



Independence Day Parade

(brought to you by the Promotional Committee)

ENTRY FORM & RULES

By JUNE 21st, print out, complete, and return with payment to any First National Bank & Trust branch in Iron Mountain/Kingsford.

ENTRY FEES: \$50 for businesses, politicians, & community members.
\$30 for non-profits, churches, organizations, & clubs.
Please make checks out to **MRHF Promo – Parade**

PLEASE NOTE: *Entry fees are non-refundable.*
We must receive both application & payment by the deadline or it will be considered a late entry.
** All entries received after 06/21/24 are subject to a \$30 late fee.*
*** Absolutely NO entries will be accepted after 06/28/2024.*
The MRHF Promotional Committee reserves the right to decline any entry.

2024 PARADE THEME: “LET FREEDOM RING!”

(You have the FREEDOM to do whatever you like, just be sure to decorate for the 4th)

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone No: _____ *(required)* Email: _____

Type of Entry: Float Vehicle - no. of vehicles: _____ Group/Band Drill/Dance
 Show Animals/Livestock Marchers/Specialty Unit/Other _____

Does your entry have music? Yes No

Number of years your organization has participated in the IM-K Independence Day Parade: _____

In an attempt to create a well-rounded parade, the MRHF Promotional Committee will be determining the placement of each entry. You may select a line up request below that will be considered.

Line up position request: Beginning Middle Grand Finale

To make our parade safe and memorable, our insurance carrier, the cities of Iron Mountain and Kingsford, and the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Promotional Committee have implemented the following rules for all entrants.

ENTRY RULES

Please check each box and sign that you have thoroughly read, understand, and agree to the following rules.

- All entries are required to have 4th of July themed decorations and must have visible/identifying signage. Signage is required on the front and/or spectator-facing sides. *The MRHF Promotional Committee reserves the right to turn away any unsuitable entry.
- All entries must maintain a forward motion; no exceptions. This will maintain a steady flow & help reduce gaps. **THIS MEANS NO STOPPING FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY.**
- The maximum height of any entry is 11'6".
- Throwing of any objects or squirting of any liquids is strictly prohibited. If you would like to distribute any items such as candy or literature, only walkers can hand them out (curb side) along the route. **Do not pass out anything until you turn onto Woodward Ave (the official start of the parade).**
- Any entrant who wants to enter 4-wheelers, go carts, mini-bikes or other off-road type vehicle **MUST** attach a current certificate of insurance with a minimum BI/PD limit of 100/300/100 with this application. All licensed motor vehicles must have valid state required liability insurance with liability limits of at least 100/300/100.
- All operators of licensed, motorized vehicles must have a valid unrestricted operator's license and be at least 18 years of age. Operators of all other motorized units must be at least 12 years of age.
- Racing of engines, squealing of tires, jackrabbit starts or exceeding the speed as set by the lead unit is prohibited.
- Consumption or distribution of any alcoholic beverages or chemical substance by any entrant is prohibited as is the sale of said item/s during the parade.
- There is to be no vaping, smoking, or use of any illegal drugs for the duration of this event.
- No live ammunition.
- Abide by directions of the identifiable "Parade Staff" at all times.
- Any form of solicitation is prohibited. Only exceptions: Firefighters Fill-the-Boot & Food Drive.
- Please exercise extreme caution as there will be many children, individuals with disabilities, and spectators along the route, staging, and designated ending areas.
- Due to health and safety concerns, animals/livestock will be admitted only if they meet specific criteria below. Parade staff will check at line-up to make sure any entry with animals/livestock have the people and facilities to clean up after themselves. Any entries that do not meet these criteria will be prohibited from participating:
 - There must be a designated animal waste clean-up person (pooper-scooper).
 - Waste clean-up must occur immediately.
 - Waste must be taken with you as no disposal facilities will be provided. We suggest a 4-wheeler, side-by-side etc., which must comply with all applicable **Entry Rules** on page 2.
 - Any entrants found disposing of animal waste in any public receptacle will be asked to leave the parade immediately and will have future entries declined.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation in this years' parade.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the above designated rules and hereby hold harmless the Menominee Range Historical Foundation, its officers, Promotional Committee members, and the cities of Iron Mountain and Kingsford for any activity that violates the established entry rules. I further acknowledge that I remain fully liable for the actions of those involved in my entry and that anyone caught violating these rules will be asked to leave the parade immediately.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Business/Organization/Individual Name: _____

LINEUP INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants will be assigned a starting slot based on their application. Approximately one week before the parade, you will be contacted by MRHF Parade Staff and given your assigned spot, line up area, and time to arrive. You are required to arrive at your designated location during your scheduled time. We will not accommodate you if you come unreasonably early, which may result in traffic issues. If you are late, you risk waiting for the next group line up before you are reassigned a spot. MRHF Parade Staff maintains the right to reject any participants at any time. **Thank you for understanding our rules and respecting other participants who help us work towards a smooth execution of the parade.**

The parade commences swiftly at 9:00 am CST. From the staging area, entrants proceed north on Balsam Street, turn right on Woodward Avenue (the official start of the parade), turn left on Carpenter Avenue, turn right on H Street, and finish at Mid-Town Mall parking lot or Stephenson Avenue.

AWARDS

Each entry has the ability to earn 100 points total. 10 points will automatically be awarded for having the application to us by JUNE 21st. Our Judges will award up to 30 points each for ENTERTAINMENT VALUE, CREATIVITY, and PUBLIC APPEAL. Entries automatically forfeit judgment if they fail to make their organization clear. If you are not judged, you cannot win. ***See Criteria for Judging on the next page.***

Certificates will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd entries with the highest points score respectively. 1st place will also receive "The Carnegie Cup" travelling trophy to display proudly for their reigning year and have their choice of placement for the next parade (Front, Middle or Grand Finale).

Additional Contact and Instruction Information:

Parade Chairperson: Ashley E - mrhf.parade@gmail.com

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

There are 100 points available. 10 points automatically awarded for having your application received by the June 21st deadline. **If our judges cannot distinguish who you are, they will not be able to judge you.** Remember, make your signage readable on all sides of your entry. If you are not judged, you cannot win.

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE: 1-30 points

“Wow factor;” decorations; costumes; use of color; sound/music; motion/dancing

CREATIVITY: 1-30 points

Effort; design; integrity; craftsmanship

PUBLIC APPEAL: 1-30 points

Enjoyment of the entry; considering our audience (family friendly, recognizable); did they hand out candy?; proportionate to the space it uses; entertaining or just another walking advertisement?