



TOPSFIELD FAIR PARADE ~ Participant Information

Saturday, October 1, 2011 THEME: "Fun Never Grows Old"

Parade Coordinator: Wes Tucker (978) 887-5000 ext. 23



Thank you for registering your entry in the parade to kick-off the 2011 Topsfield Fair! Below is information that you may find useful.

PARADE MORNING

- ★ Arrive at the Topsfield Common *no later than* 8:30 am, Saturday
- ★ Register and get entry number... you will be directed to get in line by parade marshals.
- ★ Parade will start promptly at 9:00... keep parade flowing throughout route.

JUDGING

- ★ The judge's stand is in front of the administration building, inside the fairgrounds, at the MAIN GATE entrance. They will be on your right side as you march by, be sure to have your parade entry number visible to judges on the right. Other judging occurs at the common/parade start, and along the parade route.
- ★ 5 CATEGORIES: Best Theme Best Agricultural Best Youth
 Best Commercial Best Patriotic
- ★ Parade winners are decided totally by the judges who may consider your float for more than one category. Create your float/group decorations with the themes in mind.

YOUTH / SCOUT GROUPS

- ★ Leaders are responsible for safety and for keeping participants on the float.
- ★ No carts, bikes, or baby carriages.
- ★ NO STOPPING!
- ★ Adult leaders should march with each unit and keep group in lined order – in uniform.
- ★ Pick-up of Children: Entries will proceed to the FARM GATE / LIVESTOCK entrance to disband. Parents should park in LOT A / RIVER GATE entrance and meet their children there.
- ★ Parent Parking: Parking tickets for parents/group leaders will be issued *upon prior request* from parade office.
- ★ Fair Tickets: Green stickers will be issued to float participants *only* for re-entry to the Fair.

PARKING

- ★ General: Busses, cars, and other vehicles may park in the Central St. / LOT D area. This is approx. 100 yds from Rte 1 and Central St. Inform attendant that you are part of the parade.
- ★ Animal trailers: May be brought to FARM GATE through RIVER GATE entrance and left by the arena during the early AM or the eve prior to parade (tell attendant that you are in parade). This will allow you to put animals away and attend Awards Assembly when parade ends.

END of PARADE

- ★ High School Bands end their march on the grass in front of the Trianon Stage opposite the MAIN GATE entrance.
 - ★ All other entries – proceed through the Fair to FARM GATE entrance (near Arena) to disband.
 - ★ Float Storage – available near FARM GATE entrance if float will be used in weekday parades.
 - * NOTHING CAN BE THROWN FROM MOVING FLOATS OR VEHICLES TO THE CROWD.
- AWARDS ASSEMBLY: to receive winning ribbons, return immediately on foot to Trianon Stage.