



45<sup>th</sup> Hampden Children's Day  
**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## AMERICA'S 250<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY THEME!



**DECORATE IN RED, WHITE & BLUE**

Parade Entry Form

**2026**

The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please assemble at **Reeds Brook Middle School** at 9:30 a.m.

Early check in at 9:00 AM Available on event day.

(Reeds Brook Middle School is located at 28 Main Road South, Hampden, ME 04444)

Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Group or Business \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Hampden Children's Day  
PO Box 571 Hampden, ME 04444

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Release/Assumption of Risk/Agreement to Indemnify and Hold Harmless**

By signing this entry form you are acknowledging that you have read and will comply with the rules for participation in this parade. All parade participation is voluntary and done at one's own risk. You agree to release and to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Hampden, and the 2025 Hampden Children's Day Committee Members and Volunteers, from any and all liability, action, damages, and claims of any kind or nature whatsoever, including liability for injury, harm or damage to any person or property.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit your entry by Thursday, July 30th, 2026**

?S CONTACT: Amy Ryder (Monday through Friday 8:30 am-4 pm) at 862-8223

### **ENTRY INFORMATION**

(Circle category that applies to your entry)

Please be prepared to submit proof of insurance coverage if you would like to enter a motorized vehicle.

Antique/Classic Auto

Commercial Entry

Musical Unit

Non-Profit

Public Safety Unit

Walking Unit

Performing Unit

Live Animals w/cleanup crew

- ☐ Unit Will Have Music or Siren Noise during parade
- ☐ Unit Will Be Handing Out Candy or Trinkets to parade spectators
- ☐ Proof of vehicle insurance and valid driver's license for unit operator shown

### **PARADE ENTRY DESCRIPTION**

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**Please Complete Parade Applications by July 30th and send to:**

**Amy Ryder, c/o Hampden Recreation, 106 Western Avenue, Hampden, ME 04444**

**[aryder@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:aryder@hampdenmaine.gov)**

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## Parade Information and Rules

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Parade Line Up Begins at 9:30 AM at Reeds Brook Middle School 28a Main Road South Hampden

Parade kicks off at 11 AM and proceeds left out Reeds Brook driveway, left at the intersection of Western Avenue, continues down Western Avenue ending at the Intersection of RT 202 (Hampden Academy entrance). Parade units needing to pick up vehicles etc., may enter at the Hampden Academy driveway and follow the road towards the back where the road meets the back parking area of Reeds Brook Middle School.

Safety is our #1 priority...No items may be thrown into the parade crowds from a parade entry. Candy, water, balls, pencils, Frisbees, etc. may be handed out by walkers. We encourage to walkers to stick to one side of the street and avoid crossing during the parade. Please watch for parade walkers and parade watchers who may enter the parade route.

Water guns, water balloons and spraying/shooting water into the parade crowd is not allowed.

No political advertisements are allowed. This includes printed political information handed to parade watchers. This Day is for the celebration of Children!

Mind the gap. Please allow 20-30 ft. between entries. Some entries will stop to perform during the route. Please be mindful of the delay time, and continue on the route limiting the gap as much as possible.

Parade line up area is for parade participants and parade units only. Personal vehicles must be parked at the back gym parking lot of Reeds Brook Middle School or back teacher parking lot of Hampden Academy. No parking on the roadway/driveway of the school yards. Personal vehicles must be in designated parking space.

Parade units are encouraged to decorate or craft their unit to follow the year's theme selected. Parade units will be judged by select children who have participated in our theme and poster contest programs. Judging will take place at the judging stand at the Bangor Savings branch on

Main Road in Hampden. Parade entry descriptions will be utilized by the Parade MC to announce your unit.

Parade awards will be announced just prior to the fireworks display on the event day. First and Second place awards will be given in the following judging categories: Theme Specific Entry, For Profit Business Entry, and Non Profit Entry.

All parade units with animals must have provide their own waste pick up crew following closely behind their unit for immediate removal of waste. All animals shall be under the handler's control during the parade, and handlers are expected to monitor their animal's safety and comfort. Units with live animals will be positioned towards the back of the parade line up whenever possible.

Please watch all children participating in the parade carefully. Do not allow parade participants to hang off/over the sides of a moving vehicle. Tailgates should be closed. Participants should remain seated when possible. Remember a safe parade is a great parade!

No open flames, or pyrotechnic displays or devices allowed.

Please indicate on your parade entry form if you intend to use/play music or make siren noise during the parade route, to plan for proper spacing and line up of units.

Please also indicate on your parade entry form if you intend to pass out any candy or trinkets to parade spectators.