2023 PARADE PROCEDURES

Please read all procedures and regulations carefully. Any willful infraction(s) will result in the immediate disqualification of your entry and/or removal from the parade. The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce's decision in all cases will be final.

PROCEDURES

- 1. Line-up begins at 4:30PM Tuesday, October 31, 2023 in the Woodland Elementary School & Lincoln Middle School parking lots.
- 2. Restrooms are available through the gym entrance of Lincoln Middle School.
- **3.** Judging will occur at the grandstand near Mojo's Music on Edwardsville's Main Street. NO JUDGING will occur in the Woodland Elementary School & Lincoln Middle School parking lots.
- 4. All floats must be in place by 5PM. Late arrivals cause serious traffic flow concerns.
- 5. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30PM. You must be in place and ready to go!
- 6. The parade will leave Lincoln Middle School parking lot at Schwarz & West Streets, then travel east on St. Louis Street to Vandalia Street, then north on North Main Street and will disband at High Street. Follow the specific instructions of police officers at the end of the parade. Once you are off the roadway/parade route, DO NOT immediately stop and unload.
- 7. In case of inclement weather, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will make a determination by 5:30PM. The announcement will be posted on the Ed/Glen Chamber's website at edglenchamber.com and on the organization's Facebook page. If no announcement is made by 5:30pm, spectators and participants may assume that the parade will begin promptly at 6:30pm. The Ed/Glen Chamber works closely with the Edwardsville Police Department to assess any public safety concerns due to inclement weather; the parade will occur rain or shine, provided public safety is not at risk. In the case of parade cancellation due to weather/safety concerns, the event will not be rescheduled; refunds will not be issued.



2023 PARADE REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS

1. LINE-UP

- a. Only parade floats may park in the line-up areas; participant parking not allowed on school grounds.
- b. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or displayed prior to or during the parade.
- c. During set-up in the float line-up area, please keep all noise down.
- d. Use public containers to discard any trash or take it with you when you depart.

2. ENTRIES

- a. All entries shall be <u>respectful and appropriate for a family environment</u>. Lewd or offensive scenes, costumes and decorations will not be permitted, nor may they depict the use of drugs, alcohol, weapons or tobacco.
- b. Undecorated vehicles not allowed in the parade.
- c. Any undue noises that shall become offensive to the other participants such as air horns, sirens, etc., will not be allowed.
- d. All motorized vehicles in the parade must be operated by an individual at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. **ID may be requested.** All vehicles and trailers (floats) must have valid registration and insurance card in their possession at all times.
- e. All entries must display line-up number (provided in parade packets) in the front passenger side of float/vehicle. Do not exchange line-up numbers with other parade participants. Floats not in line-up order will be dismissed from parade route.
- f. Floats are to be no taller than 13'6" due to power lines and stop lights along the parade route. Maximum length, including trailer, hitch & vehicle, is 44'; maximum width, wheel-to-wheel, is 7'; weight limit is 37 tons. These dimensions are the maximum allowance due to safety concerns. Measure your trailer, hitch & vehicle prior to completing entry form to ensure your float complies.
- g. Dogs must be restrained (i.e., on a leash) and you must clean up after them. Other animals will not be allowed in the parade.
- h. In an effort to ensure the parade remains family-friendly, in 2012 the Ed/Glen Chamber discontinued elected official and candidate parade participation. Campaigning of any kind is not permitted in this parade, no exceptions.

3. DURING THE PARADE

- a. For safety purposes an adult chaperone, other than the driver, must ride with youth in the back of pickup beds. In addition, an adult walker must be at each vehicle wheel.
- b. All passengers should be secured in or on the vehicle.
- c. The distribution of candy along the parade route is encouraged, however, for safety purposes, candy should not be thrown from any vehicle or float. This is according to City of Edwardsville safety procedures; the Edwardsville Police Department will be watching for violations. Please assign walkers to distribute the candy. Walkers should distribute candy as far off the road as possible to avoid children running into the streets. Persons distributing items while walking must keep up with the pace of the parade.
- d. All vehicles shall be propelled at a safe speed.



2023 PARADE JUDGING

JUDGING

ALL ENTRIES, whether judged or not, must arrive by 5PM due to traffic constraints. Floats may arrive at the assembly area as early as 4:30PM.

NO JUDGING will occur in the line-up areas. Entries will be judged from the grandstand near Mojo's Music on Edwardsville's Main Street.

It is important that your line-up number (which will be included in your parade packet available at the Ed/Glen Chamber office 12-4PM October 17 through October 20), be prominently displayed on the passenger side of your vehicle. This will allow judges to quickly identify judged entries during the parade. ALL FLOATS, WHETHER JUDGED OR NOT, MUST DISPLAY ENTRY NUMBER IN PASSENGER WINDOW. Entries with no visible number on the passenger side of the vehicle will be disqualified from judging.

Professional (leased/rented) floats are **NOT** eligible for judging.

Decision of the judges is final.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

LARGE COMMERCIAL: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Plaques SMALL COMMERCIAL: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Plaques

LARGE CHARITABLE/RELIGIOUS ORG: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50 SMALL CHARITABLE/RELIGIOUS ORG: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50 NEIGHBORHOOD / YOUTH GROUPS: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50

The GRAND PRIZE WINNER will be awarded to the highest-scoring of the five 1st place winners and will receive a plaque.

JUDGING CRITERIA INCLUDE:

CLARITY OF THEME PORTRAYED: (Maximum 5 Points Awarded)

How well the float incorporates the parade theme.

WORKMANSHIP: (Maximum 5 Points Awarded)

Craftsmanship in float creation: detail, design, use of colors & materials.

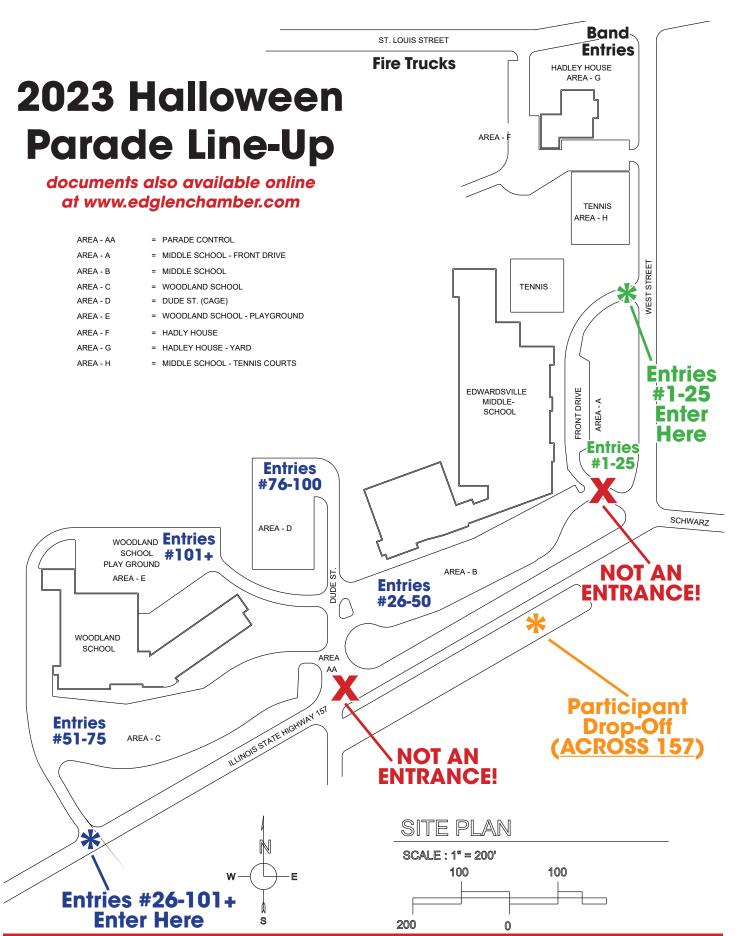
ORIGINALITY: (Maximum 5 Points Awarded)

Uniqueness of float, concept and creative use of materials.

PIZZAZZ: (Maximum 5 Points Awarded)

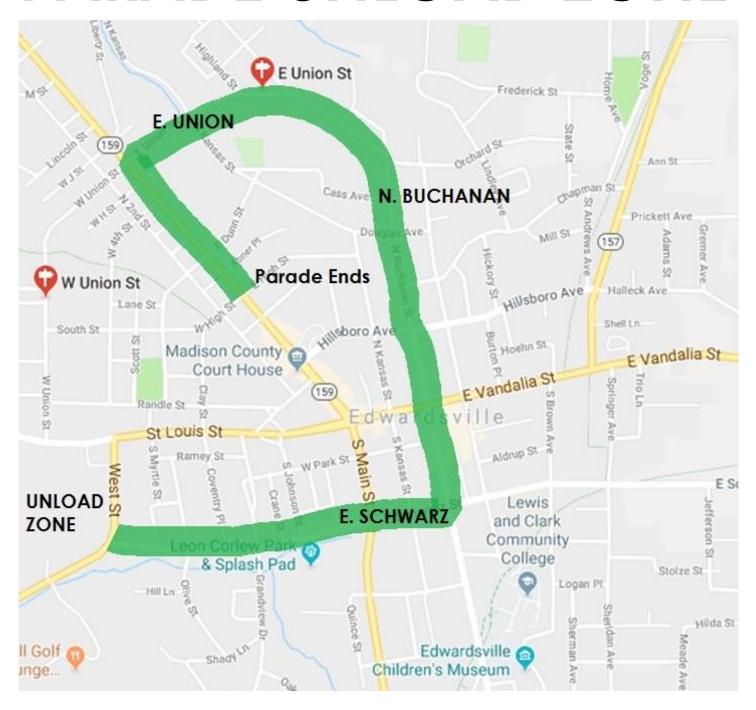
Extra points awarded to entries with lights, special effects, or sound effects.





* * * LINE-UP AREAS EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARADE FLOATS - NO EXCEPTIONS * * *
PARTICIPANT PARKING & DROP-OFF NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

PARADE UNLOAD ZONE



PARADE ROUTE: Promptly at 6:30pm Tuesday, October 31, 2023, the parade will leave Lincoln Middle School parking lot at Schwarz & West Streets, then travel east on St. Louis Street to Vandalia Street, then north on North Main Street and will disband at High Street.

POLITICAL REMINDER: Campaigning is no longer allowed in the Halloween parade. This includes, but is not limited to, distribution of political materials and display of political campaign signage or clothing. Parade participants with any political materials will not be allowed in the parade.

FLOAT DIMENSIONS: State law restricts vehicles on local roads to **8 feet in maximum** width. Floats are to be no taller than 13'6" due to power lines and stop lights along the parade route. Maximum length is 44' and weight limit is 37 tons.



Entries will be judged from the grandstand near Mojo's Music during the parade.

No judging will occur in the line-up area.

ANNOUNCEMEMENT OF WINNERS:

Winners will be announced in the Edwardsville Intelligencer.

VOTING FOR FAN FAVORITE:

Spectators & participants are encouraged to vote for their favorite float (selected from top floats in each category)

November 2. Details will be announced on the Ed/Glen Chamber's Facebook page.

For Halloween parade announcements, go to www.edglenchamber.com

We work closely with the Edwardsville Police Department to ensure the safety of all parade spectators.

CANDY DISTRIBUTION: To discourage children and other spectators from running out into the street, please toss candy away from trucks/floats toward sidewalks.

and other larger items <u>may not be thrown</u>, tossed or slung to parade spectators. These items, however, may be handed out by volunteers walking with your entry.



ATTENTION BANDS: All bands MUST BREAK FORMATION AND **DISPERSE** just after High Street, then walk to their designated meeting location.



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