

# Grundy County Corn Festival Parade Application

Sunday, October 2, 2016 Parade Time: 2:00 pm

Theme: "HOMETOWN HEROES"

Return application to the Corn Festival office by September 19, 2016

Group or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

### WALKING/MARCHING UNITS

- Boy and Girl Scouts\*
- Armed Forces/Veterans
- Dance/Poms
- Gymnastics
- Political Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### VEHICLES

- Antique Vehicle
- Emergency Vehicle
- Other Motorized Units (motorcycle, farm machinery, go carts, etc.)
- Commercial (\$15 donation for an undecorated vehicle advertising a business.)

### HORSE UNITS

**All horse units must have cleanup and use it!!!**

- Horse Riding Unit
- Horse Driving Unit

### FLOATS\*

- Youth Group

CIVIC ORGANIZATION -  Homemade  Professionally Made

COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS/INDUSTRY -  Homemade  Professionally Made

\* We will judge the Boy / Girl Scouts Walking Units and each category of floats only.

Do you wish to be judged? Yes No

Will you have any type of music or public address system with your unit? Yes No

Will you have any type of handout? Yes No

If so, what will you be handing out? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that NO CANDY/FOOD/DRINK is allowed in our parade and no items may be thrown from any unit. If you do so you will be removed from the parade**

Number, type and size of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

Number of walkers \_\_\_\_\_

Information for announcers. PLEASE BE BRIEF. We will need to modify announcements if it is too long to be read (50 words or less):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Grundy County Corn Festival reserves the right to refuse any entry.

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## PARADE INFORMATION

### KEEP THIS SHEET!

Return your completed application to the Corn Festival office by September 19, 2016. Our address is PO Box 22, Morris, IL 60450. You can also drop off your application at our office, 909 N. Liberty Street. This is in the train depot that also houses the Grundy Chamber, at the rear of the building.

Your application is accepted unless you are notified differently. The Grundy County Corn Festival Board does NOT assign numbers on a first come - first serve basis. Numbers will be assigned based on placement and spacing of all units in the parade.

The parade steps off promptly at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Please be on time.

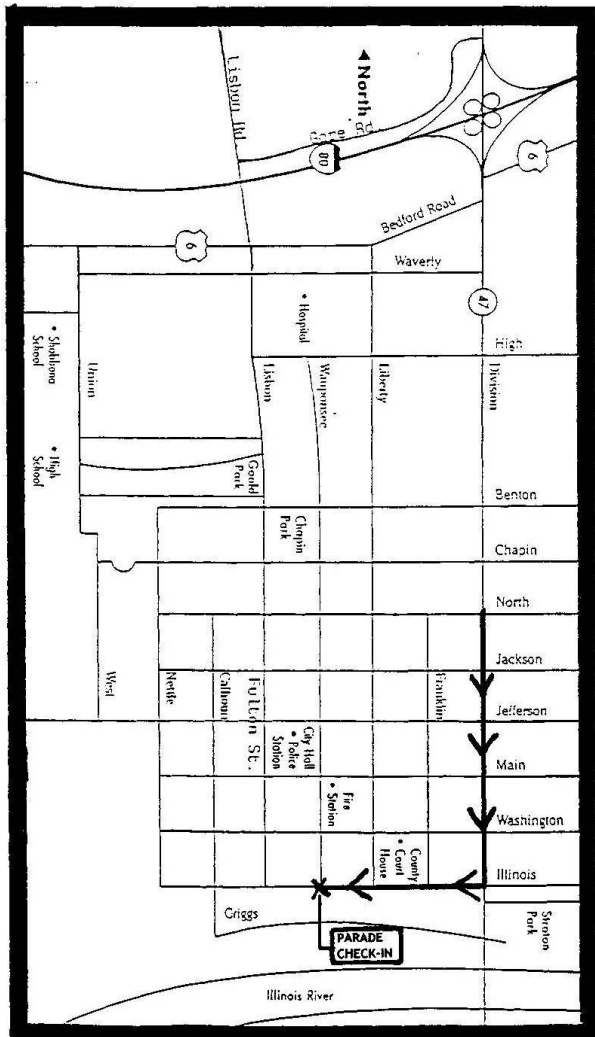
### **YOUR PARADE NUMBER WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU**

Someone from your group **MUST** check in at the parade booth!

**The check in booth is located at the corner of  
Illinois Ave. at Wauponsee St.**

On the day of the parade, go to the Parade Check in Booth at the corner of West Illinois Avenue and Wauponsee Street. The only way to get to the check in booth will be from the east, from Route 47 to Illinois Avenue. You will not be able access the booth from the west side of town. You will be given your window placard and will be directed to the best route to your lineup location. Parade Marshals are stationed throughout the lineup area to direct you. Please do not hesitate to ask for directions or help if needed.

### **ALL UNITS MUST CHECK IN AT THE PARADE CHECK IN BOOTH FOR YOUR NUMBER PLACARD.**



Check in starts at 11:00a on Sunday. You will need to check in by 1:30 pm. If you do not check in, you will be considered a no show. When you check in, you will be given your number placard and directed to your spot in the lineup area. Please note, placement in the parade lineup has nothing to do with when you submit your application or what time you check in on Sunday.

**If you have a large group:** We recommend setting a meeting place for your group and sending one person to check in and pick up your number placard. You can then direct your group to your assigned lineup area.

The Corn Festival Board of Directors spends an enormous amount of time setting the parade lineup. We carefully consider each placement based on unit size and participation. Please understand that every unit cannot be at the beginning of the parade and we try to rotate participants that return year after year so they are not always at the same number. We know that without you, we do not have a successful and entertaining parade each and every year. Thank you for your participation and have a wonderful time on parade day.

Judging results will be posted on our website

1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards will be available at the Corn Festival office the week following the festival

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## PARADE RULES

- ① **All entries MUST check in and pick up number placards on the day of the parade**
- ① The THROWING of any items or material into the crowd or onto the street is prohibited. This includes Frisbees, balls, or any other item meant to be thrown. Items may be handed out at the discretion of the Corn Festival Committee.
- ① Balloons, literature, and other handouts may be distributed by people walking along the curb only. **Do not throw anything from your unit.**
- ① **NO CANDY / FOOD / OR DRINK** products distribution of any kind is allowed in our parade.
- ① Do not hold up the parade. Our parade marshals will let you know when to step off. Keep up with the unit in front of you.
- ① **Do not stop at the reviewing stand.** You will be judged as you go by.
- ① **Alcohol is prohibited in our parade.** All state laws and local ordinances regarding the use of alcohol and motor vehicles as well as public consumption of alcohol will be enforced. You will be removed from the parade and subject to arrest for any violations. Please remember that we have children in this parade and that Corn Festival is a family event.
- ① 'No Parking' areas are clearly marked. Do not park in the parade route or in the lineup area. Your vehicle will be towed.
- ① Do not attempt to drive into the lineup area to drop people off. This area is very congested and you will only add to the crowd and create confusion.
- ① Parade marshals are posted throughout the lineup area. If you have any questions or need directions, they are there to help you. They are also responsible for keeping order, seeing that units are lined up properly, and to enforce the rules so the parade runs smoothly.
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*Please help us make this a safe and enjoyable day for every participant and spectator by following these rules; they are for your benefit and safety. Corn Festival officials patrol the parade route and WILL remove any units that are in violation of these rules.*

**Thank you for supporting our parade and have a wonderful time on parade day.**