

Montrose July 4th Patriotic Parade
“America’s Spirit – Serving Our Community”
Parade Registration Form

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name & Address of Individual to Contact: _____

Contact phone number: (_____) _____ - _____ **E-mail:** _____

Our organization requests to participate in the Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4th Patriotic Parade in Montrose.
(Please check appropriate boxes)

A. FLOATS:

- We want to compete for prizes in the float contest.
- We do not want our float to be judged in the float competition.

For all floats please indicate the total length of your float including towing vehicle: Feet _____ Inches _____

B. MUSIC: Will there be music being played by your group or on your float? **Check one:** Yes No

C. CARS, TRUCKS & TRACTORS:

- This vehicle, car, or truck (IS NOT) part of a specific car/vehicle group and is a individual entry.
- This vehicle (IS) part of a specific car club/model group. Club type: _____.
- Are any of the cars checked above in the top two blocks a convertible? Yes No
- This vehicle is a tractor and will be placed with other tractors.

**FORWARD YOUR COMPLETED
REGISTRATION FORM, AND YOUR SIGNED AGREEMENT OF COMPLIANCE
NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2023 TO:**

The July 4th Patriotic Parade Committee
Attention – Ed DeWitt
593 Chenango Street
Montrose, PA 18801

Questions can be directed to Ed DeWitt at (570)-278-3537 or e-mail at fasteddie1941@twc.com

You must register to be part of the parade and your Parade Registration Form and Compliance Agreement will be subject to review before the parade committee. (Anyone registering after June 10th may need to be placed at the end of the parade line.)

Name of Contact: (PLEASE PRINT) = _____

Signature of Contact: _____ ***Date:*** _____

We look forward to your participation in the Parade.

We will need to receive your completed and signed “registration form” and “compliance agreement” due by June 1, 2023. The parade committee will establish the order of the parade and each participating group will be assigned a specific station # and location where you will need to go on the day of the parade for your placement in the parade. Groups that have registered to participate in the parade will be sent a letter in late June with your station number. This June letter will include not only your assigned station # but also any additional instructions or information you will need to follow to be able to participate and make the parade run smoothly and safely.

4th of July Committees

The Kiwanis & Lions Clubs have established sub-committees to handle the various aspects of the day’s events. Please feel free to contact the appropriate chair listed below with any questions or concerns.

Committees & Chairs

Endless Mountains 5k & 10k Races

Committee Chair: Matt Nebzydoski

Phone: (570) 533-1281

E-mail: manebzy@yahoo.com

To register for the race online: www.montroseklr.com

Patriotic Parade

Committee Chair: Rich Ely

Phone: (570) 432-0935

E-mail: hrguy3@msn.com

Arts & Crafts Exhibitors – Montrose Green Vendors

Committee Chair: Dan Regan

Phone: (570) 278-4427

E-mail: klr4th@gmail.com

Overall July 4th Chairman

General Info: Ed DeWitt

Phone: (570) 278-3537

E-mail: fasteddie1941@twc.com

If you know of anyone or any organization that has not participated in the parade in the past but may be interested they should contact Rich Ely Committee Chair for the parade.

Thank you for joining us in “America’s Spirit – Serving Our Community”

“Agreement of Compliance”

This agreement must be returned along, with your Registration Form by June 10, 2023.

I/we the undersigned have read and agree to this “Agreement of Compliance” to follow the Parade Rules & Guidelines as a requirement to participate in the annual Patriotic Parade to be held in Montrose, Pa on July 4, 2023.

(Parade Rules and Guidelines)

***Special Safety Requirement*:** If any item(s) are to be distributed (candy, goodies, pamphlets, etc.), they **MUST NOT** be thrown into the street but **MUST** be distributed by hand by members of the unit walking along the street edge of the people viewing the Parade. (In the past younger children have become excited and anxiously have darted into the street for items thrown there.) This can create a very unsafe situation. Safety must come first, and this rule is to prevent any tragic incident and **must** be followed.

* The person in charge of each parade unit will be responsible for informing all participants involved with their unit of all the rules and guidelines. Units failing to follow these rules may be subject to removal from the parade or a possible ban on future participation.

* Each unit must be registered to participate in the Parade and will be assigned to a **specific numbered pre-parade staging area** where you will wait to be placed into the parade. On the day of the parade the specific staging area numbers will be placed along Grow Ave. **Parade participants must be at your specific pre- parade staging area a minimum of ½ hour (10:30 A. M.), before the parade starts at 11:00 A.M.** Be sure to go to your specific assigned staging area number. Your staging area number will be sent to you in a letter in late June.

* The traffic on the morning of the parade will be considerable. You should allow extra time for this. The parades numbered staging areas on Grow Ave. start at Lathrop St. & Grow Ave. until the last staging area near the lake **will be closed to parking of any vehicles that are not part of the parade.** Parade participants may be dropped off, but the vehicle will need to find another place to park that is not in the staging area for the parade.

* The Parade Committee is responsible for the Order of March for the Parade and will direct each unit when it is their turn to enter the line of march. Each unit will march in their designated order throughout the Parade route and stay in that order until the completion of the Parade on Lake Avenue.

* Each unit **must keep pace and maintain a close distance with the unit directly in front of you.** There should not be any large gaps (25 ft. or more) between each unit. If your unit falls behind for any reason you must “catch up” to the unit in front of you. If your unit stops to perform it should be of a limited duration and at the conclusion of the brief performance the unit must proceed to catch up (**close the gap**) with the unit in front of them.

* Inappropriate behavior and the use of alcohol by units while in the parade is prohibited.

Thank you for following these rules and guidelines. Have fun and enjoy being an important part in helping us in “Celebrating American Unity.”

Name of Unit /Organization : (PLEASE PRINT) = _____

Name of Contact : (PLEASE PRINT) = _____

Signature of Contact: _____ Date: _____

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JULY 4, 2023 - PATRIOTIC PARADE JUDGING CRITERIA

“AMERICA’S SPIRIT – SERVING OUR COMMUNITY”

The Montrose PA July 4th Celebration Committee is pleased to announce that we will recognize and honor America’s Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. The Kiwanis and Lions Community Service Clubs are the proud sponsors of this annual festival held in Montrose. This will mark the 46th year for this special local event.

The primary mission of both the Kiwanis and Lions Club is to be a caring partner in our community by provide services to those people and organizations that make up our towns and villages. In order to accomplish our goals, many local volunteers join each club and become a contributing member to our area. In recognition of the importance of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs and many other groups, churches, organizations, and businesses, the July 4th Committee has designated “AMERICA’S SPIRIT – SERVING OUR COMMUNITY” as the 2023 July 4th Theme.

The American Spirit is a force within our local community that brings us together to serve the many different people who live in our area. The subject for the floats to be judged in the PATRIOTIC PARADE FLOAT CONTEST should focus on SERVING OTHERS and can include, but not limited to, the following areas:

1. Host a donation drive for a special cause
2. Support and sponsor youth groups
3. Feed the hungry and provide assistance to those in need
4. Serve our senior members
5. Volunteer your talent and skills to help non-profit organizations
6. Mentor and teach life skills
7. Help animal causes and shelters
8. Any act of kindness that helps and benefits our neighbors.

Subjects for floats should focus on Serving Our Community by recognizing what the specific person, group, organization, church or businesses has contributed that will make life better by working together as individuals or groups to enrich the lives of the people in our communities.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 6 floats that register for the PATRIOTIC PARADE FLOAT CONTEST and are then selected by our panel of judges. The prize payout is as follows: 1st place - \$200, 2nd place - \$150, 3rd place - \$100, 4th thru 6th places - \$75 each. In order to be eligible for prizes each float MUST be pre-registered!!

The guidelines for judging each float will consider the following criteria:

1. Does the float clearly identify itself and its “Serving Our Community” theme with writing and other forms of communications? Consider the write-up above to help.
2. Do the decorations and the people on the float enhance and support the theme depicted?
3. Is the float appealing to the eye and does it have a high degree of artistry and forethought in its design and the execution of that design?
4. Is the float entertaining – are people performing or just sitting, does it make you smile or create some degree of thoughtfulness that pertains to the 2023 theme?

Items 1 and 2 above provide up to 30 points max. for “Depiction of Theme.”

Item 3 provides up to 20 points max. for “Eye Appeal and Artistry.”

Item 4 provides up to 10 points max. for the “Entertaining” aspect of the float.

THE MAXIMUM SCORE IS 60 POINTS