

PARADE INSTRUCTIONS & REGULATIONS

The assembly area layout has been arranged so that the individual units begin marching from the back of the assembly area.

Courtesy: We are asking you to be considerate of the lawns of the residents of the assembly area. Give them the same consideration you would like to receive if these homes were your own. Garbage cans and recycling bins will be available for your use.

Reviewing Stand: A reviewing stand with dignitaries will be located on the north side of Central Street at the end of the parade route. Any salute due them should be given as the unit passes this point.

Time Table

12:30 PM	Units begin to arrive.
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Assemble at assigned location on Central Street or adjacent side street and pick up unit number from a parade marshal in your sector. Additional assistance is available at the Information Booth at Lawndale and Central.
1:30 PM	Initial groups begin to move East on Central to parade starting point at Central and Central Park.
2:00 PM	Parade begins.

Parade Unit Numbers: Each parade entry will be given its assigned unit number on a large white plastic square. You are requested to display this number on your entry on the *front right side*. *The judges, and the spectators, will identify your group by this number.*

Giveaways: Safety requirements **forbid** the distribution any materials **directly** from the parade route. *Distribution may occur from on the sidewalks among the crowd.* **NO** candy may be distributed.

Parade discipline: The parade is under the direction of the Parade Director and the Parade Marshals. They can be identified by their yellow vests, and yellow Parade Official caps. **All verbal instructions from these Officials should be obeyed at all times.** If for any reason an entry does not meet the standards set for the parade, the Parade Director and Celebration Manager reserve the right to remove these units from the parade. Continued refusal to obey the Officials' instructions may result in police involvement.

Release of Claims: By your participation in the Parade, you agree to release the Evanston Fourth of July Association, its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability related to any injury or damage suffered while participating in the Parade.

ASSEMBLY AREA INSTRUCTIONS

The assembly area will be closed to all non-parade traffic at 11:00 AM

Please enter the parade staging area from the side street immediately WEST of your assigned sector, from either Harrison (south of Central) or Hartzell (north of Central), staying on that street or turning east onto Central St. as assigned.

IMPORTANT: Please **respect speed limits** while on side streets. Give yourself plenty of time to allow for traffic of other units and spectators in the area, and to add any finishing touches to your float or costumes.

PARADE STARTUP AND SPACING INSTRUCTIONS

As soon as you begin to move, proceed to the middle of the street. At the starting line at Central Park, the starting marshal will hold you momentarily until a space has been created between you and the unit ahead. ***Maintain this spacing throughout the parade.***

Stops: *Do not stop during the parade unless instructed to do so.* Units **are** allowed to stop and perform for **45 seconds** before the Judges Stand at Ackerman Park. Violations of this rule may disqualify your entry from the award competition.

Parade Route: The parade will proceed east on Central St. from Central Park Ave. to Ashland Ave., then north on Ashland Ave. to the disband area.

Disband Area: Follow the directions of the parade marshals, who will direct you. *Do not stop on Ashland, continue north and into the parking lot.*

Toilets: Toilets are available at Bent Park. Portable toilets are available at Bent Park and at the corner of Central Park Ave. and Central St.

Awards: Awards are announced during the lakefront activities program on the evening of the celebration and will be posted online at www.evanston4th.org within a few days.