FUNFEST 2019 Parade Follow Up Information

Parade is Sunday, September 8, 2019

Thank you for your participation in the Funfest Parade.

**LINE UP AREA and REGISTRATION:** PLEASE NOTE registration and line up area is the same as last year which was a change from years past. Registration will be at the PENN DOT Maintenance Shed located at the intersection of Cranberry Road and SR 924. Registration opens at 12 Noon and everyone must be registered by 2:00 PM. Please do not arrive any earlier than Noon. Funfest personnel will not be available to direct you to your line up spot until Noon.

We are asking for your help by staggering both registration and arrival of parade entries. If you are in Divisions 1 or 2 please register between 12:00 and 12:30. If you are in Division 3 please register between 12:30 and 1:00. If you are in Division 4 please register between 1:00 and 1:30 and if you are in Division 5 please register between 1:30 and 2:00. One representative of each entry should be sent to registration to pick up your registration number. After registering, that person must also report to the Funfest Committee person heading their division at the line up site.

The Parade will line up on the North bound lanes of SR 924. Funfest Committee members will be stationed along the route to help identify where you should line up. We will station entries on either side of the two lanes leaving a lane in the middle open for entries to get to their spot. Funfest will provide barrels for trash in the line up and registration areas, Please use them and DO NOT LITTER. If you are traveling South on SR 924 and turn left on Cranberry Road there are location large enough to accommodate turning around and areas where you can park.

If others involved in the entry (marchers, float riders, etc.) will arrive separately they can meet at the line up space, Funfest Committee Member will help direct them to your space. Again, we ask that the rest of your group follow the same arrival schedule for your division as indicated above. **The parade starts at 2:30 p.m.** Please be sure you are prepared to kick off by then!

**PARADE ROUTE:** The Parade kicks off at 2:30 sharp. It starts at the intersection of SR 924 and Broad Street and proceeds east on Broad St., turns north onto Pine St. and disbands north of Oak St. All units, whether vehicles, marching units, etc. MUST CONTINUE onto the area of the Pine Street Playground between Oak and Hemlock Streets before stopping. The RELOAD area is along North Pine Street between Green and Holly Streets. Those who have completed the line of march should not walk back up Broad Street while the parade is in progress. Please be sure that all participating children are met at the parade end and escorted back to their families.

For entries utilizing busses the easiest route to the pick-up area will be to take 924 South to interstate 81 South, taking exit 141, following route 424 West to the second traffic light and turning left on Poplar Street. Travel North on Poplar Street to Broad Street (Route 93) and turn left onto Broad Street. Travel one block and turn right onto Cedar Street. Follow Cedar Street to Oak Street and turn Left onto Oak Street travel one block then turn right onto Pine Street. As mentioned above the pick-up area is between Green and Holly Streets.
**JUDGING:** Judges chosen by the Chamber of Commerce will adjudicate again this year. Judging Procedures are as follows: Although units are NO LONGER ALLOWED TO STOP TO PERFORM, you will be judged based on your performance while marching/riding through the “Judges Area.” The Judges Area is in the same location as last year, near the intersection of Broad and Laurel Streets. You will be automatically disqualified from award eligibility if you STOP to perform. You must continue moving at all times. All units entered in the parade will be eligible for awards unless they are disqualified for breaking our rules. Bands will be judged on precision, ranks, files, starts & stops, turns & technique, as well as showmanship, theme, originality, music execution, repertoire, and expression. Non-musical marching units, including cheerleading groups, will also be judged based on precision, ranks, bearing, etc. Floats are no longer permitted to stop to allow performances. Riders should at no time dismount from a float. Floats will be judged based on effective use of materials, effort in construction, theme, color harmony, use of special effects and crowd appeal.

**OTHER RULES** No unit is allowed to stop to perform along the parade route, unless the parade has come to a halt. If the parade does halt and you stop to perform, you must move out when the parade moves again. Distribution of any materials from the line of march (whether handed out or thrown from vehicles), sounding of sirens, partisan political activities, and all alcoholic beverages are **strictly prohibited.** The volume of sound systems and other amplified sound must be controlled so as not to interfere with other parade entries. Strictly commercial vehicles are prohibited unless registered as a Funfest Parade Sponsor.

All parade participants must comply with Funfest policies, and on-site contacts must meet the wishes of the Funfest Committee members on hand at the parade line-up, and must ride in the formation designated by committee members. Funfest “Parade Monitors” will be stationed throughout the parade route. Any unit found violating Funfest policies will be “flagged” by the monitor. Violations could result in your group being disqualified from trophy contention, or asked not to return in the future. Serious infractions may result in immediate ejection from the line-up. Hazleton City police officers also help to enforce the rules.

Trophies will be presented at approximately 4:00 p.m. Sunday – within approximately 30 minutes of the conclusion of the parade, at the stage near Broad and Laurel Streets. Winners will be announced in the newspapers in the week following. Bands and other paid parade entries can receive payment after the parade at Funfest HQ. Payments not picked up will be mailed within one week. If you have questions, please phone us at (570) 455-1509 or 1-800-OKF-FEST.