



Join in the Fun! 2013 Theme is Parade of Stars!

Here's what you need to do:

- **Choose a parade representative**— If you received this email, you are the parade representative that the South County 4th of July Parade Committee is counting on to share this information. It will be your responsibility to share all details about the parade with your group.
- **Arrival** - Please arrive between 7:00AM and 8:15AM on Wed., July 4th at The Woodlands United Methodist Church parking lot. **NEW THIS YEAR ...** all vehicles that are staying in the parade should enter the parking lot from *Lake Woodlands Drive*. All participants that are being dropped off enter the parking lot off of Grogan's Mill. Large vehicles should arrive early (see map on website). All parade entries and participants should be in place by **8:30AM**. Parade will start at **9:00AM**.
- **Traffic Flow - NEW THIS YEAR** – To improve safety and traffic flow in the staging area, the driveways that run on the east and west side of the staging lot will be one-way traffic only. They will run NORTH towards Lake Front Circle. You will re-enter the staging area from Lake Woodlands Drive.
- **Parking**— refer to the Parade Staging map (www.4thofjuly.org, Parade info, Parade Staging. Parking will be in the United Methodist Church and The Loft parking lots. Car pool if possible; parking is limited.
- **Entry Number** - You will be provided an entry number upon entry into the staging lot. Please display the number on the driver's side of the dashboard.
- **Judging** - Entries will be judged on the parade route in Market Street at the North Commons. All winners will be notified by telephone following the parade and will receive the awards and trophies at the Red Hot and Blue Festival on July 4. **DO NOT STOP IN FRONT OF THE JUDGING STAND!**
- **Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate** – It will be extremely HOT! Don't forget to bring water for your group! There will be bike medics along the course in case of any emergencies.
- **Port-o-Potties** - Portable toilets are located in Row A and Row R in the parking lot.
- **Volunteers** – There will be 50+ volunteers in the staging area wearing **SUNSHINE YELLOW** shirts. If you have any questions, please seek them out. There are also Lead Staging Volunteers who will be wearing **GREEN VESTS**.
- **Road Closures** - Road closures begin at 7:30AM at Grogan's Mill at Lake Robbins, Lake Front Circle at Lake Woodlands and Lake Woodlands at Six Pines for all traffic.

Parade rules:

1. Do not throw or shoot anything including candy, water, balls or paper from on or alongside parade entries.
2. Shooting water at parade viewers is strictly prohibited.
3. All entries are required to exhibit proper decorum, fellowship and family oriented behavior in the staging area and during the parade.
4. Walkers may distribute items to the crowd. Entries that distribute items will pay a \$25.00 clean-up fee in addition to the entry fee. Do not do anything that would encourage spectators to enter the parade vehicle path.
5. Do not hang off the sides of moving vehicles. Please be very careful any time you are on, behind or next to a moving float. **WATCH ALL CHILDREN IN YOUR ENTRY VERY CAREFULLY!**
6. Keep within 20 to 30 feet of the entry in front of you. **Do not stop during the parade, except to keep your spacing or during an emergency.**
7. No fireworks of any kind may be used in the parade.
8. **Any deviation from the rules will result in disqualification from current and/or future parades.**

Thank you for your participation! Happy 4th of July!