the driver.
7. Use of tobacco products, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol is prohibited on floats, parade vehicles or in the assembly area.
8. There shall be no portable flammable liquid containers, fire, or open flames on the parade units or in the assembly area. All fueling is to be performed prior to arrival.
9. Careless or reckless operation of a vehicle is prohibited in the parade. Drivers of parade unit vehicles must remain behind the wheel of their vehicles for the entire length of the parade. The driver of any vehicle in the parade must have a valid driver's license and be no less than 18 years of age. Liability insurance coverage is required for any motorized vehicle participating in the parade. All riding participants, whether sitting or standing must be provided with a firm handhold. **Safety First!!**
10. Parade officials will wear clearly identifiable shirts and/or vests the day of the parade. These individuals will provide assistance and will resolve any problematic situations. Their decisions will be final.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADHERENCE TO OUR PARADE PROCEDURES!!!