



# Carthage Rotary Club

## 2026 CARTHAGE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE APPLICATION



**PLEASE EMAIL ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO [KACAR196381@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KACAR196381@GMAIL.COM)**

PRIMARY CONTACT'S NAME	PRIMARY CONTACT'S PHONE NUMBER
ORGANIZATION'S NAME	PRIMARY CONTACT'S EMAIL ADDRESS
PHYSICAL ADDRESS	CITY / STATE / ZIP

**NOTES:** *All information submitted via this form is confidential and not used for any purposes other than this event. Equestrian Units (Horses, etc.) will not be permitted due to cleanup requirements.*

The information provided below involves the unit you will be bringing to the parade. Please make sure info is accurate to the best of your ability!

**TYPE OF PARADE ENTRY**

- Float
- Private Vehicle
- Large Truck/Trailer
- Motorcycle
- Marching Unit
- Walking Group
- Emergency Services/Fire Companies
- Elected Official
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF VEHICLES \_\_\_\_\_

DOES THE ENTRY CONTAIN MUSIC OR A PERFORMANCE?     Yes     No

**DESCRIPTION OF UNIT**

*For example: 20 foot Ford F150 truck with 18 foot attachment decorated as a float. No more than X people on board.*

**By signing below, all participants agree to follow the Rules & Guidelines provided with this application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant / Responsible Party*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



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## 2026 CARTHAGE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE RULES & GUIDELINES



### PARADE ROUTE

The Parade Lineup will take place on Bruce Street near Quality Equipment in Carthage. The Parade begins at the intersection of Bruce Street and Monroe Street and heads towards Court House Square.

### CHECK IN / LINE UP /FORMATION

- Formation begins at 10:00 AM on Bruce Street. • All Parade Participants Must check-in at the Corner of Bruce Street and Monroe Street
- Parade Staging will be from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
- All parade participants must arrive and check-in by 10:45 AM
- You will take your position along Bruce Street – according to your line-up position number. *Access Bruce Street via Pete Kelly Road and circle around to Bruce Street.*
- The parade will begin rolling at 11:00 AM sharp!
- The parade officially ends at Ray Street
- Carthage Police will escort the parade back along E Barrett Street to Monroe and back to the original staging area.

### SAFETY CONCERNS

- To avoid the risk of possible injury, please exercise caution when tossing candy to children along the parade route as they may run in front of your vehicle.
- Entries with children under the age of 18 must also have parents or other adult chaperones riding and or walking alongside those who provide supervision.
- Vehicle Entries must have drivers that are 18 years of age or older.
- The minimum age to march in our parade is ten (10) years old. This is due to health and heat concerns.
- Participants under ten (10) years of age must ride on a float or in a vehicle and must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older at all times.

### DECORUM / CIVILITY

This parade is a celebration and is all-inclusive to our community as a family event. We expect all participants to behave with proper decorum and civility. The use of foul language or inappropriate behavior is prohibited. Parade participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner. Disturbances will be handled by the Carthage Police Department.

### POSITION IN PARADE

Your position in the parade line-up will be determined by the Carthage Rotary Club parade committee and communicated to the unit via email prior to the day of the parade.

### FLOW OF PARADE

All entries are asked to always keep up with the unit in front of you. We do not want large gaps in the parade. Keep moving at all times.

### ANIMALS

Equestrian Units will be excluded from this parade. Small animals are permitted if the owner / parade unit takes responsibility for clean-up or pooper-scooper.

### PARADE THEME

The 2026 Carthage 4th of July Parade theme is "AMERICA'S 250TH YEAR CELEBRATION" – entries should be decorated with the parade theme in mind.

### POLITICAL ENTRIES

No unit in the parade may display any signage of a political nature such as "vote for" or "elect."

### NO FIREARMS / DANGEROUS WEAPONS

GS 14-277.2 - Weapons at parades, etc., prohibited.