

# Parade Rules & Instructions

*The 49th Seymour Oktoberfest Parade will be held Saturday, October 1st, 2022. Sign-in at First Baptist Church from 11-12:30p, and a start time of 1:30p.*



## Parade Entry Options (select one);

Category	Description of unit
*Animal	Entries with any animals
*Vehicle	Tractor, Antique 1980s <, Semi without Trailer, and Entertainment Vehicle
Military	Military organization, flag bearing
*Local Business Float	A German Themed float (a 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
<b>NEW</b> - School Program or Club	Programs/Clubs offered in Jackson County schools, allows the opportunity to show off what the program/club offers to students.
*Dance	Dance teams or Musical entertainment; unit does not stop to perform for judges, and must provide their own music for the entire route.
Marching Band	School bands or other Marching entertainment
*Non-Profit	To promote and bring awareness to the Non-Profit, preference to decorate German themed, but not required.
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.

## Before you Register...

- **CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS: Due to safety concerns the previous parades, we are no longer allowing candy or any items to be passed out! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Your entry may be denied if the committee feels that it does not meet proper criteria or goes against the Seymour Oktoberfest mission.
- Entries must register from May 1, 2022 to September 1, 2022. Anyone contacting us after 9/1/2022, will be added to our waitlist and contacted, first come first serve, in the case that another entry drops from the event.
- 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.
- 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'.
- Political entries with the same party affiliation will be combined under one entry. Each is party is limited to one truck and trailer/float.

## Day of Information...

- All entries must sign-in the morning of the parade from 11a - 12:30p (only 1 person needs to sign-in an entry), at First Baptist Church. Entrance is from 6th Street.
- Entries that arrive after 12:30p will not be granted admission unless already discussed with the Parade Committee.
- All vehicles must be staged on Community Drive no later than 1:00p. Parade volunteers (marked with vests) will help stage and release.
- 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.

## The Parade Route...

- Entries are staged on Community Drive, odd number entries are on the left and even numbers on the right.
- 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.
- The *active route* encompasses 3 roadways in downtown Seymour, and begins when entries turn...
- West onto W. 2nd St. ----> North onto N Walnut St. ----> West onto W. 5th St.
- The route will end at the 4-way of W. 5th St. & N. Pine St.
- Picking up may be done from the vacant field (Shields Gym) at the end of the route
- 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 49th annual Seymour Oktoberfest Parade!**