March 15, 2018

Greetings!

The 2018 Maifest Committee is excited to announce the 66th Annual Maifest Parade. We believe this will be the most exciting parade in years! The theme of the 2018 Maifest is Learn Our Past to Lead Our Future. The parade is an opportunity to participate in this traditional event, to celebrate the town we call “home” and the 66th year of the Maifest in Hermann. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th at 1:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2018 Maifest Parade. You can learn about your past and lead toward our future, as well as show off your part of our hometown to a large crowd on this special occasion. Please complete the enclosed application form and return by hand or mail to: Maifest Parade, c/o Harvest Table, 122 E 4th Street, Hermann, Mo 65041 or email to maifest@visithermann.com.

WE LOVE A PARADE!

2018 Maifest Committee
Hermann Maifest Parade
Sunday, May 20, 2018
1:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Gutenberg Street. All entries must check in with Parade Chairperson at the Amphitheatre East Entrance (on Gutenberg) before 12:30 for instructions and parade line up. The parade will end at the Hermann City Park.

- For line-up and spacing purposes, only one vehicle per application is permitted. For example, high school floats MUST have separate entries for cheer, band, FFA, etc.
- All entries will be assigned a number and will line up in numerical order.
- ALL parade participants including float and horse riders, walking units and vehicles, should wear costumes or clothing based on the theme of their entry.
- This is a non-political event. Elected officials are welcome, but we request they not identify themselves with election materials, political affiliations or issues.
- This is an “all forward motion” parade. Performing groups should choreograph routines to maintain a forward motion at the parade pace.
- The American, Hermann, and German flags are welcome in the parade, but flags of political affiliations or issues will not be permitted. The American Flag has very specific rules for display. Please visit this link for the details of respectful display: http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagetiq.html
- If your entry has a sound system, speakers, band, or other noise, you MUST indicate it on the application. We will be conscientious about not placing you next to another entry with music or next to animals. We ask that you be considerate of listeners by avoiding excessive volume or extended sounds that might be damaging to hearing.

Floats
- All floats must be decorated, preferably around the parade theme, and have banners, either one in front of the float or one on each side, to identify your organization and the theme of your entry.

Vehicles
- All cars must be decorated and have a banner(s) identifying the name of the group or VIPs (i.e., Grand Marshal) riding in the vehicle(s).
- Each entry should display a sign/banner with your organization name and the theme of your entry.

Safety Rules
- We suggest that children should be eight or older to walk in the parade. Younger children could ride on floats, vehicles or bicycles under adult supervision. Entries with children will be placed in the children’s portion of the parade, unless otherwise indicated.
- Alcohol consumption by parade participants is strictly prohibited.
- For safety, we request that candy or other treats be gently distributed by walkers, NOT flung from floats or other types of entries. **Drivers and Riders: please be alert for children or adults who may dart into the street to pick up these treats!**
HERMANN MAIFEST PARADE APPLICATION

Your group or organization is invited to participate in the 66th Annual Maifest Parade, Sunday, May 20, 2018, beginning at 1:00.

The theme for this year’s Maifest and parade is, “Learn Our Past to Lead Our Future”.

Please complete this application and mail, hand-deliver, or email to Harvest Table by Tuesday, May 1st (address below).

There are no application fees. Guidelines for entries are attached.

- Non-profit/school/neighborhood group
- For profit business
- Other ________________

Contact Name _____________________________ Organization/Group Name_____________________

Address _____________________________ Phone Number(s) _____________________________

City/Zip _____________________________ Email _____________________________

Entry Categories (One entry per application. See attached guidelines for all categories.)

- Band ___ # of participants
- Dance/Drill Team/Cheerleading/Walking Group, ___ # of participants (Indicate if using: __ Children’s Wagon __ Stroller)
- Float ___ # of participants riding float; ___ # of participants walking along side
- Car/Truck
- Bicycle ___ # of participants
- Tractor
- Horse ___ # of riders
- Carriage/Horse-drawn wagon ___ # of participants

Will your entry have music? Yes No

Is your entry part of the children’s portion of the parade? Yes No

Entry description (pictures/sketches may be attached) ________________________________________________

Liability Waiver: I (we), the undersigned, for and in consideration of the privilege of allowing the above-named minor/adult to participate in city sponsored activities, hereby agree to and assume any and all risk attendant to any incident, action, occurrence or activity occurring relative to the participation in activities, which affects me (us) or the above named minor in any manner whatsoever, and do hereby release, indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge the 2018 Maifest Committee and the City of Hermann, its officials, agents and employees, in both their public and private capacities, from any liability, claims, suits, demands, or causes of action which may arise in any manner whatsoever from participating activities.

Signature _____________________________ Date _____________________________