

# Cochranton Fair Parade Committee

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Dear Parade Participants:

We are looking forward to and planning the **2018 Cochranton Community Fair Parade!** You are cordially invited to join us for a wonderful evening on **Wednesday, August 8, 2018!**

The theme for this year's parade: **Farms, Families, Fairs & Fun!** Please remember this theme as you plan and prepare to join us during Fair Week in Cochranton, PA. We hope you can join us in presenting a very special parade in our community!!

Our thanks to those who participated in the 2017 parade, making it one of our largest parades to date. Our goal again this year is to create and present a fun-filled evening for spectators, participants, and volunteers.

Whether you have participated in the past, or are joining us for the first time, your patriotic community spirited hearts are appreciated, and needed, to be enjoyed by parade-goers everywhere. Our thanks to each and every one of you for considering to be a part of this year's event.

## **Registration Information:**

- **Participants must pre-register using the attached "GENERAL APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE" form.** You may either return the application in paper form, via email, or via website.
- **Phone registrations will not be accepted.**
- **You may register online after May 1, 2018.**
- Our parade has grown over the years and we want to be able to recognize each group as it passes the announcer's stand and make sure your accolades are shared with the spectators. We must receive your group information by July 15, 2018 or we cannot guarantee that all of your information will be read at the announcer's stand, or that you will receive a guaranteed spot in the parade line-up.
- **ALL applications are subject to approval by the parade committee. (Please see enclosed Policy Brochure for more information.)**
- With the exception of EMS in emergencies, all parade entrants, including horses/animal units, are expected to finish the parade route.

**Walk-In Participants are not permitted to join the parade.** There will be no exceptions. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME that because you have participated in prior parades that you will be included in the line-up; IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR INFORMATION IN WRITTEN FORM BY THE DEADLINE, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INTO THE LINE-UP AREA.

Accordingly, our line-up will be finalized by July 31, 2018. We will make every effort to notify you of your line-up number prior to parade day (not necessarily in the first days of August). If you provide an email address, we will send this information via email; otherwise we will contact you by telephone. **Please DO NOT CALL to request this information.** Your help and patience with our volunteers will be sincerely appreciated.

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## **PARADE DETAILS:**

- **Attachments to letter:** Please find a registration application form, parade policies, and any information specific to your group as registered in prior years. ***Biographical information must be in our hands by July 15<sup>th</sup> or it will not be included in the announcer's book. Information provided at sign-in will not be read.***

## **PARADE DAY INFORMATION:**

***3:00 PM – FLOATS ONLY may arrive to begin final set-up in the area designated for float parking (judging will commence at 5:30 PM – you will be deemed ready by 5:30 PM).*** Judging of floats must be completed by 6:00 PM in order that judges may tabulate results and notify the announcing stand so that trophies may be presented as floats pass the stand. Decisions of the judges are final. Complete rules will be published in the Cochran Community Fair Book.

***Non-Float Participants are not permitted in the line-up area until sign-in time listed below.*** (i.e., any participants other than floats)

***5:00 - 6:15 PM – Arrive and Sign-In at Cochran Elementary School. You must sign in so that we know your group is on the premises prior to step off.***

***Please send one representative only from your group to sign-in to save on congestion at the sign in area. (Please share your line-up number with other members of your group when you receive it prior to the parade day.) – Portable toilets will be available at sign-in.***

***We do ask that you extend every courtesy to your fellow participants and volunteer staff during sign-in, line-up, step-off, and the parade itself. Inappropriate behavior will necessitate departure from the line-up area.***

***6:15 PM – Extra Vehicles (your transportation) must exit the line-up area and head to your pick-up point at the Cochran High School area. If your transportation does not exit by 6:15 PM, those vehicles will have to wait until the remaining units have stepped off and will be directed by a less direct route to the high school area. Car-pooling is a great idea! For those meeting special transportation (e.g. limos etc.), we ask that you please meet your limo outside of the line-up area and arrive with only the special vehicle; not several drop-off cars and the limo. We want to keep traffic in the area flowing smoothly for you so that you can enjoy this wonderful evening!***

***6:30 PM – Parade steps off***

### ***Rain Date:***

There is no rain date; we will be hosting the parade the night of August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be finalizing preparations on parade day; therefore, we will not accept or return telephone calls or emails on parade day. IF weather forces us to cancel, we will do our best to have it announced on the radio. A final decision will be made at 6:15 PM. We do not plan to cancel; we plan to have a parade.

***Please join us to show off your fabulous modes of transportation and many many talents!!*** We anticipate a good turnout this year and your presence amidst all marching bands, floats, drill teams will add to the excitement of the day! If you have another type of group than is included in your information packet, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your entry and answer your questions. We look forward to an exciting event this August and look forward to seeing you there!! ***If you have ANY questions regarding the event, please contact the committee / secretary at one of the contact points listed in the letterhead.***

***THANK YOU for all your efforts and enthusiasm! See you in August!***

***Sincerely yours,***  
***Cochran Community Fair Parade Committee***  
*The Cochran Community Fair Parade Committee*