

2011 HERITAGE FESTIVAL
PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Deadline for entry is August 11, 2011 No entries will be accepted after the deadline date. Entries should be postmarked August 8 or before. If submitting after that please submit the online application
2. The parade will be limited to the first 75 entries received by August 11, 2011.
3. Objects (candy, flyers, etc.) MAY NOT be thrown along the route. Clean-up costs of flyers distributed along the parade route WILL BE BILLED TO THE FLYER SPONSOR.
4. Float Units: Must provide their own pull vehicle. Pulling vehicles may be one of the following: car, pick-up truck, or small tractor. Other types of pulling vehicles must have special approval of the parade committee. All pulling vehicles MUST BE DECORATED in coordination with the entry. Music or sound may be used on the float and must be noted on the application.
5. To maintain better uniformity in the Parade and for better viewing by the spectators, signs must be placed on all units. No handwritten signage is allowed. Dealership loaned vehicles may be identified by a sign no larger than 12" high and 24" long. These signs are to be affixed on the rear quarter panel. 6. No entry may exceed 13' 6" in height. Length space will be provided for; however, only in the amount for the entry specified on the application. Extra vehicles will not be permitted in the Parade without prior approval.
7. Units sponsored by or depicting a political or controversial issue will not be permitted in the Parade.
8. No vehicle is permitted to accompany marching units unless authorized by the Parade committee.
9. EQUINE and OTHER ANIMAL UNITS must coordinate with the Parade committee for accompanying clean-up personnel with shovels and brooms.
10. AUTOMOBILES (including any stand-alone vehicles not pulling a float) must be antique, or at least twenty-five years old. If you are sending a Queen or Royalty, if you are a politician, if you are a neighborhood group and do not have a float, the transportation for the parade must be in an antique car or truck or fire engine. NO CURRENT AUTOMOBILES WILL BE ALLOWED unless they are pulling a float (and in that case, please see #4).
11. The parade route is 1.5 miles in length.
12. In order for our announcers and media packets to have complete information, we request that you send a typed announcement describing your unit attached to your application.
13. All units with floats having individuals riding must have something for them to hold onto for safety.
14. No political campaigning entries will be allowed. No elect or re-elect signage, buttons, fliers, shirts, etc of any kind will be allowed. Entries in violation will be warned once and then removed from the parade.
15. The Heritage Festival reserves the right to remove your entry from the parade if your unit is misrepresented between the application and the start of the parade.
16. Public service vehicles listed below are not subject to the antique vehicle/float restrictions: Ypsilanti Police Department, Ypsilanti Fire Department, WashtenawCounty Sheriff Department, Ypsilanti Library Bookmobile.