AMERICAN LEGION/OLD SETTLERS DAYS PARADE RULES

***2019 THEME: “THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME” –*** *It’s the 80th Anniversary of “The Wizard of Oz”*

*Put on your Ruby Slippers, grab a Munchkin or 2, use your extraordinary Brain, Heart and Courage and create an entry that tells why you call Whitley County “Home”!*

**All parade entries should be decorated.** This includes all vehicles, floats and trailers. Exceptions are classic vehicles and emergency vehicles. All walking and animal groups should have a sign or banner to let us know who they are. ***Extra points will be given for using the theme.*** Please have fun with this, get your group together and make a great entry. Keep in mind that judges will be observing from 15-20 feet away. Signs and décor need to be plainly visible from a distance. Please pay close attention to the following list and include the correct category on your entry form. This will help us to better judge contestants. All entries must have contact information including mailing address. Please remember this is a family-friendly event. Anyone who is belligerent, refuses to follow directions on the day of the parade or participates in any indecent behavior may be removed from the parade at the discretion of the Lineup Coordinator or the Parade Chairman. Any concerns should be expressed to designated Parade Officials.

PARADE CATEGORIES

*Use the following information to complete the entry form on the following page. If your entry fits more than one category, please choose only one. Units must be designated as non-profit or commercial (advertising a for-profit company). Any units with animals are responsible for waste cleanup at the staging area and throughout the parade. Remember that the pavement may be too hot for your pets’ feet and that they may overheat easily.*

**A. COLOR GUARD** *(CAN BE EITHER WALKING OR MOUNTED)*

**B. SCHOOL BAND** *(INCLUDES MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL-****ALL PARTICIPATING BANDS WILL RECEIVE $150 FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES)***

**C. ANIMAL DRAWN UNITS** *(INCLUDES CARTS, CARRIAGES, WAGONS)*

**D. MOUNTED ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT** *(SHRINERS, RED HATS, 4-H, BREED CLUBS)*

**E. MOUNTED OTHER** *(MOUNTED ON ANIMALS-HAUNTED JAIL, INDIVIDUALS, ETC.)*

**F. ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES** *(CARS & TRUCKS OVER 50 YRS OLD)*

**G. CLASSIC AUTOMOBILES** *(CARS & TRUCKS 25-50 YRS OLD)*

**H. ANTIQUE TRACTORS** *(OVER 50 YEARS OLD)*

**I. FLOAT** *(A DECORATED PLATFORM, EITHER BUILT ON A VEHICLE OR TOWED BEHIND ONE)*

**J. NOVELTY/FUN MOTORIZED UNITS** *(INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CAR CLUBS, GOLF CART CLUBS, ATV CLUBS, MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, BOAT CLUBS, ETC. ALSO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES)*

**K. NOVELTY/FUN NON-MOTORIZED** *(WALKING, DANCING, TWIRLING, CYCLING, SKATING, DRILL TEAMS, ETC.)*

**L. POLITICAL**

**RULES**:

1. **STAGING/UNSTAGING**
* Staging for the parade primarily will be at the Columbia City High School parking lot, but sections are organized in several locations. Staging will begin at 3:00 p.m. All entries should enter by the driveway at the north edge of the school property, across from North Street. Please arrive as close to 3:00 p.m. as possible to get checked in and directed to the correct section. Section lineup is subject to last minute changes at the discretion of the Lineup Coordinator. Please be considerate of others and follow the direction of the Parade Officials.
* All participants should finish the parade at Whitley & Ellsworth St. to minimize congestion at Main Bowl or just return to the High School to disband your group.
* Each group is required to dispose of its own trash including animal waste. Littering of any kind will not be tolerated. Anyone caught littering will be removed from the parade immediately and will not be welcomed back.
* Entries consisting of person(s) under the age of 16 yrs. of age must be accompanied by an adult.
* Columbia City High School is a **TOBACCO FREE PROPERTY.**
1. **SPECTATOR SAFETY**

Please do not throw any items from moving vehicles or trailers. Candy, fliers, gifts etc. must come from a walking participant.

1. **PERFORMANCE**

All units are encouraged to be costumed or uniformed and have an activity/routine to entertain people along the parade route. Stopping along parade route to perform will not be permitted. Parade entries may only stop at the judges stand to perform. There is a maximum of 1-1/2 minutes (90 seconds) for each performing group.

1. **WEATHER**

The parade will go on rain or shine! In case of severe weather, emergency responders will advise. Use your own discretion regarding weather. Please bring water for your participants and be cautious about furry friends marching on hot pavement.

1. **AWARDS**

There is ***NO ENTRY FEE*** and ***NO COMPETITION FEE*** for this parade. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you do not indicate that you have a competing unit, you will not be judged and will not receive any prize money. Winners of competing entries will be posted on Facebook (OldSettlers Parade) the following day and published in The Post & Mail the following week at the publisher's discretion.

1. **ANNOUNCER'S COPY**

Form on page 3 must accompany parade entry form; this will be read from the judging area! Please include your contact information at minimum. Please limit to approximately 75 words or less.

“**THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME**” 2019 AMERICAN LEGION/OLD SETTLERS DAYS PARADE

**PARADE ENTRY FORM**

GROUP OR ENTRY NAME

CONTACT NAME

CONTACT PHONE # EMAIL

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

**CATEGORY COMMERCIAL NON-PROFIT MUSIC COMPETING**

*(CHOOSE 1-SEE PAGE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION) (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)*

** COLOR GUARD    **

** SCHOOL BAND N/A N/A N/A N/A**

** ANIMAL DRAWN UNITS    **

** MOUNTED ORGANIZATIONAL    **

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** ANTIQUE TRACTORS    **

** FLOAT    **

** NOVELTY/FUN MOTORIZED UNITS    **

** NOVELTY/FUN NON-MOTORIZED    **

** POLITICAL N/A N/A  N/A**

NUMBER OF VEHICLES IN YOUR UNIT TOTAL APPROX.LENGTH

ANY WALKERS? **** YES **** NO IF YES, HOW MANY?

WILL YOU BE PERMORMING FOR THE JUDGES? **** YES **** NO *(Everyone is allotted 1-1/2 minutes to perform)*

RELEASE OF LIABILITY (MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE ENTRY IS ACCEPTED) As entrant(s) for the American Legion/Old Settlers Parade, I (we) release The American Legion Post 98 and the Whitley County Old Settlers Committee and the City of Columbia City, Whitley County Consolidated Schools and all other parties involved with the Old Settlers Days celebration from any liability which might be incurred from injury, loss or theft.

Signature Date

**Entry Form and Announcer's Form must be postmarked by June 24th, 2019.**

***Groups wishing to stay together must mail entries in one envelope.***

**Mail entry and announcer forms to:**

**Old Settlers Parade/Misty Oliver**

**American Legion Post 98**

**430 W Business 30**

**Columbia City, IN 46725**

**Or email to: OldSettlersParadeCC@gmail.com**

PARADE DATE JUNE 29th, 2019

Lineup begins at 3:00 p.m.

2019 THEME “THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME”

GROUP OR ENTRY NAME

CONTACT NAME

DESCRIPTION OF OR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR UNIT:

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY FORM.

This information will be read from the judges' stand during the parade so please ensure its accuracy and indicate any unusual pronunciations with phonetic spelling. Minimally, please give your name or organization’s name and address so spectators will know who you are and how to contact you.