

Dear Parade Participant,

You are receiving this email as your confirmation of your attendance in the 2017 Hilliard 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade! A map of the fairgrounds is enclosed for your review and information. Please share with anyone from your group or organization coming to the fairgrounds on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please take time to review the following information and share with others in your group before the 4<sup>th</sup>:

1) Arrive at fairgrounds: 7:00-9:00 am

2) **One-Way** ONLY traffic throughout the grounds will be in effect.

**ENTRANCE:** Field entrance from Northwest Parkway (look for signage)

Best address to use for your GPS is **4951 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026**

**\*\*Follow directions/instructions from volunteers\*\***

**EXIT:** Columbia Street

3) With a few exceptions, parade participants will lineup on the race track

4) **Any vehicle needing to park that is not physically in the parade, needs to use field parking (see yellow hatching on map). No vehicles will be allowed to park or stop on the fairgrounds for any amount of time that are not in the parade.**

5) A vehicle that is dropping off (i.e. not parking or staying) can do so by entering Gate 5 and following the traffic around to our Columbia Street exit. Stopping along the route should be brief; just long enough to safely drop off your passenger(s).

6) Volunteers will be there to help guide and answer any questions

7) Restrooms will be available in several locations

8) Concessions for breakfast will be available starting at 7:00 am.

9) Please make sure to register with our volunteers for your entry to be judged and display your number in the way you are instructed

10) Parade awards will take place at 6:00pm on 7/4/17 at Hilliard's Station Park. Award recipients will also be announced on our Facebook page "4th of July Hilliard Parade" following the end of the parade.

11) The theme this year is "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"

To reemphasize, if you need to park and leave your vehicle for any reason [see Map for horse trailer exception], you must do so in the yellow hatched area (in the field BEFORE entering Gate 5). Once a vehicle enters Gate 5, it will be directed to its line-up spot or directed to exit via Columbia Street.

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR**

**\*\*All organizations will be required to sign a waiver in order to participate in the parade. These waivers will be available to you during staging.**

Please also note the following rules need to be followed. Any violations of these rules can result in your group not being allowed to participate in the parade next year.

1) No throwing of candy or anything else

2) No Smoking

3) No squirt guns or throwing of water

4) No Stopping (brief pause in front of judges ok)

**\*\*We are also strongly encouraging the participation of more floats. Therefore, the winners of the following categories will receive a \$500.00 prize.**

**Best of Parade**

**Best of Theme**

**Most Patriotic**

On behalf of FCAS, we are excited to host this year's parade and we hope to make it a great experience. I look forward to seeing you bright and early on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Abby Bates, Parade Chair