

**ANY ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE AUGUST 12, 2024 WILL BE PUT AT THE END OF THE LINEUP. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



# 2024 MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

OFFICIAL PARADE APPLICATION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 • STEP OFF 9:30 A.M. SHARP

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 12, 2024 • NO EXCEPTIONS!**

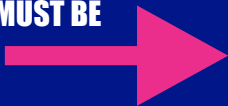
THEME: "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ..."

**ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 19, 2024 AT 5:00 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

*All entries subject to review by Parade Committee. Parade will take place rain or shine.*

**\*DENOTES REQUIRED INFORMATION, INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.**

**THIS PORTION OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED**



### TYPE OF ENTRY

- NON COMMERCIAL/NON PROFIT       HORSE UNIT - \$250.00 DEPOSIT
- COMMERCIAL *(IF ANY PART OF THE PULLING VEHICLE OR FLOAT HAS ADVERTISEMENT ON IT, YOU ARE CONSIDERED COMMERCIAL)* - \$75 PER 50' (50 FEET) OF LINE-UP SPACE, SEE RULE #12
- POLITICAL GROUP - \$75.00, SEE RULE #10

**ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION, PAYABLE TO: MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL**

\* Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Telephone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### JUDGED ENTRY - CHECK ONE CATEGORY

- Auto/Truck - Individual
- Auto/Truck **CLUB** - 6 vehicle limit
- Tractor **ANTIQUE** - 25 yrs & older
- Band - **NON HIGH SCHOOL/PRIVATE**
- Band - **HIGH SCHOOL** *(need to fill out band application)*
- Color Guard
- PHYSICAL ARTS:** Tumbling Unit/Cheerleading/Baton Unit/ Dance Units/Taekwondo **(non-float)**
- Misc. Motorized Units - Two Axles
- Military Units - Marching or Motorized **(active duty)**
- Veterans
- Float - Amateur or Religious (includes not for profit)
- Commerical Entry - Including Floats, SEE RULE #12 *(if any part of the pulling vehicle or float has advertisement on it, you are considered commercial)*

### HORSE UNITS - JUDGED CATEGORY - \$250.00 DEPOSIT

*YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE SANITATION OR DEPOSIT.*

- Horse Unit Amateur
- Horse Unit, Individual or Drawn

How will you handle your horse's sanitation?  Diaper  Sanitation Crew

*\$250.00 Deposit will be returned after inspection of staging area and parade route.*

### NON-JUDGED - CATEGORY ENTERED

- Individual (clown, queen, etc.)
- Political

### SPECIAL PRIZE MONEY AWARDS

**THEME AWARD:** Awarded to the entry that best portrays the parade theme.

**JUDGES' AWARD:** Awarded to the most outstanding entry as deemed by the judges.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** Awarded to an entry for merit and presentation, selected by the Festival President.

**INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED**

**Parade winners will be announced at 2:30 pm. • Awards may be picked up at Information Booth 1**

# MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, as group representative, have read and understand, all the rules and procedures for participating in the Marshall County Blueberry Festival parade and hereby agree I/we will follow all said rules and procedures while participating in the activities before, during, and after the Marshall County Blueberry Festival parade.

I, the undersigned, as group representative, hereby release, remise and forever discharge Marshall County Blueberry Festival, Inc., its officers and directors, severally or jointly, the Marshall County Blueberry Festival Parade Committee, 2019 Parade Sponsor and the City of Plymouth, County of Marshall, State of Indiana, of any and all liability, claims, actions and possible causes of action which may occur to any member of the group from every and any loss, damage and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in the parade.

I/we assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that I/we may incur in participating in the Marshall County Blueberry Festival Parade and I/we hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators do hereby, expressly and forever waive and release any and all claims against and agree to hold harmless Marshall County Blueberry Festival Inc., the City of Plymouth, County of Marshall, State of Indiana, and all their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever arising as a result or in connection with the participation of me or my child in the herein mentioned event.

NAME OF GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID

**WILL YOUR UNIT HAVE BACKGROUND EFFECTS OR MUSIC ACCOMPANIMENT?**      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Please describe:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Vehicles/Trailers/Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

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COMPLETED**



**\*REVIEWING STAND DESCRIPTION – 75 WORDS\***  
**(WHAT DO YOU WANT THE ANNOUNCERS TO SAY ABOUT YOUR ENTRY?)**  
Please type/print on the lines below or attach description to application.  
To ensure accuracy, indicate any unusual pronunciations with phonetic spellings.

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**MAIL APPLICATION TO:** Marshall County Blueberry Festival - Attn: Parade Chair - P.O. Box 639 - Plymouth, IN 46563

**EMAIL TO:** [mcbfparade@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbfparade@yahoo.com)

ANY QUESTIONS CALL 574.936.5020 • 888.936.5020 OR EMAIL: [MCBFPARADE@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MCBFPARADE@YAHOO.COM)



## **\*PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS\***

### **MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL OFFICIAL PARADE RULES & PROCEDURES FOR ALL ENTRIES**

**Parade Award Winners Announced at 2:00 pm  
Awards may be picked up at Information Booth #1.  
(PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS)**

1. **\*\*All applications must be completed. Incomplete applications will be returned.\*\***
2. **\*\*NOTHING MAY BE HANDED OUT OR THROWN ALONG THE LINE OF MARCH. THIS POLICY IS STRICTLY ENFORCED BY PARADE OFFICIALS AND POLICE OFFICERS.\*\*  
IF CAUGHT, YOU WILL BE BANNED FROM FUTURE PARADES.**
3. The Festival Parade Committee reserves the right to bar or remove from the parade any entry, which refuses to follow all instructions, from Parade Officials or Police Officers.
4. All applicants will receive an official parade line up packet, 10 days before the parade.
5. The number of vehicles or persons with each unit must be specified on the application and be approved by the committee. Only that number will be allowed to participate in the parade.
6. The signed Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement must accompany application.
7. Horse entries are required to provide sanitation crews following unit or have diapers on horses.
8. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is forbidden on all entries & participants.
9. To ensure the quality of the parade, please be mindful of gaps between units. They cannot be more than 25 feet. Parade Official will direct units to close gaps.
10. **All political entry fees are \$75 NO EXCEPTIONS. MUST be grouped together by party and will be limited to a total of six vehicles per parade-not per entry.**
11. An entry which does not comply with all rules or fails to appear for the parade without notifying the Festival Office, will jeopardize future appearances in the parade.
12. Any entry displaying a name of a company, which is in business primarily for profit, shall be deemed a commercial entry and is subject to the **\$75.00 PER 50 FEET OF LINE UP SPACE**. Any non-profit whose unit uses a vehicle whose company's name is on it **must** cover the company name or logo.
13. Participants must arrive at their designated staging area at the specified time, or they will not be allowed to participate.
14. The maximum number of people permitted in a unit is 35 with the exception of bands and military units.
15. All vehicles must be approved by the Parade Committee.
16. **All performances and acts of demonstrations must be accomplished while moving forward. There are no exceptions to this rule. No unit will be permitted to stop for a performance.**
17. Float entry applications must be accompanied by a photograph or sketch of the unit.
18. A typed or printed description of the unit must accompany the application. The description is read from the reviewing stand. Please ensure its accuracy by indicating any unusual pronunciation with phonetic spelling.
19. **To assure your participation in the parade, this application must be received at the Festival Office no later than the deadline date on the application page. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.**
20. All entrants are responsible for the supplies necessary for the set-up and tear-down of their unit.
21. All entrants are responsible for walking/inspecting the route before the parade to make sure their unit can clear any wires, trees, viaducts, street lights, corners/turns, etc. along the route, including the staging areas, routes and disembarking area.

# MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE FLOAT UNIT REGULATIONS AND HELPFUL HINTS

1. A float shall consist of a low flat bed trailer (farm type), boat trailer (heavy duty), mobile home frame or other suitable frame with pneumatic-tired wheels.
2. All applications MUST be accompanied by a sketch or drawing of the proposed entry. The final entry must adhere to the original concept.
3. Self-propelled units (those which are an integral part of the float design) are acceptable.

4. The following restrictions apply:	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Length	12 feet	60 feet (Non-Profit)
Width	7 feet	12 feet
*Height	No minimum	14 feet
Flatbed Clearance	2 feet	4 feet
Skirting Clearance	1 inch	2 inches

*\* The height is especially important because of traffic lights and wires.*

5. The following safety measures are required:
  - a. Handholds or other support for personnel standing on the float.
  - b. Float materials and costumes made of flameproof material (or sprayed with flame-proofing solution of 7 oz. Borax, 3 oz. Powdered boric acid and 2 qts. hot water).
  - c. **A FIRE EXTINGUISHER ABOARD THE FLOAT OR PROPULSION UNIT.**
  - d. Safety-type couplers for all towing connections.
  - e. Carefully secured lug nuts on all wheels.
  - f. Reasonably new tires of good quality.
  - g. At least one adult must supervise children.
6. The float design should relate to the theme and is highly suggested by the Parade Committee.
7. Parade Officials may disqualify an entry at any time if, in their opinion, the entry is not fully observing the parade rules and regulations.
8. The total number of people per unit, riding and or walking, is 35 with the exception of bands and military units.
9. Any entry which displays a company name shall be deemed a commercial entry and is subject to the \$75.00 entry fee. Any non-profit whose unit uses a vehicle with a company's name must cover the company's logo.

## COMMONLY USED FLOAT MATERIALS

- \* Float Framework: steel, aluminum or wood can be used. The float can be covered by chicken wire, netting, plastic, sprayed canvas or other suitable material. The outer surface may be poms (tissue paper) foil, paper mache, live or plastic flowers, cloth, festoons, fringes, petal papers, grass mat or painted surface. Lettering may be cut from wall board or other material which paint, glitter, foil, floral or other covering can be applied.
- \* Animation is highly desirable, but not required.
- \* When transporting the float to the parade site, it is a good idea to cover with a tarp for protection from the sun, wind and rain.