

St. Patrick's Day Parade Entry Application and Parade Rules for 2016

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of staging an annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in addition to awarding scholarships to young women in the community. The Parade is **Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.** Please complete the following information and return to:



St. Patrick's Day Parade Association
Mr. Alan Rau 411 South Kiesel Street Bay City, MI 48706
(989) 686-6834



Fee for Commercial Vehicle only (with no float)

Vehicle only (not hauling float) \$100 for each vehicle entered in parade. Fee is non-refundable.

Fee for floats and marchers/walkers:

\$ 50 for each group entered in parade. Fee is non-refundable.

COMMENTS ON ENTRY (will be used by host to describe your parade entry on telecast)

COMMERICAL FLOAT _____ WALKERS # _____ VEHICLE _____ FLOAT _____ (check all that apply)

LENGTH OF ENTRY INCLUDING HAULING VEHICLE: _____

DOES ENTRY HAVE MUSIC? (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

HEIGHT OF ENTRY: _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PLACING ENTRY: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of our entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, we hereby release the sponsoring group officially connected with said parade from any and all liability or any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising from our participation in the aforementioned parade. Signatory on application is responsible for making sure that all persons in entry know the parade rules and the entry number prior to parade.

Organization Name Authorized Representative's

Signature _____ Phone _____

PRINT NAME: _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

Complete and return this form by Friday, March 11, 2016.

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A postcard stating your position number in the parade will be mailed to you a few days before the parade.

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Entry application must be turned in no later than **Friday, March 11, 2016** and will not be accepted after that date. All applications are subject to review and approval by the Parade Committee.

The Parade will start promptly at **2:00 PM on Sunday, March 20, 2016.**

We request that each parade entry arrive at the parade line up area at 12:30 PM the day of the parade. Unit numbers 1-30 will line up along the North side of Center Avenue from Park going back to Livingston. Unit numbers 31-60 will line up along the South side of Center Avenue from Park going back to Livingston. Unit numbers 61-90 will line up along the West side of Livingston from Center Avenue back. Unit numbers 90 to the end will line up from Center Avenue back towards Scheurmann on the North side of Center.

THE CENTER LANE ON CENTER AVENUE IS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THE REARRANGING OF PARADE ENTRIES.

1. To qualify as a float, an entry must be skirted, and all objects on it must be completely decorated in good taste. Please, **No** signs stating prices of goods or services offered by business entry on float.
2. Floats must not exceed 20 feet in length and 12.5 feet in height. Exceptions to the rule must be approved by the Parade Committee.
3. Lettering must be at least 6 inches in height, unless a company logo is incorporated in the design of the float.
4. **Music or sound** used on a float **must be stated on the application.**
5. **No political advertisement and promotions of any type** will be permitted to be displayed by anyone taking part in the parade. Violators will be asked to stop. If violators do not stop, the entry will be removed from the parade. This is a non-political event.
6. Horse units and antique cars will be permitted. Only cars 30 years or older will be considered antique. Horse units must provide "pooper scooper" and keep the streets clean.
7. **NO INTOXICATING BEVERAGES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE OR LINE UP AREA.**
8. The Bay City Policy Department will have the authority to act as they see fit to insure safety for parade visitors and participants.
9. **NO** objects may be tossed or thrown from floats or vehicles. Candy may be **HANDED** out by walkers alongside the entry. Entry must keep moving along parade route and not stop.
10. All material must be flame retardant.

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All floats are encouraged to decorate with an Irish theme. Deviation from the above rules will be made at the sole discretion of the Parade Committee. Entries that do not follow the rules may NOT be invited to return for the next parade year.

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**NEW to us! JUDGES AWARDS PRESENTED AT PARADE ON
SUNDAY, 3/20/2016!**

Our parade judges will be escorted through the parade line up area prior to the parade start (2 p.m.) and will select a winner for the following trophies: Most Beautiful in Town (Bay City), Most Beautiful out of Town, Best Irish Theme, Best Youth Oriented Float, & Best Commercial Float.

Please have your float or entry as complete as you can prior to the parade. Having your entry completed prior to 1:00 p.m. will allow the judges to make their best choice for the awards. The winner will have a banner carried along the parade route announcing the award they have won. When winning entries pass the parade start line at Center and Park Streets and continue down the route, this banner will announce to our visitors who won an award and which award they won. Bay 3 TV will also announce the winners as they film our parade near the end of the parade route. Winners will receive a trophy or plaque as well. The banner is parade property and the plaque belongs to the winning entry.

Please contact 686-6834 with any questions or concerns.

Please return page 1 with payment. Check is payable to: St. Patrick's Day Parade Association.

Please retain page 2 and 3 for your information for parade day.



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