



BATH HERITAGE DAYS INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

50 YEARS OF FAMILY, FUN & FIREWORKS

May 2024

Main Street Bath Friends & Neighbors,

You're invited to participate in Maine's largest Independence Day parade on
Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

Celebrate Bath Heritage Days and toast our 50th Anniversary with this year's parade theme, "50 Years of Family, Fun, and Fireworks". Bath Heritage Days has been a cherished tradition for half a century, bringing together families, friends, and neighbors to honor our vibrant community spirit. Whether you line up to mark a personal, business, or organization anniversary of your own or highlight Bath Heritage Days through the years, we encourage you to join us in making this year's parade a *golden* one for our spectators and judges.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS: The parade has a 100-entry limit. Submit your entry to Main Street Bath by **June 16th** to secure a spot. Try our **new online registration** form at visitbath.com/bath-heritage-days, or download and print the pdf to submit via the mail or in person at 15 Commercial Street, Bath ME 04530. *Forms will be available at the office as well.*

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$30 and can be paid online at visitbath.com/donate, by mail, or in person (*checks payable to Main Street Bath*).

EARLY CHECK-IN: Applicants with confirmation letters may attend the pre-parade check-in event at Main Street Bath on **July 3rd from 5-7 PM**. Pre-checked entries may go directly to the lineup on July 4th, avoiding parade day check-in stress.

As we celebrate five decades of memories and milestones, we eagerly anticipate creating new ones with you at the center of this year's festivities.

Cheers to our community!

Main Street Bath

For updates or more info, follow visitbath.com/bath-heritage-days, email 4bathparade@gmail.com, or call 207-442-7291.



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AWARDS & REMINDERS

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JUDGING CATEGORIES

- Most Entertaining Award - Entry that receives the most crowd reaction
- Dedication Award - Best non-profit entry
- Route 66 Award - Best antique car
- Best Overall Award - Unit best depicting parade theme
- American Dream Award - Best small business
- Shining Star Award - Best youth entry
- Let Freedom Ring Award - Best musical entry
- Salute to our Troops Award - Best Armed Forces entry

Judges are required to consider how a unit is decorated consistent with the theme. All awards are determined at the discretion of the judges. Awards will be sent in the mail a week following the parade. Winners will be listed on the Main Street Bath website and Facebook page.

SAVE-THE-DATES

- June 16: Entry Deadline
- Confirmation Packet: Emailed or postmarked June 28
- July 3, 5-7 PM: Pre-Parade Check-In (For vehicle entries, bring driver's license and proof of insurance)
- July 4: Parade Day / Arrive by 9:30 AM, Parade starts at 10 AM

CHECKLIST/REMINDERS

- Complete entry form
- Mark to receive confirmation via email or post office
- Sign contracts (Hold Harmless Agreement / Rules & Regulations)
- Pay \$30 cash or check payable to Main Street Bath
- Arrange transport from the end of the parade back to the beginning of the route or parked vehicle(s) if needed

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PARADE ENTRY FORM

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FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY & SUBMITTED WITH \$30.00 ENTRY FEE

CONTACT PERSON _____ (ONE PER ENTRY)

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

INDIVIDUAL/BUSINESS/ORG _____

CONTACT NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION LETTER? CHECK ONE:

- SEND MY CONFIRMATION INFORMATION VIA EMAIL
- SEND MY CONFIRMATION VIA US POSTAL SERVICE

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ENTRY

Wheeled Entry Float Pets Theme (50 Years of Family, Fun, & Fireworks)
Kids' Entry Musical Humor Street Walkers (Entries on Foot, Mascots)

Estimated Length of entry, in feet _____ (Includes cars, anything towed and walkers.)

• ENTRY DESCRIPTION:

• SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS:

VEHICLE INFORMATION: PLATE # _____ INSPECTION EXPIRATION DATE _____

Driver's Name _____ Driver's License # _____

Vehicle entries must provide proof of insurance and a valid drivers license at the July 3rd pre-parade checkin at Main Street Bath from 5-7 PM or parade day registration. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: RECEIVED AMOUNT CHECK NO. CHECK DATE

NOTES:

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SIGN & RETURN

Sign the two contracts below and include them with your completed entry packet by June 16th. Entries will not be allowed in the Parade Line-up without the signed forms on file at Main Street Bath. Thank you for participating in the 2024 Bath Independence Day Parade.

RULES & REGULATIONS

I have read and understand the Rules & Regulations.

SIGNATURE OF ENTRY CONTACT _____ DATE _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

By executing this agreement as a participant in the 2024 Bath Independence Day Parade, the undersigned (must be signed by person responsible for the entry) agrees for himself, herself, itself and its (their successors), heirs and assigns that participation in the Bath Independence Day Parade, as described herein, shall be at the risk of the undersigned, and that the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges and expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Main Street Bath, the Heritage Days Festival, and the officers, directors, employees, agents and members of either organization, together with their successors and assigns of and from all debts, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, dues, sum and sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, specialties, contracts, covenants, controversies, agreements, promises, doings, omissions, variances, extents, execution and liabilities whatsoever including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, claims for contribution, exoneration or indemnity, or any other thing whatsoever which might arise from the undersigned's participation in Bath Heritage Days.

SIGNATURE OF ENTRY CONTACT _____ DATE _____



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RULES & REGULATIONS

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- Arrive by 9:30 am. Parade Starts at 10am.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries in each category.
- Main Street Bath and the Heritage Days Parade Organizers reserve the right to remove from the parade, either before assembly, at assembly, or at any time during the parade, any entrant not conforming to the Rules and Regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials.
- Designated Main Street Bath volunteers will check at line-up that entries match their registration form. Motorized entries must be properly licensed, registered, inspected if applicable, and have proof of insurance on the day of the parade. Decoration cannot impede driver vision. All entries will be reviewed and must be declared in compliance with the rules to join the parade.
- All entries must have some form of theme-related flair, music, humor, and/or entertainment purpose. Units with a business name and no other form of decoration will not be allowed to enter Line-Up. Classic cars do not need additional decorations, but thematic décor and costumes are strongly encouraged.
- No items may be thrown into the crowd. This includes, but is not limited to the following: candy, food, pencils, and silly string.
- Candy and flags may be handed out by parade walkers to onlookers along the same side of the street. There is no street crossing during the Parade. Handing out paper or print material of any kind is not permitted, such as handouts, letters, publicity, or coupons.
- Entrants attracting or inviting children into the parade route will be removed from the parade.
- There is no stopping during the entire parade route with exception to during the National Anthem. This is dangerous, creates gaps, and lengthens the parade for all.
- National Anthem: All drivers must remain in their vehicles when the parade stops for the National Anthem. All other members of an entry should stand and render the proper honors.
- Breakdown procedures: All units must be properly constructed to minimize the chance of a breakdown during the parade. If a float breaks down, obtain help from parade officials to quickly push entry out of line of the march and over the curb. In the event a float develops a flat tire or cannot proceed under its own power, or be towed, quickly remove it from the parade route at the nearest intersection. All parade entries are to proceed around any such problem to keep the parade moving.

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- No vehicles are allowed to park in the formation area unless part of an entry. Vehicles must park in designated areas.
- Children on floats must be accompanied by an adult. The ratio of adults to children should be 1:5 for children below the age of 12. Children riding in pickup truck beds must be seated at all times behind rails or sides of the truck. Trucks must have closed tailgates or enclosed backs. No parade participant may ride with feet hanging over the side of the entry.
- The use and/or possession of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs by any unit/entry or participating member are strictly forbidden.
- There is no smoking / vaping on or near floats. Floats must be attended by an adult at all times.
- Animals: Dogs and other household pets must have the opportunity to ride for a portion of the parade route. If an animal appears distressed, a parade volunteer will ask your unit to exit the parade route.
- Entries must request use of sirens or horns on the application to avoid placement near animal or musical entries.
- The parade formation and staging area is at the Bath Middle School. All parade units must have their designated rep check in at the registration table to pick up the pre-assigned entry number to display. Inform your group in advance of your assigned parade line-up number.
- Judging begins before the start of the parade. Stay with your entry and in character while waiting for the parade to start.
- Make arrangements in advance for transportation from the end of the parade back to the beginning of the route or to your vehicles if needed. A shuttle is not provided.

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