

Thank you for participating in the 2018 Manitou Days Grande Parade!

Our goal is to create a safe and fun event for everyone who participates in the Manitou Days Grande Parade...entries and spectators alike. The following parade rules are intended to keep both Manitou Days Parade participants and spectators safe at all times.

Parade Rules

- Fire or open flame on any entrant is prohibited.
- All decorative materials on vehicles, trailers, floats, etc. should be fire retardant.
- Limit use of vehicle horns or sirens. They prevent musical groups from being heard.
- Safety ropes or rails are mandatory if passengers are aboard floats or open truck beds.
- **Do not bring alcohol to the parade. Alcohol is prohibited in the line up area and parade.**
- All drivers of floats or vehicles shall possess a valid driver's license. Drivers shall have 180 degree forward vision.
- **No throwing of items into the crowd including CANDY, beach balls, Frisbees, etc.**

For Safety Reasons no participant may throw any item from a vehicle, float, other unit or while walking in the Manitou Days Grande Parade. **Candy and promotional items may be distributed along the Parade route by walkers ONLY!** This is a safety requirement put in place to prevent children who run into the street for your give away from coming into contact with YOUR PARADE VEHICLE.

Per discussion with the City of White Bear Lake we have a **No Stickers** policy for the Manitou Days Grande Parade. Stickers not only end up on parade spectators, but street signs, sidewalks and buildings. Stickers found in the line-up area or through the parade route will be confiscated by a parade official. Groups in violation of this policy will be heavily fined. Fines collected will be used to cover clean up expenses incurred when removing stickers that end on street signs, sidewalks and buildings.

The Manitou Days Parade Committee and White Bear Events reserves the right to remove and/or ban from future parades any entrant not conforming to the rules and regulations, or refusing to follow the instruction of the police or parade officials.

Since the insurance situation is too uncertain, The Manitou Days Parade Committee, White Bear Events and City of White Bear Lake, collectively and individually disclaims any responsibility for accidents that may occur on June 15th in the staging area while the parade is being lined up, in the parade line of march and at West Park.

Helpful Participant & Line Up Information

Parade Orders including line-up information (which is your parade number and section assignment), staging location, special information, maps and your vehicle pass **are included with this mailing**. Please make arrangements to communicate this information to everyone in your group prior to the Parade. All information will be posted on our website **www.manitoudays.com**.

It is guesstimated that a minimum of 8,000 spectators venture into downtown White Bear Lake for the Manitou Days Parade. This figure may help as you plan the amount of candy and promotional items you wish to distribute. Please limit distribution of paper and handouts along the parade route. Unfortunately, most of this paper winds up on the streets, in yards and in White Bear Lake.

Highway 61 gets very congested the afternoon and evening of the Manitou Days Grande Parade. Consider using side streets or enter the downtown area from the north end of town. Look for parking spaces on the west side of Highway 61. You will not be allowed to drive into the line-up area to drop off parade participants. Please respect local law enforcement and parade volunteers as they direct traffic and control the crowd.

Clark Avenue, Lake Avenue (between Clark & 2nd Street) 1st and 2nd Streets are reserved for staging the Manitou Days Parade and are not to be used as an access route to the assembly area for parade participants. Roads will be closed off to traffic at 6:00 pm.

Please be aware that there is a foot race taking place prior to the start of the parade and that a portion of the race route is in the line up area, specifically Lake Avenue and Clark Avenue. Participants will be running through the line up area as you are setting up and waiting for the parade to begin.

The Manitou Days Grande Parade will start at 6:30 pm rain or shine. The parade route is about one mile long. Your line up space adds to the distance participants walk in the Manitou Days Parade. It is suggested that you provide drinking water for your group to use en route. Rest room facilities will be available in the line-up at the intersection of Clark and Lake Avenue and in West Park at the end of the Parade.

Once the parade begins, do not delay the forward progress of the parade for the purpose of performing. Do not close in on the preceding unit. Maintain an interval of 10 feet. If the unit ahead of you must stop, you stop. Proceed immediately, when the parade starts to move.