

ON BEHALF OF THE MERCERSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE COMMITTEE
WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR 73RD ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN PARADE. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN MERCERSBURG
ON OCTOBER 30, 2017.

THANK YOU

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The Mercersburg
Halloween Parade Committee
PO Box 338, Mercersburg, PA 17236

73rd ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE
Monday, OCTOBER 30, 2017

7:00 pm

Rain Date will be Tuesday, OCTOBER 31, 2017

NOTICE

We extend this invitation to you and your organization to participate in this year's parade!

Co-Sponsor
Mercersburg
Lions Club



Co-Sponsor
American Legion
Post 517



Co-Sponsor
Loyal Order
of Moose
Lodge 1790



We hope you will participate and wish you luck in winning one of the attractive prizes or trophies offered. You will find a list of the prizes, rules of the parade, and an entry form herein.

Completed entry forms must be received no later than end of business day **OCTOBER 18, 2017.**

We look forward to seeing you this year!

For any announcements about your group (history, awards, etc.) please include a brief resume with your entry form. This will be read as you go through the square where the judges are located.

ALL MARCHING UNITS AND MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NUMBERS 2, 3, AND 4 UNDER PARADE RULES.

Line-Up Instructions will be sent to you a week prior to the Parade.

NOTE: Only vehicles participating in the parade will be permitted on Linden Avenue from East or West Fairview Ave. Those vehicles unloading equipment must **exit Linden Ave. by 6:30 p.m.**

All bands will go directly to the Mercersburg Academy Chapel and unload there.

\$ PRIZE LIST \$			
73 rd ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE			
MERCERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17236			
OCTOBER 30, 2017			
Group Classification	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Senior High School Band	\$1,000	\$800	n/a
Jr -- Sr. School Band (Grades 9 through 12 with 500 students or fewer)	\$1,000	\$400	n/a
Junior High or Middle School Band	\$600	\$400	n/a
Color Guard (Veterans)	\$125	\$75	
Majorette Group	\$100	\$50	\$25
Organized Group (Adult)	\$100	\$50	\$25
Organized School or Youth Group (Grade 1 -- 12)	\$100	\$50	\$25
Cub or Brownie Scouts	\$100	\$50	\$25
Boy or Girl Scouts	\$100	\$50	\$25
Individuals and Decorated Bikes			
Ages 1 -- 16 in costume	\$15	\$10	\$5
Individuals 17+ in costume	\$15	\$10	\$5
Adult/Youth Combo in costume	\$20	\$15	\$10
Motorized Vehicles			
Best Appearing Patriotic Individual	\$50		
Antique	\$50	\$25	\$10
Classic	\$50	\$25	\$10
Street Rods	\$50	\$25	\$10
Best Appearing Fire Truck	Trophy		
Best Appearing Ambulance	Trophy		
Miscellaneous			
Horses	\$25	\$10	\$5
Floats			
Amateur Built Float (Any float that is wholly built and designed by amateurs with nothing but the framework and covering commercially designed)	\$250	\$200	\$100
Youth Group Float (Any float entered by a school or school organization. Amateur built & designed by youths of the group. Nothing but framework and covering being commercially purchased.)	\$250	\$200	\$100
Best Appearing Amateur Built Patriotic Float	\$250		
Best Appearing Professional Float	\$250		
Any unit or company not wishing to compete for prizes should mark the form as: N/C under CLASS (Not Competing)			

Parade Rules

1. Nothing of political or obscene nature in any form will be permitted in the parade.
 2. There will be no drilling in the line of march by any unit unless said unit is moving forward at the same time, and not stopping the forward movement of the parade, or of their forward movement. (50 points will be deducted if this happens.)
 3. There will be no drilling at the judge's stand by any unit unless said unit is moving forward at the same time, and not stopping the forward movement of the parade, or of their forward movement. (50 points will be deducted if this happens.)
 4. Musical organizations should play while in the square for judging.
 5. There will be no fire of any kind, except majorettes with fire batons.
 6. Sirens or horns will not be used except for emergency purposes.
 7. Only one fire truck and one ambulance from any one (1) Fire/Rescue Company will be allowed in the parade and judged.
 8. For safety reasons, the firing of firearms, throwing of candy that contains peanuts, or drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Parade vehicles are to obey ALL PA highway & traffic laws. Note: Misconduct will be grounds for disqualification.
 9. Should the forward movement of the parade be stopped for any reason, a unit may drill while stopped, but must move forward at the command of the Marshal in charge. Marshals will report any violations to the judges.
 10. All entries MUST have completed an entry form to be in the parade and be eligible for a prize.
11. Candy may be thrown. Please avoid peanut products.

Judging

Professional judges will judge each entry on a point (tick) system, and prizes will be awarded at their discretion. A point rating sheet will be mailed to all winners. If other entries desire a point sheet they may request a copy. Motorized vehicles will be judged according to class (Antique, Classic, or Street Rod). Please note your vehicle's plate for the class to enter.

Entry Form

Please use the official entry form below to enter the parade this year. Return to the address listed below,

Mercersburg Halloween Parade
PO Box 338
Mercersburg, PA 17236

Person in Charge: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone #: _____
Email Address: _____
Entry Class: _____
Name of Entry: _____
Description: _____
Number in Group: _____
Length of Float: _____