

Greetings to all from the Rushford Days Parade Committee!

As we begin preparations for Rushford Days 2017, we remember the great times that were had at past parades and look forward to providing the same family fun atmosphere for the City of Rushford this year. It is in this spirit that we invite you to participate in the 2017 Rushford Days parade.

This year's celebration will be held July 10th - 16th with the **parade beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday the 15th**. With your participation we anticipate having a successful parade!

Line-up will begin at 4:30 p.m. and we ask that you check in at the parade headquarters on Home St. just off of Highway 43 N. All units need to **be in place and ready to go by 6:30 p.m.** Line-up numbers will be printed in the Tri-County Record the week of the Celebration as well as be given to each unit when they check in. They will also be e-mailed to those that supply an e-mail address.

We do not prohibit the distribution of candy along the parade route; however, we ask that if you do distribute candy that you keep the safety of the parade spectators in mind at all times by handing out candy instead of throwing candy from your unit.

Parade participants may not partake in alcohol consumption while they are involved in the Rushford Days Parade.

Distribution of flyers, literature and advertising materials is discouraged. If your unit does hand out such material, it is your responsibility to clean up your discarded material from the parade route following the parade. If an excess amount of material from your unit is found on the parade route afterwards, you will not be invited back in the future. **The Rushford Days parade no longer includes politicians or political candidates.** The parade committee also reserves the right to deny participation to units that are felt do not add entertainment value to the parade.

Animal units are required to clean up after your animals in the line-up area as well as along the parade route.

There is no judge's stand but the units will be judged during line-up and during the parade. Awards will be given out at the Announcer's Stand during the parade and will include a Committee Choice, a Mayor's Choice, a Commercial Award and a Visiting Royalty Award.

We hope to have your reply as soon as possible but **no later than July 7, 2017.** To be fair to all parade entrants, entries received after this date will be added to the end of the parade and may not be announced.

Please be sure to check out our website at www.rushforddays.com to register for the parade and for the latest information on this year's celebration. Or please complete and return the requested information below as soon as possible to Rushford Days, C/O Parade, PO Box 321, Rushford, MN 55971.

We look forward to celebrating Rushford Days 2017 with you!

Rushford Days Parade Committee-
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Yes, we would like to participate _____ Not this year, but keep us on your list _____
Not interested, please take us off of your list _____

Name of Unit _____

Contact Name & Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Length of Unit (amount of line-up space needed) _____

****IMPORTANT - When estimating amount of space, please include space for tow vehicle, parking maneuvers, set up space, etc. Please be generous with your estimate. A roomy staging area is better for everyone.**

Unit Description: _____ Float _____ Band _____ Equestrian
_____ Walking unit _____ Commercial _____ Other

Does your unit have music? _____ yes _____ no

Does your unit require a fee to participate? _____ yes _____ no
(Your unit will be notified 2 weeks prior to parade if they have been selected and sponsorship has been secured to participate.)

Would you be interested in sponsoring a parade unit? _____ yes _____ no

Please supply information on your unit for the parade announcers:

Please return ASAP but no later than July 7, 2017 - Thank you!