

# 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!!!**

# The 61st Stow Fourth of July Parade Rules

**Theme:** "FREEDOM IS..."

**Event Date:** Thursday, July 4, 2019. Kickoff is at 10:00 AM

**Event Sponsors:** City of Stow and the Kiwanis Club of Stow-Munroe Falls

**Contact:** Stow Parks & Recreation at 330.689.5100; stowparade@stow.oh.us or www.funinstow.com

**No Selling:** There shall be no selling of food or product by parade participants in the parking lot unless by express permission.

**Line-Up Position:** A parade permit will be mailed or emailed to the contact person for each registered entrant one week before the parade. **All vehicles must be clearly MARKED as part of your entry.**

**Fees:** Those entries **that will distribute any item, including candy, literature, and promotional items** are **REQUIRED** to pay a \$50.00 "hand-out" fee. This fee must be paid at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to the City of Stow.

**Reviewing Stand:** All entries will be announced when they pass the reviewing stand. **PLEASE PROVIDE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM.**

**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.  
Commercial                                  Non-commercial                                  Youth Groups

**Entry Deadline:** **MAY 30, 2019.** Anyone wishing to participate in the parade must register by submitting an application, paying any required fees, and receiving a parade permit. **Those that submit an application after the deadline must pay a late fee of \$100.** Those not pre-registered **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the parade.

# Stow Fourth of July Parade Entry Form

Theme: **"Freedom Is..."**

Thursday, July 4, 2019

<b>(PRINT) Name of Entry</b>			
<b>Primary Contact Person</b>		<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone: (    )</b>
<b>Address, City, State, Zip</b>			<b>Email:</b>
<b>ENTRY INFORMATION</b>		<b>HANDOUT INFORMATION</b>	
<p><b>EACH ENTRY WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO VEHICLES OR UNITS</b></p> <p>Please provide dimensions of each vehicle that will be a part of your entry.</p> <p>Number of Cars _____</p> <p>Other Vehicle Type(s) and Length(s) _____</p>		<p>Will you be handing out candy, leaflets, marketing items, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b>                      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b></p> <p><b>If YES a \$50 handout fee is required.</b> A check made payable to the <b>CITY OF STOW</b> MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY FORM.</p>	
		<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 30, 2019</b>	
		<p>Entries must be filled out, signed and received by the deadline for you to be included in the parade lineup.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please send completed entry forms to:</p> <p>Stow Fourth of July Parade - 3760 Darrow Road - Stow, OH 44224  <b>OR DROP OFF</b> at Stow Parks &amp; Recreation Office at address above.</p>	
<p><b>ALL VEHICLES IN THE PARADE MUST BE IDENTIFIED AS PART OF YOUR ENTRY &amp; WE ASK THAT YOU DECORATE THEM BY THEME OR IN A PATRIOTIC MANNER</b></p>		<p><b>REGISTER ONLINE AT: <a href="http://StowOhio.RecDesk.com">StowOhio.RecDesk.com</a></b></p> <p><b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:stowparade@stow.oh.us">stowparade@stow.oh.us</a></b></p>	
<p><b>MARCHING UNITS/WALKERS/DANCERS</b></p> <p>Total Number of Marchers/Walkers/Dancers _____</p>		<p><b>Person responsible for the entry must sign Indemnification Clause and Rules Acceptance below:</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b>WILL YOU BE PLAYING MUSIC?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b>                      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b></p>			
<p><b>WILL YOUR ENTRY BE JUDGED FOR AN AWARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b>                      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b></p>		<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Print name _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>	
<p><b>PLEASE CHECK ONE:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial</b>                      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non Commercial</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Youth Group</b></p>			
<p>Please write a script for the announcer about this entry on the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.</p>			