



Independence Day Parade Rules & Regulations

The intent of the Town of Minturn's Independence Day Parade is for participants of all ages to have fun and the themes conveyed should be understandable by children and appropriate for viewing by children. The Parade is intended to be a fun, local event for the community to celebrate Minturn and Independence Day.

This Parade is not judged or sanctioned. No awards will be given to any parade entry.

The Parade will be limited to participation by 40 units. A Parade unit is limited to no more than 50 persons and a maximum of 2 vehicles. The 40 entries to the Parade will be selected in the order that the application is received. This requirement is intended to limit the time of the Parade to approximately one half hour, so as to move participants along to the Party at Little Beach Park, which begins at 3:30pm.

No entry will be allowed that conveys any obscene message, as viewed by the Minturn parade viewing community, which includes children of all ages.

All participants, in consideration of participation in this event, agree to indemnify, hold harmless and release the Town of Minturn, its agents and employees, from any and all liability for any injury or damage which may arise out of or in any way be connected with participation in the Town of Minturn Independence Day Parade.

Applications must be thorough and complete and submitted by the deadline indicated. Incomplete forms will NOT be processed and parade entry will not be allowed.

Line-up information will be emailed to all units no later than June 27, 2014. It will include the unit's staging area and position in the Parade. It is the applicant's responsibility to inform all participating members of the unit's official entry name, number, position and other instructions.

Parade line-up will be based on proper flow and movement of the Parade, Parade staging space and safety. Parade dignitaries will be placed toward the front of the Parade. Parade units with musical aspects will be evenly spaced throughout the Parade. Only the Town's Special Events Coordinator or Representative can authorize a switch of the line-up on the day of the Parade. If a Parade unit changes its line-up, without approval, its entry in future events will be denied.

All entries must indicate if they have music or sound amplifying systems, and shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. If a unit is informed by the Parade marshal(s) or the Police that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down or take other steps identified by the marshal or the Police.

Entries with children under the age of 12 must also have parents or other adult chaperones walking alongside that provide supervision. Applicants are required to ensure the safety of persons riding on the floats. Persons riding on floats or flatbed trucks must be seated if there are no protective restraints. The Town is not responsible for the safety of the float or the persons riding the float. The applicant is required to comply with all applicable laws to ensure everyone's safety.

All dogs in the Parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them. Animals participating in the Parade must be kept under control. If you cannot control your animal or its presence presents any safety issue, please leave the Parade area with your animal rather than risk a problem. Entries involving animals of any kind must provide their own clean-up, or “pooper-scooper” immediately following their entry.

Participants on bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc. must wear a helmet and proper safety equipment.

No smoking is allowed by any participant in the staging area or in the Parade. The consumption of alcohol beverages either in the staging area or in the Parade is strictly prohibited.

Participants will be informed of their unit’s arrival time no later than June 27. Parade units that arrive after 2:45 p.m. on July 5 will not be allowed to enter the staging area and participate in the Independence Day Parade.

Please follow the direction of Parade Organizers and Town staff members, and/or the Police. The Parade Organizers, Town staff members, and the Police have the right to accept, reject, reclassify, or remove any entry, which does not adhere to the Parade Rules or Regulations.

The Parade Organizers, Town staff members, and the Police reserve the right to reject or dismiss any entry, which violates the above-stated Rules and Regulations. Entrants who violate the Parade Rules and Regulations may be declined entry in future parades.

By applying to participate in the Independence Day Parade, the signatory and all participants in that unit agree to abide by all of the Parade Rules and Regulations. These rules and related information have been developed in the hope that the Parade will be fun, safe, patriotic, and a reflection of the Community we love so much.

