

Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade

Rules for Participation

- 1) Groups, organizations, bands, schools, etc. are included in the parade by INVITATION ONLY. Marchers are included in the Parade at the invitation of the Parade Committee or one of the eight Sustaining Divisions. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 2) The Parade Committee has the right to remove any group from the Parade, at any time. All decisions are at the discretion of the Parade Committee, and are final.
- 3) BEFORE THE PARADE:
 - a. Each marching group must:
 - i. agree to abide by the rules
 - ii. must identify a primary contact a
 1. pre-parade contact, and
 2. parade day contact (aka "group adjutant").
 - iii. Each group is encouraged to support their Sustaining Division (the group that has invited them to march with them) and the Parade by advertising in the annual Souvenir Journal (see www.albanypatricksdayparade.com).
 - iv. Complete the attached application and return it to your sponsoring Sustaining Division BEFORE March 1!
- 4) PARADE DAY:
 - a. Join the Parade Committee and the Sustaining Divisions for:
 - i. Mass at 9am at Blessed Sacrament Church (607 Central Ave)
 - ii. Reception following Mass, Irish music, breads, coffee/tea, Blessed Sacrament School auditorium (immediately following Mass).
- 5) WHILE MARCHING:
 - a. Only vehicles with parade permits are allowed past the parade barricades
 - b. All motorcycles and operators must be, and remain, 100% legal.
 - c. NO ALCOHOL permitted
 - d. No commercialism/advertising (any vehicles must have signage covered/removed)
 - e. You cannot hand out fliers or cards or candy. NOTHING can be distributed.
 - f. Allow for 2-3 car spaces between your group and the group in front of you (allows the viewers to see your banner, know that you are a separate group of marchers, etc.
 - g. Try to keep you group neat, use lines, etc.
 - h. Dogs/pets must be legal (registered, leashed)
 - i. Any/all performances must be movable - no stopping in place or holding up the pace of the Parade.
 - j. The GRANDSTAND:
 - i. This is where the Grand Marshal and dignitaries will watch the parade
 - ii. Will be located on State St, between Eagle St and Pearl St.
 - iii. Each group, with prior approval, will be allowed no more than 30 seconds of stop time to perform for the Grand Stand viewers.
 - k. Buses will be at assigned locations along Broadway and base of State St. It is the marchers' responsibility to coordinate bus drop-off/pick-up with your Sustaining Division's Marshal or Adjutant.
 - l. Smile, have fun, enjoy the day. Remember that this is a celebration of St. Patrick, a Patron Saint of Ireland. We, as Irish-Americans or "Irish for the Day people", are obliged to act respectfully and share our motto of "Faith, Family, Tradition".

COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING TO:

Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, C/O Tim Carey, 375 Ontario St., Albany, NY, 12208

OR email to magmcnally@gmail.com (Use the word "PARADE" in subject line)

Group	<i>Troop 100</i>	
Organization Type	<i>Boy Scouts, 501c3 charity, pipe band, etc.</i>	
Sponsoring Sustaining Organization	<i>Albany LAOH</i>	
Pre-Parade Contact Information		
Name	<i>John O'Smith</i>	
Title	<i>Pack Leader</i>	
Address	<i>123 Main St., Albany, NY 12210</i>	
Email Address	<i>LeaderOfThePack@emailsRus.com</i>	
Phone (home)	<i>518-555-1234</i>	
Phone (cell)	<i>518-555-4321</i>	
Parade-Day Contact Information	IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	
Name		
Title		
Address		
Email Address		
Phone (home)		
Phone (cell)		
Transportation Needs		
Vehicle Permits Requested	<i>1 (pickup pulling float)</i>	
Bus Drop-off & Parking	<i>1 bus</i>	
Other Important Information	<i>(Please add any information that should be shared with the Parade Committee)</i>	

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have the authority to act as the liaison for the group applying for participation in the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade, and that I further acknowledge that the group I represent will abide by all rules and requirements.

Signature:	
Date:	