

**Elkhart County 4-H Fair Parade  
Sponsored By: GOSHEN NOON KIWANIS  
Entry Application 2008**



The Elkhart County 4-H Fair Parade is a much-anticipated community event.

With up to 30,000 people in attendance along a three mile parade route, patience and cooperation are needed. For the greater good and to enhance the enjoyment for everyone, please read the attached rules and adhere to these rules as you plan for and participate in this year's parade. Please especially note that **to help with traffic, your entry will be held on the infield of the track at the fairgrounds after the parade. Your entry may be held there several hours. Once the incoming traffic dissipates, the fair traffic directors will allow you to leave the fairgrounds.**

If you have questions, please contact me.

Let's have a super parade!

Thank you in advance for your participation,

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**PARADE DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION DUE: TUESDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup> ,2008**  
**\$25.00 ENTRY FEE EXCEPT FOR CATAGORIES 1, 2, 6 & 9.**

## **RULES**

**ANY VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE.**

1. The theme of this year's parade is "**4-H Paving the Future**". Use imagination and good taste in creating your entry/float.

2. The parade will stage at the Linway Shopping Plaza, Rogers Park, and Salvation Army Resale Store located in the general vicinity of the intersection of West Lincoln Avenue and Chicago Ave in Goshen, Indiana. Members and Friends of the Goshen Noon Kiwanis club will be in the staging areas to help you find where to stage your float. A registration table will be at the far west of the Linway Plaza parking lot. Registration will begin at 10:30 A.M. Each unit will be assigned an ID number at registration. The parade will step off promptly at 1:30 P.M. The parade director will make the final decision on any and all parade related activities.

3. Categories for Parade:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	* 4-H Club Floats from Elkhart County
2	* Youth & Agricultural Clubs from Elkhart County (examples: Drill Teams, Saddle Club, Girl & Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs)
3	Marching Bands & Musical Units- Self Contained (i.e. Calliope, Square Dance Groups, Pep Bands, Etc.)
4	Equestrian Units (Other than 4-H)
5	* Open Class FLOATS or units carrying out the Parade Theme
6	Fraternal Organizations (examples: Shriners, Exchange, Kiwanis, Rotary)
7	* Antique Automobiles & Tractors: 50 years or older
8	* Commercial Entries that are not floats carrying the Parade Theme

**\*Judged Categories**

4. Judging will be done along Main Street in the Goshen Business District.

5. The parade is a community event. In respect to the community we need to make sure the parade keeps a steady pace. This is for the sake of all involved, including participants and spectators, please make sure that all members of your entry, including walkers, are able to keep the pace of the parade. If your unit is not able to keep pace with the parade you may be asked to pull aside. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. **ANY VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO HAVING UNIT DISQUALIFIED AND REMOVED FROM THE PARADE.**

6. All winners will be announced at the Grandstand and awards will be presented at that time. Monetary awards can be picked up at FAIR OFFICE after 9:00 A.M., MONDAY, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**7. IMPORTANT: ALL UNITS/ENTRIES**

a. PREPARE a 40 to 50 word statement to be read as your unit passes in review before the grandstand and to be used for other public relations such as radio and TV media. The statements must accompany your parade application. **Statements should be TYPED so that the announcers can easily read them.**

b. **Presentations before judges stand and grandstand will be limited to a one (1) minute performance – then expedite re-closure of parade gap. This is out of respect to all involved, both participants and spectators.**

8. There will be NO RAIN DATE this year. The parade will go unless there is a State of Emergency in effect.

9. There is to be NO handing out or throwing of any items from ANY MOVING vehicle (motorized, horse drawn, or people powered). Handouts are allowed by responsible persons walking adjacent to respective unit preferably 8-10 feet from units and close to curb line.

**10. AWARDS are as follows:**

<b>Group</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
1	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$30
2	\$200	\$150	\$100			
3	Recognition and stipend for travel expenses (marching band's only)					
5	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy			
7	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy			
8	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy			

**11. If you have any questions please contact us by:**

**Mail:**  
Parade Director  
Boyd Smith  
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12. Curtailment of sirens and air horns are requested for emergency vehicles. Electronic sirens are too loud for many of the spectators along the route.

**13. At the conclusion of the parade all floats will be held on the infield of the grand stand at the fairgrounds. Floats will be released from the infield when traffic and parking control personnel decide that traffic had died down enough to allow the floats to exit the fairgrounds. Please be prepared have your float held for several hours.**

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## **JUDGING**

### **Group 1 4-H Club Floats from Elkhart County**

Group 1 will be judged at 12:30PM. **4-H Leaders need to make sure that their club is ready for judging at 12:30 P.M.**

Group 1 floats will be judged using the following criteria:

#### **Theme Use – 25 points –**

- How well does your float communicate the Fair's Theme?

#### **Quality of Design – 15 points –**

- How well was the space used on the float? How well were colors and materials chosen?

#### **Utilization of 4-H members – 25 Points –**

- Are the kids a prominent part of the float, or are they just catching a ride to the fairgrounds?

#### **Quality of Workmanship – 20 Points –**

- How neat and precise was the workmanship? How good was the structural design?

#### **Overall Presentation – 15 Points --**

- How well does the theme, quality of workmanship, and use of 4-H members flow together? Does the float look like a cohesive unit?

### **All other Judged Categories**

1. Floats should be decorated on both sides and display a four to six word theme or slogan. The name of the sponsoring organization should be conspicuous and may be either on the hood, cab, tractor or on a lower edge of your banner. **Unit #'s should appear on front right side of vehicle. Numbers are assigned at parade registration**

2. ALL FLOATS are to be at their place and assembled in the Linway or Rogers Park staging area by 12:15 P.M. AT WHICH TIME "PRELIMINARY REVIEW" WILL BEGIN. Please have all personnel who will be riding the float assembled on board float by 1:15 P.M. **You should have one representative check in at the registration table between 10:30 A.M. and 12 noon to acquire number and confirm staging location.**

3. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- A. Promotion of the ideals 4-H
- B. Similarity between float Design and Parade Theme
- C. Aesthetics: Color, Materials and Workmanship
- D. Overall affect: Creativity and Originality

4. Comments from the Kiwanis Club Parade Sponsors:

- It is our intent to provide adequate time for the judges to impartially review your entry.
- Please keep your entry in numerical order as it passes the judges and the grand stand.

### **WILLIAM BIGLER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The William Bigler Memorial Trophy will be presented to the entry best representing the Parade Theme in the opinion of the judges.

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

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (Please circle one) —Float—Car—Truck—Semi—

Approximate length of entry \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Number of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

How many people? \_\_\_\_\_

Competing in Group (Please circle one) 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 6 – 7 - 8

Will you have music? Yes No

4-H Clubs and Youth & Agriculture Clubs must list the following information:

Treasurer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup> ,2008 Fair Office, 17746 CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528**

**PARADE UNIT DESCRIPTION**

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

Description: *Please type the description here or attach a typed description to this application*