



2023 MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE

LABOR DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Theme: "Unifying Our Community Through Appreciation"

9:30 a.m. Start (Sharp)!

YOUR PARADE LINE-UP NUMBER IS

Welcome to the 57th Annual Marshall County Blueberry Festival Parade. The Parade Committee has made every attempt to make this parade enjoyable and fun. We hope you enjoy the parade and your stay in Plymouth.

PLEASE FOLLOW the direction on the enclosed map for your entrance into the parade line-up area. This is the only route your unit is allowed to use to enter this area. **There will be NO PARKING in the line-up area for parade participants. Parking is available at the High School; however, there is a fee to park there.**

The Parade Committee will be present in the Plymouth High School parking lot at 6:30 a.m. The parade steps off promptly at 9:30 a.m. **We ask that all units be in their line-up place no later than 8:00 a.m.** Traffic gets really heavy that morning, so please, plan accordingly. Michigan Street is shut down to traffic at 8:00 a.m.

The parade will step off, rain or shine, so dress for the weather.

JUDGING: Judging for **ALL** Band units will be held prior to the parade. Please be ready for judging by 8:00 a.m. if you are to be judged.

BAND JUDGING: Lines will be spray painted on the center of the road with the word "Band" under them. In between the lines is where judging will take place. The space between the lines will be approximately 75 yards and includes the space in front of the Review Stand. The start line will be just south of Jefferson Street and extend to just north of Washington Street. Our judges will be on both sides of Michigan Street near the Review Stand (Review Stand sits in front of First Source Bank on Michigan Street). Parade awards will be presented on the Jefferson School Stage, located behind information Booth #1 at 2:00 pm. Your band representative will receive the judges' score sheets; these will be available for all bands, whether they place or not. If you are unavailable to be at the park for the award presentation, judges' sheets will be mailed to the respective schools.

WE WILL BE JUDGING:

1. Overall Appearance/Impression/Marching
2. Musicianship/Music Selection
3. Percussion/Drumline
4. Guard
5. Drum Major (5)
6. Best in Show Sweepstakes Winner.

BAND units will be judged during the parade. The parade ends at Gibson and Liberty Streets, so **PLEASE** perform all the way through the parade so everyone can enjoy the music and performance. **Please remember all performing must be done while moving forward.**

SOME REMINDERS:

- **BAND UNITS** please enter by way of Richter Rd. or Suter Rd. off of Jefferson St. and follow signs. You will park at Riverside Intermediate School.
 - **HORSE UNITS** please enter by way of Jefferson St. to Columbus Dr. and left onto Berkley St. Unload horses in the vacant lot west of Martin's Supermarket.
 - **ALL OTHER UNITS** please enter the line-up area through Columbus Dr. entrance unless otherwise directed. Someone will be there in a blue or red vest to direct you to your proper place. Please know your parade line-up number.
 - **NO CANDY OR ANY OTHER ITEMS** may be thrown from any unit. This will be cause for immediate removal from the parade. You are allowed to hand things to the crowd **from the sidewalk only**.
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- **Awards will be announced at 2:00 pm from Information Booth #1. You may pick up your awards from Information Booth #1 after 2:00 pm on the day of the parade or at the Blueberry office starting Monday, September 11, 2023.**
 - Please observe the orange cones along the parade route. The Blueberry Stomp is going on at the same time and runners will be returning to the park on the west side of Michigan St.
 - Units with a large number of participants are asked to meet at a location outside of the line-up area and enter as a group. Please do not wander around the line-up area, as there will be a lot of activity and traffic.
 - Please do not leave children unattended in the line up area. Please make arrangements for someone in the group to meet you at the drop-off at Berkley St. in the front of the Administration building. You may walk your child to their group or have someone meet you at check in.
 - Please make sure you leave a gap of 25 feet between your unit and the one in front of you. Try to stay this distance away for the continuity of the parade.
 - Stopping to perform during the parade is not allowed. A constant forward motion is to be maintained at all times!!
 - **PICK UP - CHRISTOS BANQUET CENTER PARKING LOT**
 1. Exit Riverside left (East) onto Baker St.
 2. Turn right (South) onto 9th Rd/Richter Rd.
 3. Turn right (West) onto E. Jefferson St.
 4. Turn left (South) onto Kingston Rd.
 5. Turn right (West) onto Gibson St.
 6. Turn right (North) into Christos Banquet Center.

Buses: Turn left (South) into Jr. High Parking Lot (connects the old Jr. High with the new Jr. High), right across from Christos.
 - Failure to follow any of these guidelines will result in your unit being escorted out of the line of march and could jeopardize your participation in future blueberry festival parades.

THESE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO MAKE OUR PARADE ONE OF THE FINEST IN THIS AREA. YOUR ASSISTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING IN FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES IS EXPECTED AND APPRECIATED.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A BLUEBERRY TIME!!!!

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR 2023 MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR — 2024 PARADE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 2, 2024**