ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

TWILIGHT PARADE

Each year, the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade marches proudly through Springfield, announcing the ten day annual showcase of Illinois Agriculture and unique entertainment. This year's parade begins on at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11th. The parade will step-off at Ninth Street and North Grand Avenue, proceed down Peoria Road to 11th Street and enter the Fairgrounds through the historical Main Gate. Once on the Fairgrounds, the route follows Main Street to Illinois Avenue, merges into Grandstand Avenue and disperses north of the Grandstand. Join us for this big kick-off event and begin your visit to the 2016 Illinois State Fair.

2016 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR TWILIGHT PARADE GENERAL RULES

Please review the following rules, which apply to entries in the Twilight Parade. **THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM RECENT YEARS**. **These rules have been created in the interest of safety of parade spectators and participants. To ensure the best parade possible it is our desire to minimize the length and duration of the parade.**

GENERAL PARADE RULES

All entries must conform to the parade theme. The 2016 theme is:

"PRODUCING OUR FUTURE"

1. A committee will screen all entries for entertainment value and approximately 60 will be selected for participation in the parade. Conformance to the theme or "atmosphere" of the Fair will be a major component for selection.
2. The parade committee will evaluate and select entries based upon information provided in the parade applications. Failure to provide complete information or to comply with the defined rules may result in an entry not being selected. The parade committee reserves the right to limit, or re-categorize entries based upon their discretion. All decisions of the judges are final.
3. A $25.00 entry fee will be required for each selected entry plus an additional fee dependent upon the number of participants. This fee shall be submitted after notification of acceptance by the committee.
4. All applicants will provide detailed drawings and descriptions of their entry. Any major changes to the original entry must be approved by the committee, otherwise the entry is disqualified.
5. No entry will be accepted unless the application is completed on both sides and signed.
6. All entries must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Special Events Office by close of business on July 11, 2016. This deadline will be strictly enforced.
7. Samples, candy or other materials of any type may not be thrown from or distributed from floats or vehicles. Parade walkers may distribute material to parade spectators by walking to the curb and handing the material out. The Police Department, Parade Marshals and Parade Officials will, without warning, remove unit from the parade if this rule is violated.
8. It is the policy of the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade to highlight Miss Illinois County Fair as queen. No other queens will be allowed to ride in a vehicle as parade entry. Other queens are welcome to participate; however they may not participate as a single entry. They must appear in conjunction with a float.
9. All entries must display their assigned parade number on front of their unit. The Twilight Parade Committee will assign this number to each unit upon acceptance to the parade by the committee
10. Parade judging categories are limited to: Marching Bands, Floats, and Specialty Units.

Entry forms should be submitted to:

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
TWILIGHT PARADE
P.O. BOX 19427
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9427

SPECIALTY UNITS

A specialty unit is defined as any other parade unit that is not a float, equestrian, or queen. This can include, but is not limited to specialty vehicles, synchronized walking units and entertainers. The number of walkers accompanying any Specialty Unit will be limited, with the exact number determined by the committee.

1. **CAR CLUBS:** A 10-car limit per each car club constitutes an entry unit.

2. All judging for specialty units will be done during the procession down the Parade route.

3. **JUDGING CRITERIA:** The panel of judges will base their decision on the following:

   A. THEME: 25%
   Conformity with parade theme.
   B. COLOR: 25%
   Costumes props and eye appeal.

   C. INGENUITY: 25%
   Creativity and originality.

   D. PUBLIC APPEAL: 25%
   Enjoyment by the audience.

   E. AWARDS: The following is a list of the standard categories and general criteria to govern the selection of the recipients:

Premium Number	**SPECIALTY UNITS:**	
73019	**1ST Grand Marshall's Award**	**$150.00**
73020	**2nd Director's Award**.....	**$ 50.00**
73021	**3rd Illinois State Fair Award**	**$ 25.00**

2016 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
TWILIGHT PARADE/HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND CONTEST
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016
Entry Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

Please carefully read the parade rules for participant eligibility and requirements.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT ON BOTH SIDES OR IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SENDER

Name of Unit or Band _____

Name of Business/Organization/School _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City _____

Telephone ( ) Zip Code _____

Will you be distributing anything during the Parade?* ( )Yes ( ) No
If yes, please list: _____

**** Note: All items distributed must be listed and the Parade Committee must be notified prior to the parade.***

Type of Entry: (please check one)

_____NON-COMMERCIAL FLOAT _____MARCHING BAND

_____COMMERCIAL FLOAT _____HORSE UNIT

_____SPECIALTY UNIT

YOU <u>MUST</u> SUBMIT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND SKETCH OR PHOTO OF YOUR ENTRY.

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FOR PROMOTION, PRESS RELEASES, AND PARADE ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CLUB OR ORGANIZATION.

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After reading all operational procedures or rules to this year's Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade, I hereby agree that myself or the organization I represent will follow these procedures and rules. I (We) do realize that we can be asked to leave the parade at anytime for breaking those procedures or guidelines.

It is acknowledged by the parties hereto that Participant and all persons performing pursuant to this contract hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Department, its agents, officers and employees from any liability for injuries to the person, whether for bodily injury, sickness, mental anguish or death of the Participant or persons performing pursuant to this contract and as to claims for any damage to any of their property. The Participant and all persons performing pursuant to this contract hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Department, its agents, officers and employees from any liability to third parties arising out of the performance of this contract. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any attendee requiring a reasonable accommodation should notify us of their needs by August 1st.

By signing this form, I certify I have read and understand all the parade rules and that I will abide by all applicable rules contained therein, and all other rules relating to the Illinois State Fair and the laws and regulations of the State of Illinois.

Name _____ Date:_____

Organization _____

Submit to: Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9427
217/782-0777 or Voice/TDD 217/782-6662

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