

Town of Bristol - 4th of July Parade Informational Packet & Registration - 2024

1. General Information:

- A. Date & Time of Parade: Thursday, July 4, 2024, Parade starts at 10:00 am
- B. Theme of 2024 Parade: **“Peace, Love, and the 4th of July.”**
- C. Parade Route: The Parade will begin at Freudenberg NOK Parking Lot, turning left and proceeding down Pleasant Street/Route 104 to the lights. At the lights turn right up Pleasant Street toward Central Square. At Central Square, turn left onto North Main Street and continue until reaching Newfound Memorial Middle School. The Parade will turn left into the Middle School Parking lot where it will disperse.
- D. Lineup Instructions: **NOTE NEW LINE UP TIME:** Formation and **check-in begin at 9:00 am** at Freudenberg NOK parking lot off Pleasant St/Rte. 104. A check-in person will be at the entrance to Freudenberg NOK to direct you and provide instructions for the parade. Please follow the parade route and all instructions. There will be designated volunteers to assist with lining up parade participants. The parade steps off at 10:00 am. *There will be no judging for awards this year.* The line-up area may be congested with vehicles, pedestrians and all types of entries. Please watch out for and **yield to pedestrians**. Pedestrians need to pay attention to and be aware of moving vehicles throughout the lineup area. **CHILDREN MUST BE ATTENDED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES!**
- E. Rain Plan: The Plan is to have the parade Rain or Shine **UNLESS** the weather presents a danger. If this is the case, we will postpone the parade until 2:00 pm on July 4. If the weather is still an issue at that point the parade will be cancelled. Information will be on the Town of Bristol’s website www.bristolnh.gov the Town and Community Events Facebook pages or by calling the Bristol Fire Dept. at (603) 744-2632.
- F. Description of Participants/Categories – Participants should choose one of the following categories for their entry.
- Antique Vehicle – to be eligible for this category, the vehicle must be registered with an ANTIQUE License plate.
 - Classic Vehicle – must be over 25 years old. This can include antique cars not registered with an antique plate.
 - Novelty Unit (includes, bikes, golf carts, 4-wheelers, tiny cars, tractors, trucks and vehicles other than antique or classic) Please decorate as much as possible.
 - Animal/Equestrian Unit
 - Float Entry – a unit that includes a trailer & tow vehicle.
 - Walking Entry – no motorized vehicles allowed. Strollers & wagons are allowed. Includes color guards or drill entries.
 - Musical Entry – to include groups playing LIVE music.
- G. **PRIZES:** *Please note - as of 2024 there will no longer be prizes awarded to parade entries.*

2. RULES & REGULATIONS

Please take a minute to review these regulations (listed below) before submitting an entry form for the parade. The general information and guidelines listed are for the safety and quality of the parade. All participants shall adhere to these rules and regulations, and failure to do so will result in exclusion from parade participation.

1. General:

- A designated contact person is required to accompany all entries. The name of this person, along with his/her daytime/cell phone number must be included on the registration form.
- All registered entries are responsible for educating their participants about these rules and regulations.
- Alcoholic beverages, use of controlled substances, and smoking are prohibited.
- Portable generators will be securely mounted, and a fire extinguisher shall be available.
- **Please** consider decorating as much of your entry as possible according to the parade theme and/or in a patriotic manner (red/white/blue). (With the exception of antique, classic & tow vehicles).
- Children under 18 riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards or 4 -wheelers in the parade are required to wear a helmet.
- Children participating in the parade must always have adult supervision.
- No articles of any sort will be thrown to spectators from moving vehicles or floats.
- Walking participants shall not retrieve articles, like candy, from vehicles or floats.
- Entries must travel the entire route of the parade, follow parade route and instructions, and keep a forward motion.
- Each entry should have the name of the sponsoring organization visible to the crowd.

2. Animals

- All animal entries must have a clean-up person in keeping with the entry.
- All dogs must be leashed.
- Equestrian units may not be left unattended.

3. Vehicles / Floats

- Vehicle operators will possess the proper driver's license for the vehicle operated.
- The float/vehicle shall be properly registered, inspected and operated by an individual at least 18 years of age and insured with proof of liability insurance available if requested by Committee.
- All floats/trucks must have wheel guards on rear wheels. STATE LAW: "No person may use any type of vehicle with protruding or outrigger wheels in a parade unless the vehicle is suitably modified to protect both riders and pedestrians from the wheel assembly."
- All participants on floats should be seated with a substantial barrier in front of them.
- **STATE LAW: Sitting on the edge of the vehicle or float with arms and legs hanging off is prohibited.**
- Any standing participants must wear a safety belt to prevent falling from the float. STATE LAW: "Children riding on a vehicle in a parade shall remain entirely within the perimeter of the vehicle and, if standing, shall be reasonably protected from probable injury if the vehicle suddenly starts or stops."
- STATE LAW "At least one adult for every 4 children on a float."
- Participants shall not get on or off floats while the float/parade is underway.
- Vehicles such as commercial and private cars, vans, trucks, buses and other large vehicles SHOULD be decorated according to the parade theme or in a patriotic manner (red/white/blue) as much as possible.



Town of Bristol NH 4th of July Parade Entry Form - 2024
Theme: "Peace, Love, & the 4th of July"

Name of Organization/Business/Family Sponsoring the Entry:

Contact Person day of Parade (this is the person who will be participating in the parade and in charge of your entry):

Enter Contact information for Attending person in charge:

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: (day): _____ (evening): _____ (cell): _____

Please indicate type of entry (✓) – see description of entry categories in Parade info packet:

- _____ Antique Vehicle: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
- _____ Classic Car/Vehicle: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
- _____ Other Vehicle (not float vehicles) : Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
- _____ Novelty Unit – includes bikes, golf carts, 4 wheelers, tiny cars, specialty performers
- _____ Animal / Equestrian – please specify type and how many _____
- _____ Float - approximate length of trailer & tow vehicle _____
- _____ Walking Unit (no motorized vehicles) - approximate # of walkers _____
- _____ Musical Unit – Walking _____ or Riding _____

Please initial

I, being a representative of the above organization, agree that I have read and acknowledge the Town of Bristol 2024 - 4th of July Parade Rules & Regulations and by signing below I agree to abide by them.

I acknowledge that all participants in our parade entry will be made aware of the Town of Bristol 2024 - 4th of July Parade Rules & Regulations and will abide by them.

All participants agree to indemnify and hold the Town of Bristol, its elected officials, officers, board members, agents, committee members, volunteers, and employees harmless from any liability whatsoever regardless of cause and from any and all claims or causes of action, damages, suits, costs, expenses, or attorney fees that may arise from participation in the parade.

Participant hereby grants and conveys unto the Town of Bristol all rights, titles, and interest in any and all photographic images and/or video recordings made by the Town of Bristol during the parade, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

E-mail completed form to bristolevents@bristolnh.gov or fax to (603) 744-2521 or drop off at the TTCC or Town Offices.