

2017 Vermont Maple Festival Parade Rules

The 50th Annual Vermont Maple Festival will be April 28th, 29th, and 30th in St. Albans, Vermont. The Parade is Sunday April 30th, 2017 at **12:00 NOON**. Please review and adhere to the parade rules and general information.

Registration

No Entry Fee. The theme of the parade this year is: **“Vermont Maple Festival 51 And Let It Run”**. The entry form must be completed and returned to the parade committee. Preregistration helps everyone on parade day. One week before the parade, someone will inform you what section to report to, time, etc.

Mail complete entry form to:
Vermont Maple Festival Parade
c/o Sarah Talcott
576 Talcott Rd, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

Horse Units

The St. Albans Police Department and the Vermont Maple Festival arranged the following for horses to avoid traffic congestion and encourage public safety. Horse units must unload before the parade at the old Fonda location on Lower Newton Street. Leave all trucks and trailers parked there. Travel North Elm Street to South Elm to Lower Weldon where you will wait there or be instructed to one of the lots for the parade to begin. To exit the city after the parade, **take a right out of the lot**, take **next left**, and go **to North Elm Street to Lower Weldon Street, onto Lemnah Drive to Nason Street up to South Main near J & L Service Center to I-89 access or south on Route 7**. **All horse units must provide proof of insurance and abide by the parade rules.**

Parade Protocol

All parade entries should be in their staging area on **LEMNAH DRIVE** by **11:15** am parade day. Only parade vehicles will be permitted in these lots. Commercial vehicles are not permitted in the parade except to pull or support a float. To keep the parade moving, no participants will be allowed to stop the parade to perform on the parade route or at the reviewing stand. Lower Weldon Street will be closed from Main Street. All parade participants must enter Lemnah Drive from Nason Street. If your staging area is at SBCollins on Lower Weldon, please drive down Lower Newton from Main Street and take a left onto Elm Street and enter Lower Weldon from that direction. Parents taking children to the staging area must walk on Lemnah Drive from Nason Street as Lower Weldon Street will be closed. If you are transporting materials for floats or entries, you may drive in by **Nason St**, unload and leave as soon as possible being mindful of all the foot traffic and driving slowly and cautiously.

Safety Issues

For children’s safety NO candy or other goodies thrown from vehicle will be allowed. If a Vermont Maple Festival Trustee notices an entry in violation of this safety issue the organization will not be allowed to participate in future parades. If you wish to distribute candy or goodies, please have walkers hand it to the children. This will keep them away from the wheels of moving vehicles. You will not be

allowed to toot horns, run sirens, work noisy machinery, etc. out of respect for other parade participants. Only the driver is allowed on an open tractor.

Staging Areas

There are four staging areas on or **off LEMNAH DRIVE**. Section 1 organizes on North end of LEMNAH DRIVE at Blooming Minds. Section 2 organizes in the CDL parking lot. Section 3 organizes in Food Shelf / States attorney parking lot. Section 4 organizes in the **SB Collins parking lot on** Lower Weldon Street. A number of parade volunteers will be in the area and happy to assist you.

Awards

The festival committee requires decorated floats. Floats will be judge on who is closest to the 2017 Vermont Maple Festival theme “Vermont Maple Festival 51 And Let It Run” as follows:

Most Creative Best Youth Float Most Entertaining Most Maple Related

Four \$100 awards and rosette ribbons will be awarded to the best floats after the parade, as soon as the judges make their decision. Floats will be judged during the parade as you pass by the reviewing stand on Main Street.

Sarah Talcott, Parade Chair