



2025 Seymour Oktoberfest Parade Rules and Information

52nd Annual Parade – Saturday, October 4, 2025



Check-In Location: Corner of Community Drive & 2nd Street

Check-In Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Enter onto Community Drive from 2nd Street)

Parade Start Time: 1:30 PM

Parade Entry Categories

- **Animal*** – Any entry with animals
- **Vehicle*** – Tractor, Antique (pre-1980), Semi (without trailer), Entertainment Vehicle
- **Military** – Military organization, flag-bearing groups
- **Local Business Float*** – A decorated float/platform (self-propelled or towed) that promotes a business
- **Emergency/Service Vehicle** – Police, Fire, EMS, or public service entities
- **School Program or Club** – School programs or clubs from Jackson County; unit must provide its own music and does **not** stop to perform for judges
- **Performance*** – Dance, Cheer, Marching Bands, or Clubs performing at the Judges Stand; must provide music
- **Non-Profit*** – Entry promoting or raising awareness for a non-profit organization
- **Political** – Jackson County candidates only; limited to 20 walkers, **no motorized vehicles allowed** (see rules below)

* Eligible for awards

Parade Awards

Categories marked with * are eligible.

- **Award:** \$200 + Plaque
- **Selection:** Voted on by parade judges

- **Announcement:** Winners announced after the parade via announcers' booth, Facebook, email, & phone. Awards will be mailed.

Reminders for 2025

Candy, Flyers, & Handouts

1. Items **must be handed directly** to spectators—no throwing.
2. Nothing may be left on the ground.
3. **No confetti, glitter, or paper shreds.**
4. Walkers distributing items must remain **6 ft. behind vehicles/floats** (no restriction if walkers only).

Registration & Entry Rules

1. Entries may be denied if they do not meet criteria or conflict with Seymour Oktoberfest's mission.
2. **Registration Period:** May 1 – Sept 1, 2025.
 - After Sept 1: placed on waitlist (first come, first served if spots open).
3. Provide a short description/narrative with entry form (for announcers). Cannot be edited on parade day.
4. Include full entry length (vehicles, trailers, walkers, etc.). One parking space = approx. 20 ft.
5. **Political Entries:**
 - Entries with the same party affiliation will be combined.
 - Each party is limited to **one truck + trailer/float**.

Day-of Parade Information

1. **Sign-In:** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Community Drive and 2nd Street.
 - Only one person per entry needs to sign in.
2. Late arrivals (after 12:30 PM) will **not** be admitted.

3. Vehicles must be staged on Community Drive by **1:00 PM**.
 - Parade volunteers (in vests) will help stage & release.
4. For safety, stay to the sides of Community Drive before starting. A representative must remain with your vehicle at all times.
5. ***Respect parade volunteers. Disrespect may result in disqualification.***

Updated 2025 Parade Route 🚗🎵

- Staging: Community Drive
 - Odd-numbered entries on left side
 - Even-numbered entries on right side

Route:

1. **Start: Community Dr. & 5th St.**
2. **Continue to 5th St. & Walnut St.**
3. **Continue to Walnut St. & 2nd St.**
4. **Performance Location: Judges Stand**
5. **Continue to 2nd St. & Pine St.**
6. **End: Pine St. & 4th St.**

✉️ **Questions?** Contact us at parade@seymouroktoberfest.com

We look forward to your participation in the **52nd Seymour Oktoberfest Parade!** 🎉