



Altoona 4th of July

APPLICATION FOR ALTOONA 4th OF JULY PARADE PARTICIPATION

Friday, July 4, 2025, @ 10:00 A.M. | Parade Line-Up: 8:00 A.M., along 8th Street SW | Entry Fee: \$25 No Charge for Non-Profits.

(Payable via Venmo @AltoonaHistory or checks made payable to AAHS)

BUSINESS/GROUP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL (required): _____

Size of Entry: Please specify the size and details of your entry to ensure adequate space. Examples: Pickup with trailer/3 car lengths followed by 20 dancers/3 car lengths or Scout troop of 12 walkers with flags in color guard/2 car lengths.

Entry Size: _____

CATEGORY (Check One):
Apply):

SUBCATEGORY (Check All That

☐ Decorated Float

☐ Service Organization

☐ Decorated Car

☐ Military/Veterans Organization

☐ Antique Cars/Tractors

☐ School Group

☐ Decorated Pickup

☐ Religious Organization

☐ Police, Fire & Rescue

☐ Business Entry

☐ Band (marching or on float)

☐ Political (positives only)

☐ Walkers

☐ Color Guard with Flags

☐ Horses (clean-up crew required)

☐ Other (describe): _____

Will your float/unit be amplified or playing music? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for your participation in the Altoona Fourth of July Parade! We look forward to celebrating with you.

Parade Waiver Form

Registration Deadline Is Thursday, June 26, 2025

I understand that there are risks of injury or damage to property in participation in the Altoona Fourth of July Parade in Altoona, IA on Friday July 4, 2025.

The Altoona 4th of July Parade committee, Officers, Members, Volunteers, Altoona Area Historical Society, and the city of Altoona, are not responsible for any injury as a result of the parade or damage to property as a result of participation.

Furthermore, I agree to pay, protect, identify and save the above mentioned groups and individuals from all liabilities, damages, cost, expenses, causes of action, lawsuit, demands, judgements, and claims of any nature, including, but not limited to, any liability to the above named groups or individuals that may occur, rising from, by reason, or in connection with my participation in this elected activity.

Acting as the responsible party, I assume responsibility for all those individuals, both minors and adults, associated with my entry

Please Print:

Group Name:_____

Contact Name:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Forms & payments can be mailed to: **Altoona Area Historical Society, 104 2nd St SE, Altoona, IA 50009 /Email Forms: Shawntel@iowarealty.com Questions: 515-770-5534.**

Payment Options: Venmo @Altoonahistory or checks payable to Altoona Area Historical Society (AAHS).

Thank you!

Altoona 4th of July Parade Safety Rules

The success of the Altoona Fourth of July Parade depends on you! The parade will be approximately 1.5 miles long. The following rules will provide a safe and successful 2025 parade for entrants and spectators.

Police and Safety Patrol

- Their role is to help with safety issues.
- You must comply with their requests for the safety of the parade participants and spectators.
- If you do not comply, your parade entry will be required to leave the parade route.

Candy Distribution

- If you wish to toss candy, you will need to provide walkers alongside your float.
- No candy is to be thrown from your unit/vehicle/float/trailer etc.
- No squirting or spraying water or throwing water balloons at spectators.

Vehicles

- All vehicles towing a float must have safety chains between the vehicle and the float and the float must be secured.
- All cars/trucks must be street legal.

- In the interest of the safety of observers along the parade route, motorcycles, hot rods, or other entries of a questionable nature will be included or excluded in the judgment of the parade chairperson.

Spacing

- To avoid the breakdown of the parade, all units shall maintain a maximum distance of 30 feet from the unit ahead.
- No entry, including bands or marching units shall perform in a manner as to impede the forward progress of the parade.
- Walking entries must be able to keep up with the pace of the parade and provide a banner/sign with their organization/group name.

FOR SAFETY REASONS: Complete forms & return no later than June 26,2025. Forms can be mailed or emailed to The Altoona Area Historical Society. Address: 104 2nd St. SE, Altoona, IA 50009.

Venmo@Altoonahistory or check payable to (AAHS)

Parade Guidelines:

1. Watch for Volunteers for support and questions.
2. Each parade entry must submit an application and signed waiver form by the deadline of Thursday, JUNE 26, 2025. (Please provide description of float along with company name)
3. For safety, only registered floats and vehicles will be allowed in the staging area.
4. The parade sponsors encourage floats to be decorated for the Fourth of July holiday. Please make sure your float includes your organization/business name displayed. Include a detailed description of your entry to be read by the announcers.
5. All cars/trucks must be street legal.
6. Equestrian or other animals/pet entries are REQUIRED to provide clean-up crews to follow entries. Waste clean-up in the staging area is mandated. It is recommended to pull hay 12 hours prior to the parade.
7. The Altoona Fourth of July Parade Committee reserves the right to make any revisions at any time without prior notice. The committee also reserves the right to restrict and/or remove parade entries.
8. If music is to be played from the float, parade officials must be notified in the application in advance of the parade so they may place the entry accordingly, and keep it further away from any marching bands and/or musical ensembles.
9. All parades will start promptly at the time designated, except in the event of bad weather, when officials may delay the start as much as one hour or canceling, without rescheduling.
10. Make sure all participants/individuals included in your entry have enough water for the duration of the parade. Maps and detailed staging and route information will be mailed & emailed.

Altoona 2025 4th of July Parade:

1. Parade Start Time: 10:00 am on 8th street SW, heading east, ending at 3rd Avenue SE after turning north onto 3rd Avenue.
2. Parade entries disperse along 3rd Avenue SE or beyond.
3. Road Closure: 8th Street is blocked at 8:00 AM from 17th Avenue SW to Venbury Drive.
4. Entry Stacking: The parade will be stacked as a first come first served. Parade entries will enter from the west and will use the south (east bound) lanes of 8th street as the stacking. The driveways to the Venbury Trails apartments, the campus, etc. Need to remain clear with no vehicles parked in front of them.
5. Dignitaries: Will use the library parking lot for stacking. Those include the flags, American Legion, mayor, ect. Shawntel will have a list.
6. Emergency Access: The north side of 8th street (west bound lanes) will remain open and clear for emergency vehicle access and for the Venbury Trail apartment tenants to get in and out of their units.
7. Entry Fee: \$25.00 entry fee. Nonprofits are exempt from the \$25.00 fee. Venmo@ALTOONAHISTORY or make checks payable to Altoona Area Historical Society.

Please review these details to ensure a smooth and enjoyable parade experience!