



PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALLIED SOLUTIONS CARMELFEST JULY 4TH PARADE

PARADE THEME IS "HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION"

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS - PLEASE NOTE VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES

The parade steps off at 10:30 a.m. on July 4th at AAA Way and Carmel Drive. The parade travels west on Carmel Drive to Rangeline Road, turning north to Main Street, traveling east on Main Street and ending at Richland (4th Street).

All parade entries will be evaluated before being accepted for sports, commercial, not-for-profit, political, recreational and children's organizations. Acceptance will be based upon the entertainment value of the entry and the execution of the parade theme. There will be entries selected that are not tied to the theme such as celebrities, elected officials, bands and other entries specifically invited for their entertainment value. Creative floats are encouraged for possible awards. The Allied Solutions CarmelFest Parade committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

REGISTRATION RULES AND PROCEDURES

Application deadline is May 31.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR LARGE WALKING ENTRIES: There will be a limit of 25 walking participants per unit. Groups such as dance, cheer, athletics, etc. must limit their participants! You may add 6 additional walkers if you are handing out candy.

IMPORTANT RULES TO FOLLOW:

- Candy may be distributed **BUT MUST BE HANDED, NOT THROWN!** There will be a candy line down both sides of the street. Children must stand behind this line to receive candy. If they are not behind the line, **DO NOT HAND THEM CANDY!** People distributing candy must be 15 or older. Parade marshals and the Carmel Police and Fire Departments will be enforcing these rules. Violations will result in forfeiture of future participation in the parade.
- **No flyers or coupons may be distributed.** If you want to distribute other items such as hats or flags, you **MUST** receive permission in writing from the parade committee prior to the parade entry deadline of May 31.
- Parade units **MUST** maintain a forward motion and keep pace throughout the parade route. Performances **MUST** take place while moving, unless an exception is granted by the parade committee. This will be strictly enforced by parade marshals and the Carmel Police and Fire Departments. Please perform as you pass the review stand in front of Flanner & Buchanan on Carmel Drive.
- **The parade will be limited to 75 units plus the Military Tribute Grand Finaie.** This may result in some entries which have participated in previous years not being accepted for this year.
- Allied Solutions CarmelFest Parade Waiver forms **MUST** be completed by each entrant. Please print our form below and make copies for each member of your unit to sign. Waiver forms will be collected by parade marshals during lineup before the parade begins on July 4th.
- **Strictly commercial entries will not be allowed.** Entries **MUST** either reflect the parade theme or have an entertaining appeal for the spectators. Entries consisting of only vehicles wrapped with advertising or driving billboards will not be permitted.
- During parade lineup, parade marshals will provide all parade participants with instructions regarding proper parade conduct. Failure to comply with these instructions will result in forfeiture of future participation in the parade. We reserve the right to remove an entry during the parade for violation of these policies.
- **Absolutely NO water guns or soakers will be allowed.**
- This is a "G Rated" family event!



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- The parade unit, advertising and signs must be approved by the parade committee.
- Any change made to an entry AFTER committee acceptance must be approved again by the parade committee. If approval of the change is not received, it could possibly cause the entry to be eliminated from the parade.
- All children participating in the parade MUST have direct adult supervision while in a car or truck bed, on a float or walking in the street.
- It is the responsibility of each unit to provide water for their participants.
- Only vehicles pulling floats or providing transportation for entrants will be allowed in the parade. Extra vehicles will be removed at lineup unless approved in writing prior to the parade by the Parade committee. The registration profile page MUST indicate the exact number of feet needed for lineup and the exact number of vehicles.
- Car clubs may have up to 20 vehicles which will proceed in 10 rows with 2 vehicles in each row. The registration profile page MUST indicate the exact number of vehicles that will be driving in the parade.
- Equestrian units MUST include a grounds person to provide immediate clean up for the animals in the unit.
- **Dogs and other pets WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO WALK IN THE PARADE** to prevent heat exhaustion and harm to the animal from the hot pavement. Additionally, no dogs or other pets will be permitted to ride in CarmelFest provided vehicles for our invited guests. Please provide water for pets riding in your own vehicle/float and cover hot surfaces.
- **Drugs, alcohol and tobacco use are not permitted.**
- All drivers must hold a valid driver's license and be 21 years of age.

Application Checklist

- Only online applications will be considered and MUST be properly completed in all required fields.
- A sketch or photograph complete with lettering and advertising MUST be emailed to the appropriate parade coordinator for your unit. A list of coordinators may be found on the "Parade" page. Entries will not be considered without a detailed description, and a sketch or photograph.
- Payments must be made online with a credit or debit card using our PayPal link AFTER you have been notified via email your entry was ACCEPTED as a parade unit. Please do not mail a check without permission.
- Parade rules, final instruction packets and unit numbers will be emailed to the unit contact person approximately one week prior to the parade. Please make sure the correct contact person and their email is listed in the online parade registration form. Lineup information will also be published in the Current in Carmel newspaper.

ENTRY PRICING

NO FEE

- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- School Groups such as clubs, cheerleaders, bands, etc
- City of Carmel Elected Officials
- Military Groups
- Guests, celebrities and units the parade committee has specifically invited to participate

\$95 FEE

- Elected Officials outside the City of Carmel
- Political Party entries
(we do not accept politicians running for office unless currently seated in elected office)
- Not-for-Profit Organizations

\$150 FEE Commercial Entries



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PARADE FLOAT CONTEST

The Allied Solutions CarmelFest Parade will again feature a contest for float entries in the parade which will be judged in five categories:

- Judges' Favorite - Commercial and Not-For-Profit
- Most Patriotic - Commercial and Not-For-Profit
- Best Costume (For Float or Walking Units)

Judging will be based on execution of the parade theme, originality of design and spectator appeal.

All participants who wish to be contestants should be in their respective lineup position by 9:00 AM on July 4th.

Winning floats will have an award banner carried in front of their unit during the parade and will be announced at the parade review stand. Plaque awards will be given at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE: The parade will be live-streamed once again this year on the CBS4 Indy Facebook page. Cameras will be located at the review stand so please alert everyone in your unit to look left toward Flanner and Buchanan on Carmel Drive, [perform as you pass by and SMILE!](#)

Please share these rules with all participants in your unit as a violation of these rules will result in forfeiture of future participation in the parade. Let's follow good parade conduct and have a wonderful Independence Day parade!

We look forward to receiving your application to participate in the Allied Solutions CarmelFest July 4th Parade!



PARADE WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT

In consideration for my being allowed to participate in the Allied Solutions CarmelFest Parade, I, and if I am not yet 18 years old, my parent or legal guardian (individually and collectively referred to below in the first person singular) agree to be bound by each of the following:

1. Voluntary Participation. I understand and confirm that my participation in the Allied Solutions CarmelFest Parade (the "Parade") is wholly voluntary.
2. Identification of Risks. I understand that my participation in the Parade may be unsupervised and may involve risk of injury and loss both to my person and my property. I also understand that this risk may include the possibility of permanent disability and death.
3. Assumption of Risk. I assume all risks, known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable, patent and latent, that are in any way connected with or related to my participation in the Parade. I accept personal responsibility for any liability, injury, loss and/or damage that is in any way connected with, or related to, my participation in the Parade.
4. Release and Waiver. I hereby release THE CARMELFEST COMMITTEE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CARMEL, THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA and their respective directors, officers, officials, attorneys, employees, agents, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability and waive all claims for any injury, loss and/or damage, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, that is in any way connected with or related to my participation in the Parade (a "Claim"), whether or not the Claim is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of THE CARMELFEST COMMITTEE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CARMEL and/or THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA and/or any of the persons referenced above.
5. Consent to Medical Treatment. I authorize THE CARMELFEST COMMITTEE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CARMEL and/or THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA to provide to me, through medical personnel of its choice, customary medical assistance, transportation, and emergency medical services. This consent does not impose any duty or obligation whatsoever upon THE CARMELFEST COMMITTEE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CARMEL and/or THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA to provide any such assistance, transportation, or services.
6. Publicity Release. I authorize THE CARMELFEST COMMITTEE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CARMEL and THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA to use my name, any photograph, audiotape, videotape, sketch, drawing or other likeness of me, for, but not limited to, educational resources, press releases, web-based publicity and other publicity materials and sources, gratis, without any cost, fee or limitation whatsoever.
7. Severability. Each term and provision of this document shall be valid and enforced separately to the fullest extent permitted by law.
8. Applicable Law. This document shall be governed, construed and enforced in accordance with Indiana law, except for its conflict of laws provisions.

By signing below, you understand and agree to possibly be featured in the CBS4 Indy and CarmelFest Facebook page live-stream during the Allied Solutions CarmelFest Parade.

This is a waiver and release of liability. I have completely read and fully understand this waiver, release of liability and consent to medical treatment form. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choice before doing so. I am signing this waiver, release of liability and consent to medical treatment form voluntarily and absent any promise, threat or coercion whatsoever.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

If the person participating in the Parade is under 18 years old, a custodial parent or legal guardian must sign below:

In consideration for my named child or ward being allowed to participate in the Parade, and as the parent or legal guardian of same, I verify that I fully understand, agree to, and accept all of the provisions of this Waiver, Release of Liability and Consent To Medical Treatment form.

Parent:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Guardian:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Witness:

Printed Name

Signature

Date