



Best Fourth In The North July 1 - 4, 2024

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REGISTRATION VIA THIS APPLICATION REQUIRED!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: ALL GUIDELINES & RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED!

BE SAFE & RESPECTFUL OF ALL! ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN APPLICATION.

Line Up Entrance/Check In will be at intersection of Race Track Road & Route 74 ONLY.

Parade Application

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

How much space do you need to line up: _____

Will you have a Vehicle? _____ If so, What Kind _____

Please **Circle** those that apply to your entry: *Veterans* *Float* *Music*
Community Group *Fire Dept.* *Other* _____

Brief description:

The Best 4th in the North would like to encourage groups to showcase their organization or business through a float. It is the one time of the year you can promote yourselves in front of the entire community. You may be surprised at the interest and excitement an entry in the Parade can give to your organization. Sign up today!

Please email your application to: tmsp@timainstreet.org

You can mail your application to:

Best 4th In The North
42 Burgoyne Rd.
Ticonderoga N.Y. 12883

OR

TACC
94 Montcalm St. Suite 1
Ticonderoga N.Y. 12883

You can also drop the application off to the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce Office!

The application/registration deadline is June 24th, 2024! No Exceptions!

I have been provided, read and understand all of the Best 4th In The North Parade Rules & Regulations. I and all parade participants for my parade entry agree to adhere to all of them:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Best 4th In The North Parade Rules & Regulations

1. **Anyone operating a motorized vehicle such as car, fire truck, or any other larger vehicles must have a valid driver's license and insurance.** No burnouts allowed with vehicles, but you may rev engines. **ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER VIA THIS APPLICATION.**
2. New York ATV laws: *Minimum Age Requirement:* The minimum age to operate an ATV is 10 years old, unless the rider is supervised. Those between the ages of 10 and 16 may ride unsupervised only if they have a safety certificate. *Safety Education Certification Requirement:* Children aged 10-15 years who are not supervised must have a safety certificate. *Helmet and/or Eye Protection Requirement:* All riders are required to wear an approved helmet. *Passenger Prohibitions:* ATV operators may carry a passenger only if the vehicle is designed to carry more than one occupant. You may not operate any ATV anywhere in New York State, except on your own property, unless it is covered by liability insurance.
3. Anyone riding a float cannot have feet dangling over the sides. Any children 3 years or less must be held by an adult. Dancing is allowed, but please no running around on the float.
4. Candy will be allowed to be thrown from floats, fire trucks, etc., but please throw gently into parade spectators. It is important not to have the candy bounce back into the street or parade. If an option for your organization, it is better to hand the candy out. "You are responsible."
- BE SAFE. NO WATER GUNS ALLOWED!**
5. **Any horse or large animal units must have a street cleaner following their unit.** If you want to participate in the parade without a cleaner, your unit will be placed at the end of the parade.
6. The parade route will start at the town shed/highway department on Racetrack Road. See note about check in/entrance to parade line up on the application. We are expecting more units this year so we hope to see more spectators along the route.
8. **All entrants/participants must be Family and Community Friendly and pre-register by submitting an application.** Disrespect of others in any way will not be tolerated. Your display must be only what is describe in your application. The committee accepts no responsibly for false statements made by applicants. The Best 4th In The North Committee must approve all parade participants and has the right to deny any application. The committee has the sole authority to approve or decline any application at this sole discretion for any reason. All decisions of the committee are final.
- 8A. **No participant in the parade may display any signage of a political nature unless you are a current elected official or are officially a candidate for an office.** All entries must be following all other parade rules in addition to this rule. Political clubs or organizations may not participate, since by definition they are partisan. The committee does not accept any other entries advocating specific political, social view points, social themes, or social causes or political representatives. **Flags on any participants float must be the American flag or flags specifically representing your float as well as follow all other guidelines listed.** The following flags are not permitted: **Confederate & Natzi.**
9. **Use of horns and sirens must be kept to a minimum** So Police and Emergency personnel as well as Committee members can communicate in the event of an actual emergency.
10. **General Parade Legal Disclaimer: Kickoff:** The Parade will step off at 2:00 PM. Entries will be placed in the assigned order by the committee. **Parade Representatives:** The Best 4th in the North committee is requesting that each group designate one person as their "parade representative". The parade representative will help with coordination of vehicle/group setup and controlling the flow of their float/group during the parade. Parade representatives will report to parade check-in for entry verification on July 4th. **Signs/Banners/Logos:** Entries onsite must reflect the application as filed with The Best 4th. No other group or business may be promoted on a banner/sign/logo without written permission from Best 4th in the North committee. If participant has not received written permission, Best 4th in the North committee reserves the right to remove any entry that represents any for-profit endeavor other than what is listed on the participants application.

Rules & Regulations continue on next page.



10 Continued: Parade spaces may not be sold or “sublet” without written permission by Best 4th in the North committee. **Vehicles:** Any person operating a vehicle in the Parade whether powered, self-powered, or non-powered does so at his or her own risk, bearing all liability for any and all damages or loss of personal property and / or any personal injuries sustained to themselves or other person(s). Vehicle operator hereby waives any and all claims and or defenses it may have against The Best 4th in the North of whatever kind or nature as a result of the his or her independent use of such vehicle. Further it shall be required of the person operating such vehicle to maintain, and hereby acknowledges adequate and sufficient insurance coverage to indemnify themselves and The Best 4th organization from any and all damages and or loss to property in addition to any and all personal injuries, of whatever kind or severity, to the vehicle operator or any other person who is injured as a result of the use of such vehicle. **Marchers:** Anyone wishing to walk in the parade must be registered to be included in the line-up. **Etiquette: The Best 4th in The North parade is for the entire community, so please remember there are children on the parade route.** Please do not stop on the parade route. Please listen to all information and follow all directions of the volunteers during parade assembly, the execution of the parade, and parade disassembly. The parade volunteers are there for your safety and security. Please keep a safe distance between your group and others, but not so far as to slow the progress of the Parade. **Disclaimer:** The Best 4th in the North committee hereby absolves any liability arising from use of floats in the Best 4th in the North parade or any activities in association with it. In accordance to City, State, and Federal Laws, no alcoholic beverages will be allowed during any portion of the parade event on July 4th. In addition, no person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be allowed to operate a motor vehicle during the parade. The Best 4th organization or committee representatives reserves the right to remove, including but not limited to, any person, motorized or un-motorized vehicle, conveyance, float, or participants for any activity deemed unsafe, violation of any rules contained herein, or action or inaction that may cause any delay to the progress of the parade. Best 4th attempts to accommodate all requests for Parade placement, however Parade placement of participants is at the sole discretion of committee members of the Best 4th and such placements are final. Applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership, Town of Ticonderoga, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce and the Best 4th in the North committee, their volunteers, elected officials and employees against all losses, costs, damages, expense and liability caused by accident or other occurrence in bodily injury, including death, sickness and disease to any persons, or damage or destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly or indirectly from operations, products or services rendered a the Best 4th Parade on July 4th. **Security:** Please be advised that the Ticonderoga Police Department is responsible for enforcing all applicable state laws and local ordinances during the event. Such statutes may include, but are not limited to public decency, alcohol, controlled substances, public safety, and standard vehicle insurance requirements. **Floats:** The Best 4th in the North would like to encourage groups to showcase their organization/business through a float. It is the one time of the year you can promote yourselves in front of the entire community. You may be surprised at the interest and excitement an entry in the Parade can give to your organization. All cars and vehicles must be registered as floats. A vehicle pulling a float is considered one (1) float. More information about floats is listed below. **Float Information:** No one may enter or exit the float once the float is in motion on the parade route. Trailers must be towed by an accompanying vehicle and have a turning radius of not less than 90 degrees. A fire extinguisher is recommended to be on board each float/vehicle. All sound systems must be self-powered and must meet city codes for amplification standards. Each organization must provide applicable insurance for each float/vehicle entered. Failure to comply with these standards will result in the disqualification of the float and possible removal from the parade. All motorcycle riders MUST wear a helmet. **Participation:** All parade participants are participating in the parade at their own risk.

IMPORTANT INFO: The Committee must follow all NYS Guidelines. All committee and NYS guidelines regulations will be enforced. Line Up Entrance/Check In will be at intersection of Race Track Road & Route 74 ONLY. BE SAFE & RESPECTFUL OF ALL! THANK YOU!