

## ***You Are Invited!***

The Cochranon Community Fair Parade Committee invites you/ your group/ organization to participate in one of our areas most well-known and anticipated parades.

Traditionally, the parade is held on Wednesday evening during the week of the Cochranon Fair. The fair is always scheduled for the first full week of August so it is easy to plan ahead even when the date is not yet published.

This brochure is prepared to make the parade experience as fun and exciting as possible for all involved. It is imperative to keep things moving along smoothly and efficiently for the participants, spectators, and volunteers.

Please take the time to read this brochure and become familiar with the guidelines necessary to make this a quality and exciting event.

Thank you in advance for your time, talents, and for your willingness to make this a wonderful parade experience.

## **GENERAL POLICIES:**

### **GROUND WE STAND, MARCH and PARADE UPON**

All participants of the parade will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the property owners on whose property the parade lines-up through where the parade ends. Avoid littering. Do not cut up lawns with equipment, vehicles, or animal hoofs. Do not spin tires, etc. on paved areas. Do not bring illegal items and items prohibited by property owners (e.g. tobacco, alcohol, etc.). Sidewalks and private property are not part of the route, line-up, or end-point areas and must be avoided.

## **CANDY & OTHER 'GIVE-AWAYS'**

You may hand out these items, not throw them due to possible injuries of spectators.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Please register early! Our application deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will no longer accept late registrations. Register online after May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Participants must fill out a parade application form and return it by regular mail, fax, or email. Registrations will not be accepted over the telephone.

**ALL applications subject to the approval of the parade committee.**

We must have your biographical data in our hands by July 15<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare the announcer's script book. Materials received after July 15<sup>th</sup> may not be included in the book. *The following exceptions for biographical information (not application) are permitted: Pageant Winners whose pageants fall after July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pageant Coordinators must register the pageant entourage by July 15<sup>th</sup> so that we may continue working on spacing.* You must contact us with the winning royalty information by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**If you have special needs for parade night, you must note them on your application form – which is due by July 15.** Requests made after July 15 will not be honored.

## **LINE-UP NUMBERS**

Line-up will be finalized by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Every effort will be made to contact participants with their respective unit number(s) prior to the day of the parade. **Please DO NOT CALL to request your line-up number.**

Please send one "person in charge" the day of the parade' (as listed on your application

form) to the Sign-In area to sign in your group. Please make sure all members of your group have their sign-in number.

## **LINE-UP POSITION**

All participants will stay in the line-up position assigned to them. Jumping line-up numbers and re-aligning the parade to suit personal desires are not permitted. Special needs requests need to be noted at the time of written application. Any participant (group or individual) found out of order will be asked to return to their line-up position.

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

All units are responsible for the clean-up of their areas. Garbage cans will be provided at the line-up and end-point areas.

## **ANIMAL UNITS**

All Animal Units (individuals or any other unit) must provide cleaning crew (pooper-scoopers) to clean up manure. This must be taken care of at the following times: BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER THE PARADE. A clean parade route, line-up/sign-in area, and end-point must be always made available. **IF "scoopers" are not on site and area clean, the animal units will not be permitted to join in the parade as it steps off.**

## **KEEPING THE ORDER**

**Participants must not create gaps in the parade (medical emergencies or equipment breakdowns are the only exceptions). Please always keep a forward motion.** Walking units must keep pace with the parade. All units will abide by the no-stopping policy unless the entire parade is forced to slow or stop. Units may take 1 minute 30 seconds to complete a drill in front of the reviewing stand. We understand that many of you would like to be at the front of the parade. Please understand that there are certain protocols and standards which we attempt to follow. *(continued on reverse side)*

**KEEPING THE ORDER** (continued)

**These include:**

**Military Color Guards** are placed, flying our country's colors, at the front of the parade with their respective units (be it float or other unit pieces). We will continue to honor the flag of our country. Other types of groups may also fly the colors, but those groups will be placed with their respective units throughout the parade line-up.

**Units are generally positioned using two rules of thumb:**

1. Date "application to participate" was received by the committee.
2. Type of unit: Units are positioned to create a visually diverse and exciting line-up for the spectators.

**Political groups**, individuals, and candidates will be placed closely together in the line-up with their respective parties as these groups are generally large, and it is best to keep them centrally located.

**COMPETITION**

Currently the only competition within our parade remains the float contest, which is a contest within the confines and rules of the Cochranon Community Fair. If other competitions are added, your unit type will be notified of the opportunity to compete – and you will always have the option of requesting not to be judged.

**COMPLETION**

**Except for EMS in emergencies, all parade entrants, including horses/riders, are expected to finish the parade route.**

*THANKS TO EACH & EVERY  
ONE OF YOU WHO COMES  
AND SHARES  
YOUR VERY BEST  
WITH THE  
COCHRANTON COMMUNITY  
AS PART OF OUR PARADE!!!*



**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!**  
Please update your address books!  
**Cfp.parade@gmail.com**

# Cochranon Community Fair Parade

*Wednesday*  
**August 7, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**

Cochranon, PA



**COMMUNITIES THAT  
FLOURISH!**