



Stillman Valley Fall Festival

Theme: Celebrate Farming

Dear Friends:

Well it is time to start planning the Fall Festival parade. We are providing some guidelines for conduct of parade participants. We have seen a few safety problems that we want to prevent with these guidelines. These are needed to make the Fall Festival Parade safe for spectators and Parade participants. If you have any questions on any of these please feel free to give me a call.

You are receiving this letter because you are on the mailing list. If you wish to remain on the mailing list you must send a reply back even if you do not plan to be in the parade this year. The annual Fall Festival in Stillman Valley will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 26th and 27th. The parade will be on Sunday at 1:00 pm. We want to thank all the participants from last year and we hope that you will be willing and able to participate this year.

Enclosed is the Parade Entry Form for the 2009 parade. Please note the theme for the Fall Festival this year is “*Celebrate Farming*”.

The “Parade Marshals” this year will be the Stillman Valley FFA.

Please advise the Parade Committee of your commitment to participate in the 2009 Fall Festival Parade by completing the attached “Parade Entry Form” and returning it as soon as possible to:

Parade Chairman
Brad Hollandsworth
2698 Black Walnut Rd
Oregon, IL 61061

Entries received after Sept 14th will be placed at the end of the parade regardless of the time you get there to register, so make sure you send your entry in on time.

A copy of the parade route and other registration information will be sent to each participant during the first week in September. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (815) 234-2277.

Sincerely,

Parade Chairman
parade@stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com

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PARADE ENTRY FORM 2009

Sunday, September 27th, 2009 1:00 pm.

NAME of Business/Organization/Church/School or Youth Group/Individual (please specify):

Contact person: _____

Contact address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Judged float entries: (Sept 14th deadline)

- Businesses
- Community Organizations (I.E. Garden Club, Library, PTO, Boosters Club, etc)
- Religious
- Youth / Community (4-H, Scouts, Brownies, etc.)
- Youth / School (FFA, Classes, Cheerleaders, Clubs, etc.)

Other type of entry:

- Band:** Number of Members _____
- Individual:** I.e. Queen, Homecoming Court, Etc. _____
- Novelty:** Nature of Entry, I.e. Horses, etc. _____
- Political:** Group / Number of Persons _____
- Vehicles:** I.E. Fire Dept., Antique Vehicles, Tractors, etc. - Number of units: _____

Notes to read at review stand:

Indemnity Agreement (Application must be signed to be eligible for participation). I/We have read, and agree to comply, with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade Committee, and agree to save and hold the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Committee, free from any action resulting from any loss or damage to person/s or property whatsoever, arising out of participation in the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

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Fall Festival Parade Rules 2009

Participants riding in vehicles or trailers must provide their own vehicles and drivers. Insurance and liability are the sole responsibility of participants. The drivers of licensed vehicles must have a valid driver's license. Drivers of unlicensed vehicles (tractors, 4 wheelers, go-carts) must be properly trained to operate the unit they are driving.

All units (entries) must check-in upon arrival with a Parade Official and be directed to their assigned staging area. All units (entries) must keep a representative with the entry at all times within the assigned staging area.

Riding participants will not be permitted to jump off and back on units/entries while the unit is in motion.

All units **MUST** be of proper construction to allow no chance of breakdown during Parade. All units must be properly serviced with gasoline, water, and oil, have tires checked, have good brakes, and battery in good condition.

Proper unit spacing and parade pace is critical. Spacing between units should be 20 feet. Voluntary stopping for drill formation, reverse marching by bands or drill teams cannot exceed 45 seconds. The unit then should try to maintain 20 feet to the next unit.

Alcoholic beverages or stimulants of any kind are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol or other stimulants prior to, or during the Parade, are subject to removal from the Parade. Any operator of any float or vehicle that is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to participate. Groups may also be disqualified.

No handing candy off the side of the float or vehicle -- you must toss it. This is to keep the crowds back away from the moving vehicles. Candy may be **SAFELY** given or tossed (**NEVER THROWN OVER-HANDED**) to the parade spectators. Any participants caught throwing candy or objects in the intent to harm any person or group, will be asked to exit the parade and may disqualify their entry from the parade float contest, if applicable.

Judges will be located on the Reviewing Stand, where each band is asked to stop and perform one short number. Other units that want to stop to perform must ask in advance from the Parade Chairman. The Parade Chairman will select Judges and their decisions are **FINAL**.

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Floats will be judged in the following five categories: [1] Businesses [2] Community Organizations (Garden Club, Library, PTO, Boosters Club, etc) [3] Religious [4] Youth / Community (4-H, Scouts, Brownies, etc.) [5] Youth / School (FFA, Classes, Cheerleaders, Clubs, etc.)

Judging criteria is based on [1] Use of Theme [2] Creativity [3] Effort [4] Neatness [5] Overall appearance. Five (5) points are awarded in each of the five categories, for a potential total of 25 points.

Prizes of \$100 for First, \$75 for Second, \$50 for Third place is awarded in **EACH** category, as well as a \$125 award for the best over-all float in the parade, not commercially built. **Floats will be judged in the parking lot this year.** Ribbons will be awarded at the closing program of the Festival. Winning entries will have the checks mailed to the contact for that entry.

High School and Jr High School bands will be given \$100 per band for marching. In the event there are five or more school bands performing, an additional \$100 will be given to the most outstanding band unit performing during the parade. This award will also be presented at the 4:00 pm closing ceremonies.

The Stillman Valley Fall Festival Committee has the right to refuse any application to the parade and may limit the size and length of any entry.

**Questions regarding these rules may be directed to:
Stillman Valley Fall Fest Committee, P.O. Box 216, Stillman Valley, IL 61084**

I/we agree that I/we have read, and understand, the safety requirements and general policies and practices, as set out in this application form, and agree to bound by them, and have *signed and dated the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade entry form as proof of agreeing to these rules.* We also understand that we are responsible for our group in the parade.

PLEASE KEEP THESE RULES FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION

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