



2015 Maple Leaf Parade Application

Theme "Memories in the Making"

Saturday, October 17, 2015 **FIRM Deadline: September 30, 2015**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received _____

Entry # _____

Contact Name _____

Organization/Company _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Cell phone _____

Email address (REQUIRED*) _____

Email is the primary method of communication for the Maple Leaf Festival. Failing to provide a valid email address **WILL** result in delayed communication.

Type of entry (please check appropriate box)

- Float
- Antique/Custom Vehicle or Tractor (pre-1985)
- Twirlers/Dance Team
- Musical/Marching Band
- Horse or Horse-Drawn Vehicle
- Saddle Club (# participating: _____)
- Political (\$100 fee)
- Other _____

____ (y/n) **Will you be promoting ANY for-profit business or project, regardless of the type checked above?**
(No fee for Carthage Chamber members *except political* - \$100 fee for ALL other Commercial entries, **including ALL types above.**)

____ (y/n) **Will you be distributing ANY edible items, including but not limited to candy, gum, and bagged snacks?**
(An additional accident waiver/release of liability form is REQUIRED before you will be allowed to participate. See rules #1 and #2.)

____ (y/n) **Will you be participating in the float judging?** Mark this space "Y" if you wished to be reviewed by the judges.

____ (y/n) **Will your entry include music (including recorded music and live music)?**

Total length of your entry, including truck, trailer, etc. for line-up purposes _____

Please note that height may NOT exceed 14 feet.

One entry per application. All fees due at the time of application. Absolutely no unregistered, last-minute entries will be allowed in the parade. All applications are subject to approval by the Carthage Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Maple Leaf Festival Committee. Please email your form to mjlittle@carthagechamber.com, fax to (417) 358-7479, or mail to the address below. Fees can be charged to your credit/debit card by calling (417) 358-2373.

Carthage Chamber of Commerce, 402 S. Garrison, Carthage, Missouri 64836

Please make checks payable to **Maple Leaf Festival** with "parade" in the memo line. **No refunds after October 1, 2015.**

PLEASE INITIAL IN THE BOX TO INDICATE YOU ACCEPT ALL TERMS STATED WITHIN THIS APPLICATION.

By submitting the application to the Maple Leaf Festival Committee, the undersigned acknowledges receiving, reading and fully understanding all of the included guidelines and regulations of the 2014 Maple Leaf Festival. I understand that submission of this application with the required fees and documentation does not guarantee my participation in the parade. The Maple Leaf Festival is sponsored by the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. The Carthage Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for accidents or theft. If you have any questions, call the Chamber at (417) 358-2373.

Signed _____ Date _____

Special thanks to our 2015 Festival Sponsors:

Special thanks to our 2015 Media Sponsors:

Maple Leaf Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form

Festival dates: Saturday, October 10 - Saturday, October 17, 2015

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING AND/OR VOLUNTEERING IN THIS ACTIVITY OR EVENT, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault. I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained for participation in the activity or event, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity or event.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activity or event in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activity or event. In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: Carthage Chamber of Commerce Maple Leaf Committee, City of Carthage, County of Jasper, their directors, officers, employees, members, volunteers, representatives, and agents, the activity or event holders, activity or event sponsors, activity or event volunteers;

(B) I INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity or event, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.

I acknowledge that the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, Maple Leaf Committee and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific event or activity on behalf of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. I acknowledge that this activity or event may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials, and event monitors, and/or producers of the event, and lack of hydration. These risks are not only inherent to participants, but are also present for volunteers.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this activity or event.

I understand that at this event or related activities, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns.

The accident waiver and release of liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

Maple Leaf Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form **For Parade Entries Wishing to Distribute Edible Items**

Parade date: Saturday, October 17, 2015

As an official representative of _____ (company/organization name) and by signing below, I hereby assume all liability associated with distributing edible items to participants and/or spectators of the Maple Leaf Festival Parade, including but not limited to any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of individuals associated with my parade entry.

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the event and swear that all items will be handed to spectators by participants walking alongside our entry, will never be thrown to any spectator by any participant with our entry, and will not delay the progression of our entry or any entry after us.

Number of parade "walkers" who will be distributing edible items _____.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY IMPACT FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE MAPLE LEAF PARADE.

This document is in addition to and a part of the standard waiver that must be on file for all entries, prior to the event.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

Maple Leaf Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form **For Parade Entries Considered "Fright Floats"**

Including but not limited to: haunted houses, spook trails, and any perceived weapons

Parade date: Saturday, October 17, 2015

As an official representative of _____ (company/organization name) and by signing below, I hereby agree to the following regulations associated with participation in the Maple Leaf Parade and how our interaction with spectators of the Maple Leaf Festival Parade will occur, including but not limited to any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of individuals associated with my parade entry.

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the event and swear that:

1. All Masked and costumed characters must remain on the float at all times and must not approach the crowd
2. All Masked and costumed characters will make no aggressive moves or gestures in the vicinity of small children
3. Any items, either candy or flyers will be handed to spectators by participants walking alongside our entry, will never be thrown to any spectator by any participant with our entry, and will not delay the progression of our entry or any entry after us.

Number of parade "walkers" who will be distributing items _____.

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INFORMATION FOR TELEVISION BROADCAST

*****RETURN BY September 30th*****

ORGANIZATION/GROUP: _____

PARTICIPANTS TO BE IDENTIFIED :(i.e. Band Director, Executive Director of Civic Organization, names of King, Queen candidates, etc.)

INFORMATION ABOUT ORGANIZATION: (What they do, where they've been, whatever YOU want mentioned by anchors on the air)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of this form does not guarantee that any or all of the information will be used.

Return to:

Carthage Chamber of Commerce
402 S. Garrison Ave.
Carthage, MO 64836
Fax: 417-358-7479
Email: mjlittle@carthagechamber.com

2015 Maple Leaf Parade Regulations

Failure to comply with all rules and regulations may impact future participation in the Maple Leaf Parade.

1. **Candy and other edible items may ONLY be distributed by entries who have completed and submitted a “Maple Leaf Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form For Parade Entries Wishing to Distribute Edible Items”. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. **NO ITEMS may be thrown from parade entries at any point in the parade. All items must be HANDED to the audience by persons walking alongside your float.** This is a safety issue and will be strictly enforced.
3. Floats and commercial entries must be an actual decorated float to participate in the parade. A company car with the company’s logo on it is NOT a decorated entry. Easy to use float “kits” can be used for ideas or for your entire entry. Many online sources for these kits can be found through a simple Google search, including:
www.partycity.com www.victorycorps.com
www.shindigz.com www.stumpsparty.com
www.spiritline.com www.fbsind.com
4. Antique/Custom Vehicles and Tractors must be vintage 1985 or earlier to participate in the parade. Classic cars do not need additional decorations.
5. Entries with children under the age of 18 must also have parents or other adult chaperones walking alongside to provide supervision.
6. All entries must indicate if they have music or sound amplifying systems and shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries.
7. All motorized entries must be properly maintained, have a full tank of gas, good working brakes, and must have a properly installed air filter. The vehicle must be driven by a licensed driver **over 16 years of age** and have unobstructed visibility, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. NO LOUD motorized vehicles or machinery will be allowed and NO REVVING of engines.
8. Individuals and organizations participating in the parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with **safety in mind at all times** during the assembly, execution and dispersal of the parade. All entries are required to keep moving and not delay the progression of the parade. Entries causing delays or gaps in the progression of the parade may be asked to speed up their pace to remedy the problem, and those causing continued issues may not be permitted to return next year. If you are approached for a media interview or photographs, please step out of the parade flow, allow others to pass you, and catch up to your entry when your interview is finished.
9. Parade officials work very hard to ensure that the parade route is free of interruptions; therefore, there will be no counter marching, maneuvering, or any other action, or inaction, in any form, that will create any gap in the progress of the parade. All maneuvering, choreography, and marching styles must be performed while moving forward. Keep in visual contact with entries in front of and behind you at all times and adjust your speed accordingly. Be prepared to follow ALL instructions given by parade officials before and during the parade.
10. The Maple Leaf Committee reserves the right to remove from the parade, **AT ANY TIME**, any entry/persons not conforming to the rules and regulations, or refusing to follow the instructions of the police or parade officials. The Maple Leaf Committee reserves the right of final decision on entries accepted for the parade.



This wonderfully-crafted float won the 2014 Sweepstakes Award