

Ankeny Chamber SummerFest 2023 Grand Parade

Rules & Regulations



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Grand Parade Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11 AM

Grand Parade Theme: Ready.Set.Play.

[2023 Theme Information:](#)

The theme, "Ready. Set. Play." pays tribute to the games of every generation. From Monopoly and Checkers to Super Mario and Minecraft, this year's theme was created to remind the entire community to have fun and play games.

Decorated floats are encouraged in accordance with the parade theme and will receive priority in the staging lot as well as receiving priority in release order!

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Participant and spectator safety is our number one priority. To provide a safe and orderly operation of a parade of this size some basic rules have been established.

1. **You must have an official Parade Ticket printed with your business/entry name to enter the staging area at Ankeny High School. The ticket will be emailed to you upon successful registration.**
2. **Certificates of insurance are required for ALL parade entries.**
 - a. Please forward a certificate of insurance (business: copy of liability/certificate of insurance; or vehicle insurance of vehicle to be driven; or homeowner's/renter's insurance for walkers.)
 - b. Certificates can be faxed to 515-468-2252 or emailed to Summerfest@densmoreis.com.
3. Allowable Vehicle Dimensions – The following dimensions must be observed to ensure vehicles can safely maneuver the parade route. Any vehicles or floats that arrive for staging and are larger than these dimensions will not be allowed to stage or participate in the parade without express prior approval by the Parade Committee.
 - a. **One** vehicle per entry. (You may register multiple times, one registration per vehicle.)
 - b. The maximum combined allowable length of a parade entry is 53 feet.
 - c. The maximum allowable height of a parade vehicle or float is 11 feet.
 - d. Semitrailers are not allowed on the route.
 - e. All mechanical or motorized entries must be in good mechanical condition, operated in a safe manner and all state driving licensing and requirements apply based on the vehicle being operated. Floats may be self-propelled or pulled by automobiles, trucks, tractors, garden tractors, ATVs, etc.

4. Floats may have participants riding and/or performing on them. Safety considerations must be made for those passengers.
5. **No throwing of candy or other objects from the parade vehicle or float will be allowed.** You may assign walkers to hand out candy or items along the parade route. Avoid handing out bouncy items that may return to the street. Candy throwing from vehicles has presented a safety hazard and hindered the steady procession of floats.
6. No water paraphernalia such as water guns, super soakers, hoses, etc. will be allowed.
7. **All entries with animals must indicate so on their registration** and provide "scoopers" directly following the entry. You agree to hold Ankeny Chamber harmless by your participation. Horses are not allowed in the parade unless by **special exception** of the SummerFest Parade Committee.
8. No soliciting (selling/collecting money) by parade or non-parade entrants before or during the parade, along the parade route, or within the parade staging area will be allowed.
9. Sound may be used as part of an entry – Please use consideration of the spectators and fellow entries in selecting sounds and volumes.
10. During transportation to the staging area and after the parade event, no one should ride on the float.
11. Staging will take place in the west parking lot of Ankeny High School (AHS), at 1155 SW Cherry St, Ankeny, IA 50023.
 - a. All vehicle entries must enter from **SW Magazine Rd**, and will be directed into the west parking lot for staging.
 - b. The parking lot will open at **6:00 AM**, with parade order determined on an arrival basis.
 - c. **No parade entries are to be in the west parking lot prior to 6:00 AM or you will be asked to re-enter later.**
 - d. A responsible person must stay with your float or parade entry during the entire staging period.
 - e. Staging spots may not be held. If entries would like to be together, they must arrive together.
 - f. Once a vehicle is in the line-up, it will not be allowed to exit except for in an emergency.
12. Forward progress must always be maintained. Minor exceptions during performing routines will be made. Safely close gaps before stopping for another performance. If performances are deemed to hinder the orderly procession of the parade, they must be terminated immediately.
13. **Judging** of decorated floats and performing groups will occur along the parade route with the judges located in a tent on SW Cherry St. in Uptown Ankeny south of 3rd Street. Label your entry for easy identification! Winners will be notified by email, announced on the website, and awarded their trophies at Ankeny Chamber SummerFest stage on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM!
14. **Parade participants must immediately obey the directions of parade marshals along the route.** Failure to do so will result in disqualification and removal from the parade, with the possibility of being excluded from future parades.
15. Ankeny Chamber SummerFest is a family friendly event. There will be no promotion of drugs, alcohol, gang, or other inappropriate activities allowed before or during the parade.
16. Ankeny Chamber SummerFest reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed controversial or degrading, or for not following the rules at any time during the parade, including before it begins. Marshals, Rotary Volunteers & Committee Members have the final decision in any disputes on the day of the Parade.
17. Possession of alcoholic beverages on floats is prohibited. The Ankeny Police Department will enforce this rule.
18. **Entry fees will not be refunded, nor prizes awarded to any disqualified entries. No refund after online registration has been completed or for any weather delays or weather/emergency cancellations.**
19. All decisions of the Parade Committee and its judges are final.
20. **There is no longer a driver's meeting requirement on parade day;** by reading these rules and registering, you are agreeing to follow these rules as stated.

By registering for the parade, you are agreeing to these terms and conditions, holding the Ankeny Chamber harmless by your participation.

Thank you!