



Stillman Valley Fall Festival

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Dear Parade Participant:

We are looking forward to the 2025 Stillman Valley Fall Festival and are very pleased that you will be able to participate in this year's Parade on Sunday, September 28th at 1 pm.

Please see the enclosed map for the parade route. This route will return the parade participants back to the High School where they started. **All entries must return to the High School grounds.** All entries must cross Route 72 and go toward the High School.

Parking for participants will be in the grass by the baseball area behind the High School. Float decorating must take place behind the High School. **There will be no car traffic allowed past the check-in to the main parking lot after 10:00 am except for vehicles that are in the parade.** The front entrance to the high school will also be closed at that time. **Please remind anyone participating with your group.** This is for the safety of everyone.

We are assigning the position in the parade on a first come first served method for the general parade participants. This means the earlier you get to the check-in, the closer you will be to the beginning of the parade. Entrants will be given their "parade display number" at the "Check-in" point. This number is to be attached to the front left side of the entry for the announcer to see. This will be on a sheet of paper so please bring supplies to attach it to your entry.

Stillman Valley Fire Dept will line up on First Street like they have done in the past.
Tractor Show participants will line up on Second Street like they have done in the past.
Any Horse Units can assemble at the Elementary school.

Float entries will be NOT be judged. Float entries are welcome but due to time and volunteer restraints, no judging will take place. Floats can assemble in back of the High School where they will have access to traffic in and out of that area. They can pass thru check-in when they are ready.

Check-in will begin from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Parade will start at 1 pm.

If you want to contact me with questions on the parade, send E-mail to:

parade@stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com



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Fall Festival Parade Rules

Participants riding in vehicles or trailers must provide their own vehicles and drivers. Insurance and liability are the sole responsibility of the participants. 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 gently 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.

Any units that want to stop to perform at the review stand must ask in advance from the Parade Chairman. 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.

Numbers and positions in the parade will be assigned when you pass thru registration.

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



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