



MACKINAC ISLAND LILAC FESTIVAL PARADE

Parade Date: Sunday, June 18, 2023

Line up: 3:00 p.m. Start Time: 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Mackinac in Bloom

APPLICATION

Email or mail completed entry to Steph Castelein at steph@mackinacisland.org or MITB, PO BOX 451, Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Check type of parade entry you are applying for: (SELECT ONLY ONE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Float* Requiring a Horse-Drawn Dray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse (miniature horse & ponies not allowed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse-Drawn Carriage* | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking |

****Note that the Lilac Festival Committee does not set up carriages or drays for floats. You must set up on your own. To set up a flat-bed dray contact Ray with the Mackinac Island Service Company at 906-847-3713. To set up a carriage contact Jodi Gough with Gough Livery and Jack's Livery at 906-647-9863 or contact Mackinac Island Carriage Tours.***

Name of Organization: _____

Person to Receive Parade Instructions: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

****All parade participants receive a complimentary round-trip ferry ticket. Please provide a list of participants as well as your dock destination (Mackinaw City or St. Ignace) when you submit your parade entry.**

Please complete the following areas according to ENTRY TYPE that was checked above.
ALL Entries must complete DESCRIPTION on page 3.

MARCHING BAND

Name: _____ Director: _____

Total Number of participants: _____ Ages: from _____ to _____

Instruments used: _____

BICYCLE

Name of Group/Act: _____

Total Number of participants: _____ Ages: from _____ to _____

HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE*

***Note that the Lilac Festival Committee does not set up carriages. You must arrange on your own.**

Name of Group: _____

Number of Participants riding in Carriage: _____

Business Carriage is order through: _____

FLOAT* REQUIRING A HORSE DRAWN DRAY

***Note that the Lilac Festival Committee does not set up drays. You must arrange on your own.**

Name of Group: _____

Number of Participants riding on Dray: _____

HORSE

Mounted Group _____ Multiple Hitch _____ Single Hitch _____ Riding _____

Number of Horses: _____ Breeds: _____

Number of riders/ Participants: _____

Age of Riders: from _____ to _____

You must arrange your own stable space. Proof of current equine health records and insurance must be provided with application. All horse applications must be approved by the Lilac Festival Committee. We do not accept applications for mini horses or ponies.

WALKING ACT

Group Name: _____

Number of Walkers: _____ Age of walkers: from _____ to _____

ALL ENTERUES MUST COMPLETE A DESCRIPTIVE NARRATIVE OF ENTRY FOR ANNOUCER TO USE (150 words or less). INCLUDE INTERESTING FACTS, INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GROUP, AND WHAT YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW.

**AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY RULES AND REGULATIONS
Mackinac Island Lilac Festival**

1. The Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Committee will provide parade participants with round-trip ferry tickets. A list of all participants and departing dock (Mackinaw City or St. Ignace) needs to be included in the application submission.
2. The Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Committee has full and final decision regarding content of act as well as signage, appropriate attire, behavior of all participants, and horses.
3. Due to the nature of this horse-drawn parade, spacing each entry is essential to keep everyone safe. We ask that if your entry includes horse(s), you leave no less than **75** feet between entries, in front and behind. Those not abiding by this strict rule will be removed from the parade.
4. Each act will be responsible for providing a person to walk at the front of their entry and hold a numbered sign. This person will be in charge of letting judges and announcers know the upcoming act (via the sign) as well as controlling the speed in which the act moves.
5. The Lilac Festival Committee takes pride in putting together the best line up of entries for parade spectators. Please respect the line-up number given and stay in your order at line up and throughout the parade. New this year, you will be given a # to display with your entry during the parade (see above). This will allow our judges to know they are judging the proper act. Please watch for parade volunteers along the route with 'Giddy Up' and 'Whoa' signs as they are trying to help space the parade to insure everyone can see your entry as we know you spent time and energy trying to put together a great float.
6. The Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Committee has the right to bar and/or remove those who are NOT conforming to the rules and regulations. This is purely a safety issue due to the horses in the parade.
7. ALL entries must be approved by the Lilac Festival Committee.
8. No applications received after **May 9, 2023** will be permitted to enter unless written approval by the Lilac Festival Committee.
9. Persons or units not listed in the official parade line-up will **NOT** be permitted to participate.

10. Bands are not permitted to play their instruments before the parade has started. The only exception is in the warm up area at the Mission Point Resort Theatre. Again, this is purely a safety issue due to the horses in the parade.
11. All marching units must maintain forward motion.
12. No units may stop forward motion to perform except in areas designated by the parade coordinator. Performance stops may not last more than 90 seconds. The parade line-up is based on proper flow and movement of the parade, staging space and safety.
13. **No** material may be handed out or tossed to spectators along the parade route unless approved in writing by Mackinac Island Tourism Director or Event Manager.
14. Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are forbidden.
15. Units which may endanger or injure the public are not permitted.
16. Mackinac Island Tourism does not assume responsibility for travel, food, lodging expenses, security of units, vehicles, or personal units.
17. The Lilac Festival does not provide food or water during staging or parades.
18. All off-Island horses must be approved by the Lilac Festival Committee and approved horses exhibited in the parade will be at the owner's risk. Any uncontrolled horses will be removed from the parade by the Lilac Festival Equine Specialists without question.

Mackinac Island Tourism is not responsible for lost, damage or personal injury before, during, or after the parade. Signing the entry form binds you to all the rules of the parade and affirms you have read, understand and agree to all the information within.

By signing this form, I am acting as the authorized representative of the group listed above. The Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Parade applicant as designated above, and constituted by my authorized signature below, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Mackinac Island and Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau from and against all claims, losses, damages, and liabilities.

**Parade Entry
Waiver of Liability**

I, the undersigned, as group representative, hereby release, remise and forever discharge the Mackinac Island Lilac Festival, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, Mackinac Island Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City of Mackinac Island, its officers, directors, severally or jointly, and all volunteers of and from any and all liability, claims, actions and possible causes of action which may accrue to myself or any member of the group from every and any loss, damage and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in any Mackinac Island parade.

Application will be void if not accompanied by the waiver.

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Name of Group: _____

Hold Harmless Agreement

(must be signed by person in charge)

I (we) assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that I/we may incur in participating in the Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Grand Parade and I/we hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors and administrators do hereby, expressly and forever waive and release any, and all claims against and agree to hold harmless Mackinac Island Tourism, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, Mackinac Island Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City of Mackinac Island and all their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any, and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever arising as a result, or in connection, with the participation of me or my child in the herein mentioned event.

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Name of Group: _____