

OFFICIAL LINCOLN HIGHWAY PARADE RULES

1. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted to be sold, stored, or consumed on parade route at any time before, during or after the Lincoln Highway Parade.
2. All parade participants must have completed and submitted all waivers and forms required by the Parade Committee. Also, please include certificates of insurance. The registration deadline is June 30 or when unit capacity is reached, whichever comes first. The Committee reserves the right to reject any parade entry application.
3. The parade is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. **rain or shine**. Staging begins at 6:00 p.m. at Founders Elementary School (formerly Huntley Middle School), 821 South 7th Street, DeKalb, IL. Your entire unit must be properly in line before 7:00 p.m. or it will be scratched from the parade.
4. The parade route will be Seventh St to the intersection of Lincoln Hwy and Second St, which is one mile.
5. All parade units are required to be safe, decorated and have entertainment value. This is a family event; therefore appropriate behavior and dress are required. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify a group for any reason.
6. Provided the Parade Committee determines that there are a sufficient number of parade floats entered in the parade to conduct a float competition, the Parade Committee will choose the float that they feel best represents the spirit of the parade. Criteria for judging shall be based on creativity, preparation and entertainment value. Judging will take place during the parade. All judges' decisions are final.
7. Throwing items from the parade entries creates a safety risk for both spectators and parade participants and is prohibited. If you have candy or other items to distribute to parade spectators, please have volunteers available to walk them to the curbs for safe distribution.
8. No float participants should get on or off a moving parade float at any time.
9. Each entry must keep pace with the unit that precedes it and must not permit gaps to occur between units.
10. The Lincoln Highway Parade Committee, the Kishwaukee Fest, the Professional Firefighters of DeKalb and the City of DeKalb assume no responsibility for accident or injury. Parade participants assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the parade including transportation to and from the parade.
11. Political Entries must abide by the rules of distribution. Individual candidates may have no more than 20 supporters marching and they must be dressed appropriately.
12. Any signage is limited to the name of the organization and cannot be used to make personal or political statements. Offensive or derogatory words or slogans will give cause for the unit to be dismissed from the parade.