



2024 MARION POPCORN FESTIVAL PARADE APPLICATION

PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFO FOR 2024 INCLUDING FLOAT POLICY

This year's theme is Poppin' Thru the Decades: 5 Decade's Strong

ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 23RD (except Float Applications which are due August 2)

Please Print Clearly

Name/Person in Charge of Parade Unit: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Note: Person in charge of Parade Unit will be notified of unit position in parade and any other pertinent information.

POLICY ON FLOATS Those wanting to enter a float in the parade MUST APPLY to be considered. Float applications must be received no later than August 2, 2024. All applicants will be notified no later than August 9, 2024. The Parade may contact applicants between submission and notification to ask additional questions about your entry. If your float submission is not selected, your entry fee will be refunded.

Decade Representing __80's __90's __00's __10's __20's __Other

COMPLETE ONLY IF ENTRY IS A FLOAT

Please use the following space to explain your float construction materials, design concept, and the structure you'll be building on (ex: wagon) AND explain how your float adds entertainment value to the parade. Your detailed explanation will be heavily considered by the committee when deciding which floats will be accepted.

Empty text box for float explanation

Decade Representing __80's __90's __00's __10's __20's __Other

COMPLETE ONLY IF NON FLOAT

Please provide a brief explanation of your NON-FLOAT parade entry. Indicate type of vehicle(s), and explain how it adds entertainment value to the parade:

Empty text box for non-float explanation

Mail Entries to: Don Wolfe, Parade Director
Marion Popcorn Festival
PO Box 1101
Marion, OH 43301-1101

Questions for the parade can be directed to 740-387-FEST or dw062144@gmail.com.

\$40 Entry fee MUST accompany entry form. Please make cashier's checks or money orders payable to The Marion Popcorn Festival. DO NOT SEND CASH. PayPal is available for payment. A processing fee will be included.

Please Note: Due to city restrictions and lack of participation, there is no rain date for the parade. All fees paid to the Marion Popcorn Festival are non-refundable except for float entries not selected.

PARADE INFORMATION FOR 2024
PLEASE READ

- **Shorter Parade Route**
 - Parade route lines up on Forest Lawn Dr & starts on E. Center St. & Uhler Rd., heading West (toward downtown) on Center St, left on State St, left on Church St (in front of the Wyandot Popcorn Museum), disband at fork of Church St, Mount Vernon Ave, S Vine St.
- **Policy for Business Vehicles**
 - Sponsored vehicles (vehicles bearing logos of businesses for advertisement) are not required to decorate in the festival theme. They will be in the Sponsors Block at the end of the parade.
- **Policy on Youth Groups (ex: sport teams, dance studios, etc....)**
 - Youth groups will be walking in organized “Power Blocks”
 - One vehicle will be allowed to follow behind the walkers for carrying water and health concerns. This vehicle can have the name of the group or organization displayed.
- **Policy on Floats**
 - Those wanting to enter a float in the parade must APPLY to be considered.
 - Float applications must be received no later than August 2nd
 - All applicants will be notified no later than August 9th
 - The Parade may contact applicants between submission and notification to ask additional questions about your entry.
 - If your submission is not selected, your entry fee will be refunded.
- **Antique Cars**
 - Any classic/antique car club may enter up to ten (10) vehicles under one entry fee with no limit on the number of passengers per vehicle. For each vehicle over 10 there will be an additional \$20.00/per vehicle fee.
- **Horses/Animals**
 - All horses/animals will be considered one unit up to five (5) participants. There will be an additional \$20.00/per animal fee for all horses/animals over the five (5) allotted. Participants are solely responsible for animal waste cleanup during the parade.
- **Political**
 - Any politically affiliated club or organization may enter one (1) float at the standard entry fee.
 - Politicians currently holding office may ride in individual vehicles by submitting completed application along with standard entry fee.

We're always working to improve the quality of the parade. Please take note of this important information including new/revised rules. Any entry not adhering to festival rules and direction may be denied entry in future years at the discretion of the Parade Director.