

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 line-up number. Participating vehicles **MUST have a PARADE PERMIT** to enter the assembly area in the **Stow Community Shopping Center (TARGET PLAZA)**. Parade permit will be sent, via usps, to the person indicated on the registration.
2. Participants that need to assemble their unit or park extra vehicles **MUST** do so in the Hobby Lobby parking lot, and then make their way to the assembly area at Stow Community Shopping Center (Target Plaza). **NO OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA.**
3. Only those entries that signed up for and paid the \$50 handout fee may hand out items. All other units **MAY NOT** hand out or distribute **ANYTHING!** **This includes literature, candy and promotional items, and ANY OTHER ITEM either in the assembly area or down the parade route.**
4. **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.
5. All parade participants **MUST** keep up with the pace of the parade as it goes down the route. Whether walking, marching, riding or driving, you must keep up with your entry and with the unit in front of you.
6. Each entry will only be allowed **TO HAVE THE VEHICLES IN THE PARADE THAT WERE INDICATED on your registration.** Vehicles not designated on the registration form will not be allowed in the assembly area or down the parade route. If you do not know what you put on your registration, please contact us. **All vehicles MUST HAVE A PARADE PERMIT!**
7. Floats must be designed to allow for a minimum of 180 degree forward field of view for the driver.
8. Use of tobacco products, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol is prohibited on floats, parade vehicles or in the assembly area.
9. 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.
10. Careless or reckless operation of a vehicle is prohibited. 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!!**
11. 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!!!

The 62nd Stow Fourth of July Parade Rules

- Theme:** “Saluting Our Past, Celebrating Our Future”
- Event Date:** Saturday, July 4, 2020. Kickoff is at 10:00 AM
- Event Location:** The Parade starts on Route 59 at Stow Community Shopping Center (Target Plaza) and travels west past Holy Family Church. **ONLY VEHICLES THAT ARE IN THE PARADE AND HAVE A PARADE PERMIT** will be allowed in the Stow Community Shopping Center.
- Event Sponsors:** City of Stow and the Kiwanis Club of Stow-Munroe Falls
- Contact:** Stow Parks & Recreation at 330.689.5100 or parks@stow.oh.us
- No Selling:** There shall be no selling of food or product by parade participants in the parking lot unless by express permission.
- Assembly Time:** Entries that have signed up to be judged must arrive by 8:30 AM, ready to be judged. All other entries must arrive in the assembly area no later than 9:00 AM. Kent Road will be blocked off to outside traffic at 9:15 AM.
- Line-Up Position:** A line-up number and parade permit will be mailed or emailed to the contact person for each registered entrant one week before the parade. **All vehicles must present their parade permit at check-in. Please ensure you and all your group’s participants know your line-up number and the name of your entry the day of the parade. NO PERMIT, NO ENTRY!**
- Reviewing Stand:** All entries will be announced when they pass the reviewing stand located at Kent and Elm Roads. If you have not done so, **PLEASE EMAIL THIS ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION to parks@stow.oh.us.**
- Judging:** All entries to be judged will be judged in the assembly area and judged on: **use of theme/patriotism, appearance, and originality.** Winners will be announced before the parade kicks off and again at the reviewing stand. A cash prize will be awarded to the one entry judged to be the **“Best of Parade.”** Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in the following categories:
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| Commercial | Non-Commercial | Youth Groups |
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Stow Fourth of July Parade Entry Form

Theme: "Saluting Our Past, Celebrating Our Future"

Saturday, July 4, 2020

(PRINT) Name of Entry			
Primary Contact Person		Title	Phone: ()
Address, City, State, Zip		Email:	
ENTRY INFORMATION		HANDOUT INFORMATION	
EACH ENTRY WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO VEHICLES. A VEHICLE IS DEFINED BY HAVING A MOTOR.		Will you be handing out candy, leaflets, marketing items, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Please CIRCLE the number of vehicles in your parade unit: 1 or 2 Please note the TYPE (ex. Ford) and MODEL (ex. Escape) of each vehicle in your parade unit.		If YES a \$50 handout fee is required. A check made payable to the CITY OF STOW MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM.	
Vehicle 1: TYPE _____ MODEL _____ Vehicle 2: TYPE _____ MODEL _____		REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 29, 2020	
Will there be a trailer attached to any of your vehicles? YES or NO If you will have a trailer/trailers, please specify: Trailer one: LENGTH _____ WIDTH _____ Trailer two: LENGTH _____ WIDTH _____		Entries must be filled out, signed and received by the deadline for you to be included in the parade lineup.	
MARCHING UNITS/WALKERS/DANCERS Total Number of Marchers/Walkers/Dancers _____		NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE	
WILL YOU BE PLAYING MUSIC? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Please send completed entry forms to: Stow Fourth of July Parade - 3760 Darrow Road - Stow, OH 44224 or DROP OFF at Stow Parks & Recreation Office at address above.	
WILL YOUR ENTRY BE JUDGED FOR AN AWARD		REGISTER ONLINE AT: StowOhio.RecDesk.com EMAIL: parks@stow.oh.us	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Person responsible for the entry must sign Indemnification Clause and Rules Acceptance below:	
ONLY IF YOU ARE BEING JUDGED PLEASE CHECK ONE:		I/We shall indemnify and save the Kiwanis Club of Stow-Munroe Falls and the City of Stow harmless from legal action, damages, loss, liability, and any other expenses in connection with loss of life, bodily or personal injury, or property damage arising from or out of our participation in the Stow Fourth of July Parade.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Non Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group			
WHETHER YOUR ENTRY WILL BE JUDGED OR NOT: Please write a script for the announcer about this entry on the back of this form or attach a separate sheet of paper.		I have read, understand, and will abide by the parade rules and procedures. Failure to do so will lead to my/our immediate dismissal from the parade. Print name _____ Signature _____	