

AMERICAN LEGION/OLD SETTLERS DAYS PARADE RULES

2018 THEME: "DOING A 180°" - Looking back at 180 years of Whitley County History

Celebrate Whitley County's 180th anniversary! Think of all the people, places and things that have made Whitley County what it is today. Use your imagination!

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 included. 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**.

2. SPECTATOR SAFETY

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

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PARADE ENTRY FORM

GROUP OR ENTRY NAME _____

CONTACT NAME _____

CONTACT PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CATEGORY <small>(CHOOSE 1-SEE PAGE 1 FOR DESCRIPTION)</small>	COMMERCIAL	NON-PROFIT <small>(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)</small>	MUSIC	COMPETING
<input type="checkbox"/> COLOR GUARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL BAND	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL DRAWN UNITS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTED ORGANIZATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTED OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> CLASSIC AUTOMOBILES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTIQUE TRACTORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> FLOAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVELTY/FUN MOTORIZED UNITS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVELTY/FUN NON-MOTORIZED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

NUMBER OF VEHICLES IN YOUR UNIT _____ TOTAL APPROX.LENGTH _____

ANY WALKERS? YES NO HOW MANY? _____

WILL YOU BE PERFORMING 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 25th, 2018.

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

Mail entry and announcer forms to:
Old Settlers Parade
American Legion Post 98
430 W Business 30 Columbia City, IN 46725

Or email to: OldSettlersParadeCC@gmail.com

PARADE DATE JUNE 30th, 2018

Lineup begins at 3:00 p.m.

