

Forest Lake American Legion Post 225
2025 101st-4th of July Celebration
Date: Friday, July 4th, 2025
Line Up Time: 9 AM
Parade Start Time: 10 AM

PARADE ENTRY FORM

(Please print legibly, complete 1 form in its entirety for each unit)

NOTE: The parade line-up is based on a FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED basis. Please email any questions or comments to Forestlakeparade@gmail.com.

Unit/Entry/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person(s) and Title(s): _____

Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address for Parade Information: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SPONSORSHIP FEE: _____

ENTRY FEES: _____ \$150 for business units & politicians

_____ \$ 50 for additional units/vehicles – (entry form must be completed for each unit)

_____ \$ 50 for non-profit organizations (include a copy of your non-profit form with entry)

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed** – No Refunds

Unit description:

_____ Float type unit – Approximate length in feet, including vehicle: _____

_____ Marching Musical unit – Estimated number: _____

_____ Walking unit (**limit 20**) – Estimated number: _____

_____ Multiple vehicles (**see Entry Fees**) – Describe number & types: _____

_____ Horses/animals – **Cleanup crew must be provided** – Number & type: _____

_____ Other – Please describe: _____ Float

Contest Entry: _____ Class A (Amateur) _____ Class B (Professional/Permanent)

**Mail entry form, completed waiver, a short narrative for your entry, and payment payable to: American Legion Post 225 to:
Forest Lake American Legion Post 225, 355 W Broadway Ave, Forest Lake, MN 55025, Attn: Parade Committee.**

Please email any inquiries to Forestlakeparade@gmail.com

****On July 2nd, the line up, staging, and other pertinent information will be posted on Facebook and at Post 225, and will be emailed to the email address provided on the application.**

Office use only

Check # _____ Amount _____ PdP _____ Date Received _____ DED _____

Unit Entry:

Narrative Description for Parade Announcer: (Please keep brief to less than one minute.)

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Attached is proof of general liability coverage for our unit/float/group.

OR

I, _____, as an authorized representative of the organization named below ("Organization"), and on behalf of the organization, its officers, employees, and agents, hereby release and hold harmless the City of Forest Lake, and the Forest Lake American Legion Post 225 from any liability for claims, injuries, deaths, or property damage sustained by the Organization, its officers, employees, and agents in conjunction with the Forest Lake American Legion Post 225 Fourth of July Parade, regardless of the cause of those claims, injuries, death, or damages.

Our entry will feature candy or giveaways to be distributed to parade attendees.

Those units featuring candy or giveaways **must** comply with the state statute.:

- 1) Any candy or giveaways must be done **from the ground level** by walkers;
- 2) **Nothing may be thrown from any vehicle or float.**

Our entry will feature water use that may be squirted at or near parade attendees.

Those units featuring water **must** comply with the following state statute:

- 1) To forewarn parade attendees – Unit should be preceded by a sign **clearly** indicating a water squirting float is forthcoming;
- 2) Water devices **may not** be anything more powerful than a **retail available squirt gun type** device, and must be used **from the float only**, meaning nothing within close range;
- 3) Water balloons are **prohibited**.

Miscellaneous Items.

- 1) No sirens or loud horns may be used during the parade by any unit.
- 2) No string confetti is allowed. This product damages uniforms, clothing and vehicle finishes.

We also hereby agree that all parade participants of below noted organization will be informed of the rules and restrictions for participation in above said parade and understand that failing to follow said rules and restrictions may restrict future participation in the parade by our organization.

Unit Name: _____

Organization: _____

Authorized Signer: _____

Authorized Signer (Please Print): _____

Title: _____ Date: _____ **Forest Lake**

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Have you marked the 4th on your calendars to join in the 101st Forest Lake 4th of July parade? If not, please consider this your invitation to participate in a simply grand celebratory parade!

Here are some of the specifics you might want to know about the parade:

- 1) Completed entry forms must be **received by June 20th, 2025** There will be a maximum parade length of 135 units, please submit your forms early to ensure a spot.
- 2) Late registrations will be added to the end of the parade as space permits.
- 3) All units or groups should have a general liability policy covering activities. Proof of an existing general liability policy should be attached with the entry form. If your group/unit is not covered by a policy, please sign and include the "Waiver of Liability" form with your parade entry form.
- 4) This year's parade is on **Friday, July 4th, 2025**.
- 5) ALL vehicles/units need to be decorated with commemorative decorations, preferably decorated based on the parade theme.
- 6) Parade route is approximately 2.5 miles long.
- 7) Line up begins at 9:00 AM, you may arrive earlier if set-up preparation is needed. Step off is at 10:00 AM.
- 8) The entry fee for all units is \$150, only non-profits are \$50.
- 9) You may have more than one unit in the parade. Pay \$150 for the first entry and \$50 for each additional entry. A completed entry form for each unit must be provided.
- 10) The entry fee for Non-profit organizations is \$50.
- 11) Fire trucks and public safety units may enter free of charge. Please provide forms for all city fire trucks and EMS vehicles.
- 12) **All** animal entries must have their own cleanup crew as part of their unit that is walking behind the unit.
- 13) Each political candidate must register as their own unit, **not** as a political party or group.
- 14) Please make a copy of all parade documents for your records.
- 15) No refunds due to inclement weather. We have not canceled in the past due to light rain, only delayed.

PLEASE NOTE: All entries must comply with the guidelines on the Waiver of Liability. These requirements are due to safety concerns. Please use common sense and some restraint. Any unit not complying with the above guidelines will not be allowed to participate in next year's parade. Not complying with these guidelines may also mean a fine or citation from the Forest Lake Police Department. It **is not** our desire to enact these rules, but it **is** our desire to have a safe and enjoyable parade for **all**.

Because we are now using paperless processing, be sure to check the website for line-up and other pertinent parade information. If you have questions, **be sure** to check the website for FAQs. You may also email any questions or comments to Forestlakeparade@gmail.com. The parade Facebook site will also be updated with all lineup information on July 2 and emailed to the email address on this application.

We hope you will join us for our annual celebration. With your participation, we are sure to have a grand parade!

Sincerely,
Cindy Silovich

Forest Lake Parade Committee Co-Chair
Forestlakeparade@gmail.com

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