



*Darien Lions Club*  
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## DARIEN LIONS CLUB District 1-J

1702 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561

### DARIEN LIONS CLUB 54<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 PARADE RULES and APPLICATION

The Darien Lions Club is proud to present our annual Independence Day Parade for 2025, in cooperation with the City of Darien, the Darien Police Department, the Darien Municipal Services, and other supporting organizations.

As a Parade applicant, I agree to the following rules and attest with my signature below:

1. All participants in the Darien Lions Club Parade must submit an official application to be approved by the Parade Committee.
2. A copy of these Parade Rules must be filled out, signed, and mailed to the Parade Chairman when your application is submitted.
3. Any persons/organizations attempting to participate without Committee approval will be subject to refusal/removal from the Parade by the Committee and/or the Darien Police.
4. All vehicles/floats (except police, fire, military, and other vehicles) must be decorated with an Independence Day theme. **This year's theme is "Celebrating our Community, Showcasing Local Businesses, Organizations and Volunteers."**
5. All entries must enter the staging area at the **Jewel parking lot (located at 75<sup>th</sup> and Cass Avenue)**, Follow directions from Parade Committee.
6. All entries must be at the staging area by **8:30am**. Late entries may be placed at the end of the Parade.
7. The Parade will proceed promptly at 9:30am from the **staging area to Cass Avenue northbound and culminating at Hinsdale South High School**.
8. The Parade will proceed at an orderly, constant pace at all times. Participants are not allowed to stop and mingle with viewers. Entries not keeping pace will be asked to pull to the side and rejoin at the end of the Parade. Please follow the directions of the parade marshals.
9. No political campaign or advertising literature may be distributed by any Parade participant. Campaigning and/or stopping to talk with spectators are strictly prohibited.
10. Our Parade is about celebrating our Nation's heritage. Unruly behavior, making political or offensive statements, or causing a disruption of any kind will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to removal and possible legal action.

11. All drivers must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid driver's license and registration for the vehicle. Proof of liability insurance is required for all motorized vehicles.
12. Throwing candy to viewing children has been a long-standing tradition of our Parade. **Make sure you toss your candy underhand and all the way to the curb** so children do not run into the street to get it. Be sure candy throwers are capable of reaching curb. DRIVERS – BE EXTREMELY AWARE AND CAUTIOUS OF CHILDREN RUNNING ONTO THE STREET!
13. Animals are welcomed but must be registered on your Parade Application and **approved by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Chairman**. Caged animals and/or animals on a leash deemed dangerous to the public are not permitted. Owners are responsible for immediate cleanup of their animals along the Parade route and in staging areas.
14. **Safety of participants and viewers is our highest priority.** Drivers MUST keep up with the vehicle in front of you – a maximum of 50 feet (about 3 car lengths) should be maintained between participating units at all times. Entries towing a trailer or float should have a minimum of two accompanying walkers to make sure your vehicles have proper clearance from viewers and when making turns.
15. Darien Lion Marshalls are strategically placed along the Parade route to make sure conditions remain safe for participants and viewers, and to make sure a proper pace is maintained. They have the authority to pull an entry over to the side if the driver does not maintain proper distance/pace. Please cooperate with Parade officials and police.
16. In consideration for applying for participating in the Darien Lions Club 4th of July Parade, and the acceptance of the application by the Darien Lions Club, the applicant acknowledges that the Darien Lions Club shall be released and discharged from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim of damages for injury to person or property resulting from the participation by the applicant or any of its representatives or agents in the parade.
17. Any issues will be resolved by the Parade Chairman or his Committee.
18. I hereby waive the County of DuPage, its successors, designees and assigns, harmless for any injury to myself for my participation in this event.
19. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY BY: **JUNE 23, 2025.**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry; Float, car, large vehicle, walkers: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 2025

Darien Lions Club Independence Day Parade – 2025 Parade Application Form

Participant Information

Organization	
Contact Last Name	
Contact First Name	
Title	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Phone	
Entry Type	
E-mail address	
Donation Amount:	

Announcer Comments: (Please keep to only 4-5 bullet points.)

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Please completely fill out both forms and return to:

\*\* This application must be signed to be a valid application for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

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