

Grundy County Corn Festival Parade Application

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Parade Time: 2:00 pm

Theme: "Corn Festival Welcomes Kids of All Ages"

PLEASE type or print all information. Be sure to completely fill out this form.
Return application to the Corn Festival office by September 23, 2011.

Group or Organization: _____

Person to Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Will you have any type of music or public address system with your unit? Yes No

CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY.
PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE.

Walking/Marching Units

Vehicles

- ____ Boy and Girl Scouts
- ____ Armed Forces/Veterans
- ____ Dance/Poms
- ____ Gymnastics
- ____ Political Party _____

- ____ Antique Vehicle
- ____ Emergency Vehicle
- ____ Other Motorized Units (motorcycle, farm machinery, go carts, etc.)
- ____ Commercial (\$15 donation for an undecorated vehicle advertising a business.)

Horse Units

ALL HORSE UNITS MUST HAVE CLEANUP AND USE IT!!!

____ Horse Riding Unit

____ Horse Driving Unit

Floats

Floats from Within Grundy County

Floats from Outside Grundy County

- ____ Homemade - Civic Organization
- ____ Professionally Made - Civic Organization
- ____ Homemade - Commercial/Business/Industry
- ____ Professionally Made - Commercial/Business/Industry
- ____ Youth Group

- ____ Civic
- ____ Commercial

We will judge the following units: Walking Units, Horse Units, and each category of floats*.
Do you wish to be judged? Yes No

Will you have any type of handout? Yes No

If so, what will you be handing out? _____

Please remember, you cannot throw anything from your unit and NO PASSING OUT OF CANDY, FOOD OR BEVERAGE is allowed.

Number, type and size of vehicles _____

Number of walkers _____

Note information for announcers. PLEASE BE BRIEF. We will need to modify announcements if it is too long to be read:

THE RULES AND LINEUP INFORMATION (INCLUDING A MAP TO THE CHECK IN BOOTH) FOR OUR PARADE ARE ENCLOSED. PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE, IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO CANDY/FOOD/DRINK IS ALLOWED IN OUR PARADE AND NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN FROM ANY UNIT. IF YOU DO SO YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE.

The Grundy County Corn Festival Reserves the Right to Refuse any entry.

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**GRUNDY COUNTY CORN FESTIVAL
PARADE INFORMATION**

KEEP THIS SHEET!

IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE CORN FESTIVAL PARADE.

Return your completed application to the Corn Festival office by September 23, 2011. Our address is PO Box 22, Morris, IL 60450. You can also drop off your application at our office, 909 N. Liberty Street. This is in the train depot that also houses the Grundy Chamber. Our entrance is at the rear (east side) of the building.

Your application is accepted unless you are notified differently. Although it benefits our office to have applications returned early, the Grundy County Corn Festival does NOT assign numbers on a first come - first serve basis. Your number will be assigned by the Corn Festival Board of Directors based on placement and spacing of other units in the parade.

The parade steps off promptly at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, 2011. Please be on time.

HOW TO PICK UP YOUR PARADE NUMBER

The Corn Festival office WILL NOT give out numbers prior to parade day.
DO NOT call the Corn Festival office for your number.

**THE CHECK IN BOOTH IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF
ILLINOIS AVENUE AND WAUPONSEE STREET.**

On the day of the parade, go to the Parade Check in Booth the corner of West Illinois Avenue and Wauponsee Street. The only way to get to the check in booth will be from the east, from Route 47 to Illinois Avenue. You will not be able access the booth from the west side of town. You will be given your number and will be directed to the best route to your lineup location. Parade Marshals are stationed throughout the lineup area to direct you. Please do not hesitate to ask for directions or help if needed.

ALL UNITS MUST CHECK IN AT THE PARADE CHECK IN BOOTH FOR THEIR NUMBER.

Check in starts at 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 2. You will need to check in by 1:30 pm. If you do not check in, you will be considered a no show. When you check in, you will be given your number and directed to your spot in the lineup area. **THE NUMBER YOU ARE GIVEN ON PARADE DAY HAS BEEN PRE-ASSIGNED.** Your placement in the parade lineup has nothing to do with what time you check in on Sunday.

If you have a large group: We recommend setting a meeting place for your group and sending one person to pick up your number. You can then direct your group to your assigned lineup area.

The Corn Festival Board of Directors spends an enormous amount of time setting the parade lineup. We carefully consider each placement based on unit participation. Please understand that every unit cannot be at the beginning of the parade and we try to rotate participants that return year after year so they are not always at the same number. We know that without you, we do not have a successful and entertaining parade each and every year. Thank you for your participation and have a wonderful time on parade day.

Judging results will be posted on our website Sunday night, October 1.

1st Place Awards will be available at the Corn Festival office on Monday, October 2.
2nd & 3rd place certificates will be mailed.

**GRUNDY COUNTY CORN FESTIVAL
PARADE RULES**

The throwing of any items or material into the crowd or onto the street is prohibited. This includes Frisbees, balls, or any other item meant to be thrown. Items may be handed out at the discretion of the Corn Festival Committee.

The throwing or handing out of food or drink products is absolutely prohibited.

NO FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED IN OUR PARADE.

- Do not hold up the parade. Our parade marshals will let you know when to step off. **Keep up with the unit in front of you.**
- **Do not stop at the reviewing stand.** You will be judged as you go by.
- Balloons, literature, and other handouts may be distributed by people walking along the curb only. **Do not throw anything from your unit.** All units will be checked for candy in the lineup area prior to step off. ANY violations of this rule will result in the confiscation of the material by parade officials and your unit will be subject to removal from the parade.
- **Alcohol is prohibited in our parade.** All state laws and local ordinances regarding the use of alcohol and motor vehicles as well as public consumption of alcohol will be enforced. You will be removed from the parade and subject to arrest for any violations. In past years, the taverns in Morris have sold beer and other alcoholic beverages in soda cups. We do not want to see these cups on your unit. Even if they do not contain alcoholic beverages, it gives the impression of this and detracts from the parade. Please remember that we have children in this parade and that Corn Festival is a family event.
- No Parking areas are clearly marked. Do not park in the parade route or in the lineup area. Your vehicle will be towed.
- Do not attempt to drive into the lineup area to drop people off. This area is very congested and you will only add to the crowd and create confusion.
- **All entries will pick up their numbers on the day of the parade. Numbers will not be given out ahead of time.**
- Parade marshals are posted throughout the lineup area. If you have any questions or need directions, they are there to help you. They are also responsible for keeping order, seeing that units are lined up properly, and to enforce the rules so the parade runs smoothly.

Please help us make this a safe and enjoyable day for every participant and spectator by following these rules; they are for your benefit and safety. Corn Festival officials patrol the parade route and WILL remove any units that are in violation of these rules.

Thank you for supporting our parade and have a wonderful time on parade day.