

2024 LINTON FREEDOM FESTIVAL
118th INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
“Freedom, Family and Fun” | July 4, 2024 | 10:00 AM

ORGANIZATION: _____ **ENTRY NAME:** _____

TYPE OF UNIT *(Please check only **one** category)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Units | <input type="checkbox"/> Dignitary | <input type="checkbox"/> Queen/Princess |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrine Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Classic/Antique Vehicles/Tractors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bands | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian | <input type="checkbox"/> Firetrucks/Rescue Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Float | <input type="checkbox"/> *Commercial Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous _____ |

What type of entry?

* Commercial Entry - Non-decorated commercial entries shall be assessed a \$100.00 entry fee, due and payable prior to the start of the parade.

DESCRIPTION OF UNIT *(Please fill in all that apply to your unit)*

Total Length _____ Total Width _____ Self-Propelled _____
Towed By _____ # of people walking _____ # of people in unit _____
Sound (Music or Talking) on unit? YES or NO TOTAL # of units for this application: _____

DIVISION FOR JUDGING *Please check **one**: Adult or Youth*

*(Please check only **one** below)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Built Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Division |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy Division | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clown | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Entry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic/Antique Vehicles/Tractors | | |

Entries not decorated could be subject to a \$100 entry fee

The Linton Freedom Festival Parade, Indiana’s LARGEST Independence Day Parade, will be covered by different venues of media. To properly recognize your organization and unit; please complete the reverse side of this invitation/registration form. If you should have more than one (1) unit; please call to have another form sent to you or permission is granted to photocopy this form. We request that your unit have an individual at curbside or street level for the distribution of candy, gum, etc. Throwing items from moving entries is against parade rules and strictly prohibited. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Return Forms no later than June 30 to:

Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce
390 A Street NE P.O. Box 208
Linton, IN 47441
Phone: 812.847.4846

Email: chamilton@lintonchamber.org

www.lintonchamber.org
www.lintonfreedomfestival.org

_____ Contact Person

_____ Phone Number

_____ Address

_____ City/State/Zip

_____ Email Address

Thank you and we are looking forward to your participation in Indiana's largest Independence Day Parade!!!!

Ralph Witty, Chair

Linton Freedom Festival Taskforce:

Tim Bledsoe, Bryan Correll, John Cotter, Jeff Franklin, Rob Kendall, Tracy Keen-McDonald, Jathan Wright, Crystal Woods
Staff: Cheryl Hamilton. Jamie Martin

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_____ Info complete _____ Database _____ Confirmation

PLEASE FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEDIA PURPOSES

It is from this information, you provide, that our parade announcer and the media receive their commentary for your unit. Only answer the questions that apply to your entry and unit. THANK YOU!

Entry name _____

Name of organization _____

Theme of entry _____

People on float or in group _____

Shrine Unit Director _____

Float Chairman _____

Band Director _____

Drum Major _____

Sgt. at Arms _____

President of Club or Organization _____

Awards or Honors your group has received _____

Special activities of group (philanthropic endeavors, projects) _____

Queen Entries: Name _____ Age _____

Hometown _____ School _____

How many years of participation in Freedom Festival Parade? _____

Additional information you would like mentioned _____

Due to the safety of our children, we ask that distribution of candy, gum, etc. be done in a safe and responsible manner. Throwing these and other items from moving vehicles is against parade rules. We request that you have an individual from your organization distributing these items at curbside or street level. Equipment trailers and support vehicles are not allowed as part of the parade entry. However you may locate these items in the Linton-Stockton Elementary parking lot (behind school) for reloading your equipment after the parade.

**SUBJECT: 2024 LINTON FREEDOM FESTIVAL
118th ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE "Freedom, Family and Fun"**

The Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce and Freedom Festival Taskforce wish to extend to you, your organization or church, a personal invitation to participate in our Independence Day Parade in Linton, the largest Independence Day Parade in Indiana, on JULY 4 at 10:00 A.M.

Shrine units will enter their line up position from Highway 54 and 1st Street NE. Proceed north on NE 1st Street to "E" Street NE. At this point directions will be given to where their position is on NE 1st Street.

Marching Bands will enter their line up position from 5th Street NW to "I" Street NW. Proceed to back of high school and unload behind the LSHS. Bands will form in front of school on schoolyard.

Antique & Classic Cars will enter their line up position from Highway 54 & NW 5th Street. Proceed north to NW "H" Street, turn right (East) and proceed to NW 1st Street. Line up will be on the west side of the High School.

All Firetrucks, Rescue Vehicles, & Large Units will enter the line up from Highway 54 & NW 5th Street. Proceed north to NW "H" Street, turn right (East) and proceed.

All other Parade Entries will enter the line up from Highway 54 and NE 10th Street. Proceed North on 10th Street NE to the check-in station at 10th Street and "F" Street NE. A position number will be assigned at this point. Parade workers will escort the parade unit to the proper position in the line up.

If you would like your entry to be judged, the judging will begin at 8:00 A.M. and your entry must be in its' designated place in the line-up at that time. Use of the Parade theme is encouraged.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

BEST OF THEME WINNER:	Best Overall float
MAYOR'S CHOICE:	Second Place float
QUEEN'S CHOICE:	Third Place float
ADULT DIVISION:	First Place
	Second Place
YOUTH DIVISION:	First Place
	Second Place
CURT HATTON COMEDY DIVISION:	First Place
	Second Place
RELIGIOUS DIVISION:	One Winner (must be a float)
ADULT COLOR GUARD	
YOUTH COLOR GUARD	
BEST CLOWN(S):	One Winner
DALE KNOTTS PERFORMANCE:	One Winner (judged at Review Stand)
HORSE UNITS:	Awards in five categories (judged separately)
ANTIQUA FARM EQUIPMENT:	One Winner
BOB BRADFORD ANTIQUA VEHICLE:	One Winner
CLASSIC CAR:	Mayor's Choice

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Our parade will be covered by several venues of the media. When completing your registration form please be as accurate as possible with the description and type of unit your organization will have in the parade. All information is critical and needed to complete the tasks of the Parade Committee, announcer and media crew.

The Festival and Parade Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry upon review of the registration forms and/or upon entry into the parade route.

Looking forward to your entry in our Festivities!!!!

LINTON FREEDOM FESTIVAL PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All parade participants will be notified by invitation as to time, place, etc. A deadline for entering the parade will be noted on the registration form. Parade entries without an assigned number will be placed at the end of the line-up. The registration form will request entry information i.e. type of entry, unit length and width, use of music or sound, etc.
2. The number of motorized units in the parade will be limited. This would include Shrine units, 4-wheeler, car clubs, commercial entries, motorcycles, etc.
3. Marching and motorized units are to perform only in a forward motion. Parade should continue moving forward, except when performing in front of the reviewing stand. Performances should be no longer than 90 seconds.
4. Rate of march should be 3 mph or 120 steps per minute. If your entry is walking and has a motorized vehicle, the vehicle must maintain parade rate of movement in order to eliminate gaps in the parade.
5. No alcoholic beverages allowed in the parade. Anyone seen displaying any signs of alcohol will be removed from the parade.
6. Current office holders running for re-election may take part in the Linton Freedom Festival Parade under the following conditions:
 - A. No advertising or promotional material of any kind to be displayed as a dignitary unit.
 - B. Candidates who are not current office holders must contact their respective party for participation entries and must abide by rules set forth for current and re-election stated above. Candidates running as Independents will be considered their own party and will all be placed together as one entry.
7. No chewing gum, candy, etc. is to be thrown from the parade entries in the parade route. These and other items are to be distributed by an individual at curbside or street level. Please help us keep small children out of the street.
8. Protests of controversial issues will not be allowed as an entry in the parade or in the line-up. Requests for parade registration by controversial entries will be screened carefully by Parade Co-Chairs, then presented to the Festival & Parade Committee for review.
9. Parade start time is promptly at 10:00 A.M. Units should judge their departure from their home stations in such a manner as to permit their arrival in parade line-up by 9:00 A.M. Any unit anticipating having difficulty getting into Linton should contact the Chamber office at (812) 847-4846, prior to Parade Day.
10. If you would like your entry to be judged, your entry must be in its designated place in the line-up at 8:00 A.M. Please refer to the parade cover letter for award categories.
11. Shrine units will assemble on 1st Street NE in the 2 blocks roped off from F Street to H Street NE, entering the parade from that point.
12. All school buses, after unloading on behind school, may proceed to E Street NE between 10th & 11th Streets on the south side, where the parade will disband, or you may park behind the school.
13. A parade theme will be established each year by the Festival and Parade Committee and will be indicated on the parade registration form. Use of the parade theme and beauty are encouraged throughout the parade and especially with floats. Our only restrictions on floats are that they be of high quality and that professional float building materials be used. Floats should not exceed 12 feet in width and 14 feet in height. Floats must be pulled or self-propelled and must have 180 degree vision for the driver. Home-built or non-professionally built floats will be judged on beauty, originality, workmanship and use of parade theme.
14. All commercial entries must be of high quality and the entry must enhance and add beauty to the parade. Entries for the sole purpose of advertising their business will be required to submit a \$100.00 entry fee.
15. Street vendors selling balloons, pop, candy, etc. will not be allowed on the street after the parade begins, but may move to the sidewalks for selling purposes. Local, charity organizations will not be charged a vendor's permit but must obtain a vendor's badge. For profit vendors will be charged a fee by parade personnel and must display an "Official Vendor" button. All badges must be arranged prior to July 4.
16. Parade spectators love to hear and see marching bands! Therefore, to add more to our parade, it is requested that no more than one block lapse between performances of songs by participating bands.