

# 2024 Parade Rules & Instructions

The 51st Seymour Oktoberfest Parade will be held Saturday, October 5th, 2024. Check-in will be at First Baptist Church from 10:30-12:30p

Parade Start Time: 1:30p

## Parade Entry Options with Description (select one);

**\*Animal-** Entries with any animals

**\*Vehicle-** Tractor, Antique 1980s <, Semi without Trailer, and Entertainment Vehicle

**Military-** Military organization, flag bearing

**\*Local Business Float-** A float, decorated platform built on a vehicle, or towed behind one, that promotes a for-profit business.

**Emergency/Service Vehicle-** Police, Fire, EMS, or public service entity

**School Program or Club-** School Programs, Clubs offered in Jackson County. Unit does not stop to perform for judges and must provide their own music for the entire route.

**\*Performance-** Dance, Cheer, Marching Bands, and Clubs that will perform at the Judges Stand and will provide music for their performance.

**\*Non-Profit-** Entry that promotes and brings awareness to the Non-Profit

**Political-** Jackson County candidates, permitted to 20 walkers and no motorized vehicles allowed. (See more below!)

## Parade Awards: (eligible entries marked with \*)

Voted by judges, these categories(\*) will receive \$200 as well as a medal. Winners will be announced shortly after the parade via our announcers booth, on our Facebook, and contacted via email or phone. Awards will be mailed out.

## Updates and Notices for 2024:

- **Candy, Flyers, ect.**

Rules regarding the passing out of candy, flyers, pamphlets, and other goods are follows:

1. All items being passed out must be directly put into the hands of the receiver. No throwing from vehicles, out windows or into the air.
2. No items are to be left on the ground.
3. No confetti, glitter or paper shreds
4. *Anyone handing out items must be 6 ft. BEHIND the vehicle or float.* If the entry is walkers only, there are no restrictions to where those passing out candy need to be.

- **Other Important Notices:**

1. Your entry may be denied if the committee feels that it does not meet proper criteria or goes against the Seymour Oktoberfest mission.
2. Entries must register from May 1, 2024 to September 1, 2024. Anyone contacting us after 9/1/2024, will be added to our waitlist and contacted, first come first serve, in the case that another entry drops from the event.
3. When submitting your entry form, please take time to list a brief description or narrative for your entry or company. This information will be given to the announcers, and may not be edited the day of.
4. You'll need to give the length of your entry, which should encompass all vehicles, trailers, walkers or any other objects included in your entry. One parking space is roughly 20'.
5. Political entries with the same party affiliation will be combined under one entry. Each party is limited to one truck and trailer/float.

- **Day of Information**

1. All entries must sign-in the morning of the parade from 10:30a - 12:30p (only 1 person needs to sign-in an entry), at First Baptist Church. Entrance is from 6th Street.
2. Entries that arrive after 12:30p will not be granted admission to the parade route.
3. All vehicles must be staged on Community Drive no later than 1:00p. Parade volunteers (marked with vests) will help stage and release.
4. For your safety we strongly urge that everyone stay to the sides of Community Drive before the parade starts. Once your vehicle is in place, someone must be with the vehicle always.
5. We will not tolerate any kind of disrespect toward parade volunteers, and your entry may be disqualified as a result.

- **The Parade Route:**

1. Entries are staged on Community Drive, odd number entries are on the left and even numbers on the right.
2. When the parade begins to release from Community, it's important to know an entry may walk in total from beginning to end, 2 miles or roughly 40 minutes.
3. The *active route* encompasses 3 roadways in downtown Seymour, and begins when entries turn...
4. West onto W. 2nd St. ----> North onto N Walnut St. ----> West onto W. 5th St.
5. The route will end at the 4-way of W. 5th St. & N. Pine St.
6. Picking up may be done from the vacant field (Shields Gym) at the end of the route
7. If you plan to walk back to First Baptist Church a Trolley is in place for rides

***If you have any questions, please contact us at [parade@seymouroktoberfest.com](mailto:parade@seymouroktoberfest.com). We look forward to receiving your entry for the 51st Seymour Oktoberfest Parade!***