

# 2026 Seymour Oktoberfest Parade

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | Seymour, Indiana

Be part of one of Seymour's biggest traditions! The 53rd Annual Seymour Oktoberfest Parade brings together businesses, schools, performers, and community groups for a high-energy afternoon of music, creativity, and hometown pride.

## Check-In & Arrival Information

**Check-In Location:** Corner of Stadium Drive & Community Drive

**Check-In Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Parade Start Time:** 1:30 PM

## Important Traffic Instructions

- Community Drive access is **for registered parade floats and vehicles only**.
- **No participant drop-off is permitted on Community Drive.**
- All participants must be dropped off in the **Seymour High School parking lot**.

Please plan ahead to avoid delays. Late arrivals (after 12:30 PM) will not be admitted.

## Parade Entry Categories

### ★ Award-Eligible Categories

- **Animal\*** – Any entry including animals
- **Vehicle\*** – Tractor, Antique (pre-1980), Semi (no trailer), Entertainment Vehicle
- **Local Business Float\*** – Decorated float/platform promoting a business
- **Performance\*** – Dance, Cheer, Marching Band, or Club performing at Judges Stand (must provide music)
- **Non-Profit\*** – Entry promoting or raising awareness for a non-profit organization

### Additional Categories

- Military organizations and flag-bearing groups
- Emergency/Service Vehicles (Police, Fire, EMS, Public Service)
- School Programs or Clubs (Jackson County only; provide own music; no stop for judging)
- Political (Jackson County candidates only; maximum 20 walkers; no motorized vehicles)

## Parade Awards

Award-eligible entries will be judged during the parade.

- **Prize:** \$200 and plaque
- Winners announced after the parade via announcer booth, Facebook, email, and phone
- Awards mailed following the event

Bring creativity, spirit, and crowd engagement!

## Candy, Flyers & Handouts

Help keep the parade safe and clean:

1. Hand all items directly to spectators — no throwing.
2. Do not leave anything on the ground.
3. No confetti, glitter, or paper shreds.
4. Walkers distributing items must remain 6 feet behind vehicles or floats.

Failure to follow distribution rules may result in removal.

## Registration & Entry Requirements

- Registration open: **May 1 – September 1, 2026**
- After September 1: entries placed on waitlist (first come, first served).
- Submit a short description with your entry form for announcers.
  - Descriptions cannot be edited on parade day.
- Include total entry length (vehicles, trailers, walkers, etc.).
  - One parking space is approximately 20 feet.

## Political Entry Guidelines

- Same party affiliations will be combined.
- Each party limited to one truck plus trailer/float.

Entries may be denied if they do not meet guidelines or conflict with parade standards.

## Day-of-Parade Procedures

- Sign-in required between 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
- Only one representative per entry needs to check in.
- All vehicles must be staged on Community Drive by 1:00 PM.
- Parade volunteers (wearing vests) will direct staging and release.

- A representative must remain with each vehicle at all times.
- Follow all volunteer instructions.

**No disrespect toward volunteers will be tolerated. Immediate removal from the parade will result.**

## **2026 Parade Route**

**Route:**

Start: 2nd Street & Community Drive

→ 2nd Street & Chestnut Street

→ Chestnut Street to 5th Street

End: 5th Street & Elm Street

## **Questions?**

Email: [parade@seymouroktoberfest.com](mailto:parade@seymouroktoberfest.com)

We look forward to celebrating with you at the 53rd Seymour Oktoberfest Parade — bring your energy, your creativity, and your Oktoberfest spirit!