



## 2024 Carthage Independence Day Parade

### Rules & Guidelines

#### **Parade Route**

The Parade Lineup will take place on Bruce Street near Quality Equipment in Carthage. The Parade begins at the intersection of Bruce Street and Monroe Street and heads towards Court House Square.

#### **Check In / Line Up /Formation**

- Formation begins at 10:00 AM on Bruce Street.
- All Parade Participants Must check-in at the Corner of Bruce Street and Monroe Street
- Parade Staging will be from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
- All parade participants must arrive and check-in by 10:45 AM
- You will take your position along Bruce Street – according to your line-up position number. *Access Bruce Street via Pete Kelly Road and circle around to Bruce Street.*
- The parade will begin rolling at 11:00 AM sharp!
- The parade officially ends at Ray Street
- Carthage Police will escort the parade back along E Barrett Street to Monroe and back to the original staging area.

#### **Safety Concerns**

- To avoid the risk of possible injury, please exercise caution when tossing candy to children along the parade route as they may run in front of your vehicle.
- Entries with children under the age of 18 must also have parents or other adult chaperones riding and or walking alongside those who provide supervision.
- Vehicle Entries must have drivers that are 18 years of age or older.
- The minimum age to march in our parade is ten (10) years old. This is due to health and heat concerns.
- Participants under ten (10) years of age must ride on a float or in a vehicle and must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older at all times.



### **Decorum / Civility**

This parade is a celebration and all-inclusive to our community and a family event. We expect all participants to behave with proper decorum and civility. The use of foul language or inappropriate behavior is prohibited. Parade participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner. Disturbances will be handled by the Carthage Police Department.

### **Position in Parade**

Your position in the parade line-up will be determined by the Carthage Rotary Club parade committee and communicated to the unit via email prior to the day of the parade.

### **Flow of Parade**

All entries are asked to always keep up with the unit in front of you. We do not want large gaps in the parade. Keep moving at all times.

### **Animals**

Equestrian Units will be excluded from this parade. Small animals are permitted if the owner / parade unit takes responsibility for clean-up or pooper-scooper.

### **Parade Theme**

The 2023 Carthage 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade theme is "United We Stand" – entries should be decorated with the parade theme in mind.

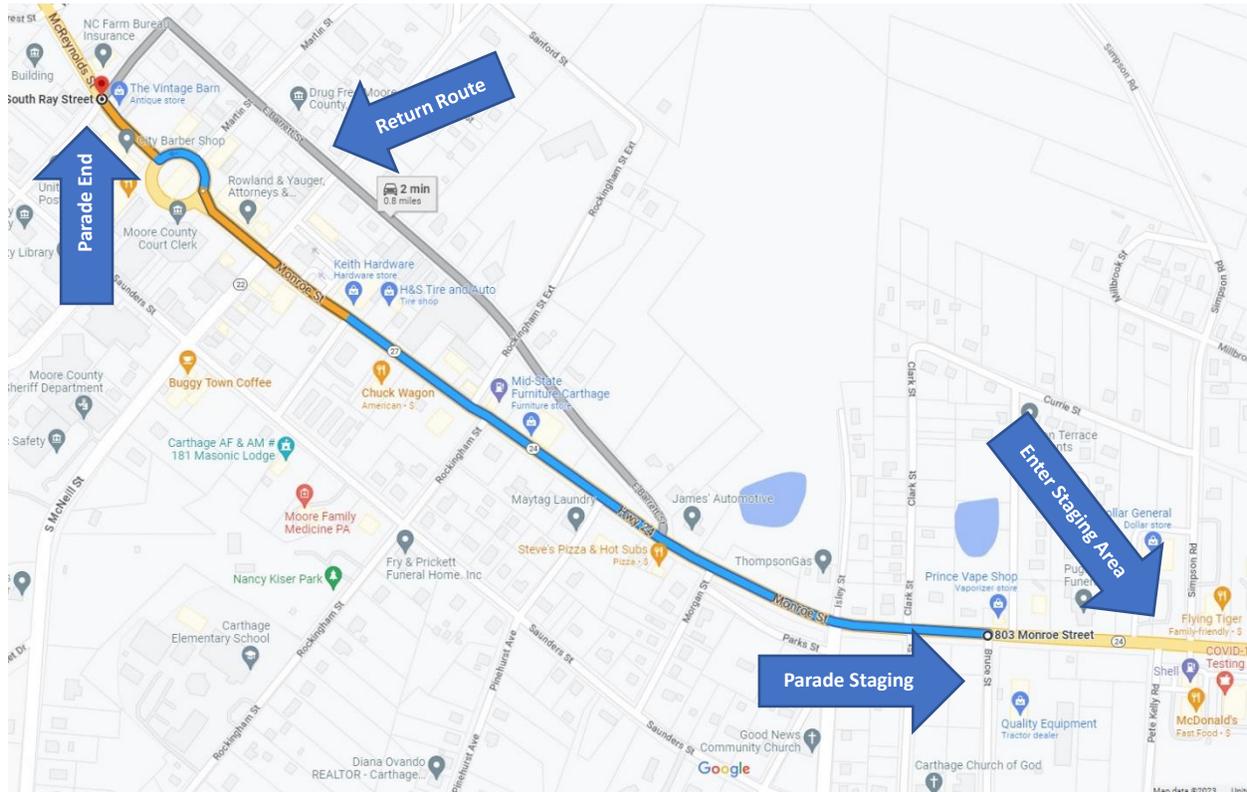
### **Political Entries**

No unit in the parade may display any signage of a political nature such as "vote for" or "elect."

### **No Firearms / Dangerous Weapons**

GS 14-277.2 - Weapons at parades, etc., prohibited.

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