HALLOWEEN PARADE

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How do I find my line-up number?
A: Parade packets, which include line-up numbers and maps, will be available for pick-up at **1 North Research Drive in Edwardsville** from **12-4PM October 14-16**; remaining packets will be mailed to entrants Monday, October 19.

Q: Are line-up numbers assigned in the order entries are received?
A: The parade line-up is established according to protocol and public safety concerns. The parade line-up is **not** created based on when entries are received.

Q: Can I change my line-up number or request a specific line-up number?
A: We are unable to entertain special requests. Once your number has been assigned, it will not be changed and may not be exchanged with another entry. Remember, **there are no undesirable positions** because spectators are eager to watch the entire parade!

Q: What counts as an 'entry' in the parade?
A: Any vehicle that will drive the parade route is considered an entry. This includes cars, trucks, trailers, golf carts, tractors, trains, walkers, bands, etc. Any group that is on the parade route is also considered an entry. **Each entry is assessed the entry fee**.

Q: Are political entries allowed in the parade?
A: Campaigning is not allowed in the Halloween parade. This includes, but is not limited to, distribution of political materials and displays of political campaign signage or clothing. Parade participants with any political materials will not be allowed in the parade and are automatically disqualified from judging.

Q: How early can I bring my float to the parade line-up area?
A: Parade **line-up begins at 4:30pm** in the Woodland Elementary School & Lincoln Middle School parking lots. All entries should be in place **no later than 5PM**. The parade begins **promptly at 6:30PM**.

Q: Do I have to decorate my vehicle?
A: If it's in the parade, it should be decorated. All entries shall be respectful and appropriate for a family environment. Lewd or offensive scenes, costumes and decorations will not be permitted, nor may they depict the use of drugs, alcohol, weapons or tobacco.

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Q: What happens if it rains?
A: The parade will occur rain or shine, provided public safety is not at risk. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated via **www.edglenchamber.com** and social media no later than 5:30PM October 31.

Q: Can the parade be postponed or rescheduled?
A: The state road closure permit only provides for the parade to occur within a finite timeframe the evening of October 31, 2026. If inclement weather prevents the parade from occurring the evening of October 31, 2026, this year's parade is officially cancelled and we will look forward to the October 31, 2027 event. Entry fees are non-refundable, including in the instance of cancellation.

Q: Are animals allowed in the parade?
A: Dogs must be leashed, and you must clean up after them. Other animals are not allowed in the parade.

Q: Can we toss candy from the float or back of a pickup truck?
A: Distribution of candy along the parade route is encouraged, however, for safety purposes, **candy should not be thrown** from any vehicle or float. The Edwardsville Police Department watches closely for violations. Please assign walkers to distribute the candy, **toss candy underhanded**, and **ensure it reaches sidewalks**.

Q: How much candy should we bring for an estimated 15,000 spectators?
A: The total amount is up to your budget. We highly recommend **dividing your candy in half** and monitoring distribution to ensure you have enough to cover the entire parade route. A good rule of thumb is to distribute half leading up to Walgreens and the other half down Main Street.

Q: How many adult volunteers do we need to walk in the parade?
A: In addition to your driver, one adult must ride with youth in the back of pickup beds. One adult walker must be at **each** vehicle wheel.

Q: Is there a designated un-loading zone at the end of the parade?
A: The safest place to unload are the parking lots of Woodland Elementary & Lincoln Middle School. Follow the specific instructions of police officers at the end of the parade route. Do not pull over on Main Street and unload.

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