

York St. Patrick's Day PARADE

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Happy New Year from the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Planning is well under way for the 29th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012, along Market Street in downtown York. Complete **parade guidelines and a registration form** are included in this mailing.

Please read this entire packet carefully as it contains important information, and certain guidelines have been updated since last year's parade. Please share this with all members of your organization and/or parade entry, so that everyone is aware of parade regulations. This document will also be available for downloading from www.YorkSaintPatricksDayParade.org.

We will be emailing additional information on parade fundraisers, t-shirt sales, etc. in the near future.

The **deadline for all parade entries is Wednesday, February 15, 2012.** Applications MUST be received by the parade committee by that date so that we have ample time to organize the line of march, assign staging locations, and notify entry contacts of staging assignments so that information may be distributed to all participants.

Upon receipt of your completed and signed registration form and entry fee, you will be sent a confirmation email if an email address is provided. If you do not receive a confirmation from us within a few days of your sending the registration form, please contact us. **We are not responsible for lost or misdirected mail, or if you assume that someone else sent in your registration form and did not. If you do not receive a confirmation within a few days of sending in your entry, please contact us. Please do not wait until after the registration deadline as that will be too late.**

Lineup instructions, including the exact staging location for your entry (a house number in the 400 or 500 block of West Market Street), will be sent on or around March 1, 2012, via email. The mailing will also include details on a variety of related special events before and after the parade.

Please note: We consider registration forms to be a commitment to participate. The line of march is carefully crafted, taking each entry's components into consideration. Late pull-outs and no-shows create logistical problems for our volunteers and other participants; repeat offenders may be denied entry in future parades. In addition, it is especially important that we receive complete and accurate information on registration forms with regard to the number of vehicles in each parade entry and whether entries will contain music. We need to know this so that we can allocate appropriate room in the staging area for each entry and to adequately separate entries with music.

Thank you again for your interest in the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade. If you have any questions, please e-mail or phone us.

York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee

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29th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Rules and Regulations

Parade Date:	Saturday, March 17, 2012 (THERE IS NO RAIN/SNOW DATE)
Step-off Time:	1 p.m. sharp (line-up will begin at 11:30 a.m.)
Assembly Point:	400 & 500 blocks of West Market Street
Parade Route:	Market Street from Penn to Duke Streets (disband between Duke & Queen)
Reviewing Stand:	Located on the NW corner of Continental Square
Television Cameras:	White Rose Community Television (Comcast Channel 18) will be located near the NW corner of Continental Square and near Cherry Lane and Market Street

Parade entries:

- **ALL ENTRIES MUST REFLECT AN IRISH THEME AND MUST BE DECORATED** (except honor guards).
- **Entry fee is \$25.**
Entry fees are waived for sponsors as part of their benefits package.
Military and honor guard entries are sponsored by The York Water Company (entry fees waived).
- To aid in the flow of the parade, reduce gaps along the route, and minimize our Public Works Department expenses, there **MUST BE NO STOPPING** at Continental Square or along the route during the parade. Entries may pause briefly — only while they are being announced — but **MAY NOT STOP TO PERFORM.**
- All groups must march in an orderly and continuous matter at all times.
- **All units, including those executing drills, must continue moving forward at all times once the parade starts. Stopping along the parade route, including in front of the reviewing stand at Continental Square, will result in disqualification from prizes and possible suspension from future parades.** Parade officials will be stationed along the parade route enforcing this regulation.
- Each parade entrant will certify that all authorized motor vehicles are covered by liability insurance as provided by Pennsylvania law and will be operated by a driver with a valid driver's license.
- In an effort to reduce overcrowding in the staging area, entries that consist of vehicles will be limited to a maximum of 15 vehicles per entry, and ALL vehicles must be decorated in an Irish theme.
- Any entry bringing excess vehicles not listed on the registration form will be limited to what was listed. Parade officials will be verifying the number of registered vehicles in the staging area. If you have participated in the past, then you will understand that there is no room in the staging area for unanticipated excess vehicles.
- **Use of sound systems must be indicated on the registration form, to allow for adequate placement in the line of march between quiet entries.** It is recommended that speakers be pointed to the sides of the vehicle so that the sounds will not carry as far to the front or back of the parade. This will help to allow every entry a better presentation.
- Continuous blowing of loud horns or sirens is PROHIBITED.
- No entries will be allowed to discharge firecrackers, caps, blanks, incendiary devices, or other equipment that might startle or excite horses and other animals in the parade.
- Units may not contain an element higher than 16 feet (to provide clearance of overhead wires and traffic lights).
- Float entries with riders must be equipped with handrails, posts, or grab bars for the safety of their participants. **No one may step on or off a float or any motorized vehicle once it has left the step-off point. Riders must remain on the vehicle until the end of the parade and after the unit has come to a complete stop.**
- All floats are required to have a fire extinguisher onboard.
- All decorative materials should be fire retardant. The use of open flames on any entry is PROHIBITED.
- Participants on bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, pogo sticks, etc. **MUST WEAR A HELMET** and proper safety equipment.
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED** in the parade assembly area or along the parade route. Violators will be removed from the parade and your participation in next year's parade will be denied if your group is identified as having ignored this regulation.
- Solicitation of funds is PROHIBITED.

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Parade entries with animals:

- Participants **MUST** provide a means of clean-up if their entry includes an animal.
- All dogs in the parade must be kept on leashes.
- Saddled animal entries **MUST** include a copy of their liability insurance declaration page with their registration form, or arrange to have it provided to the parade committee no later than March 1, 2012.

Distribution of items along the parade route:

- **TOSSING OF ITEMS FROM VEHICLES IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.** Throwing items from vehicles creates a very dangerous situation for youngsters running into the middle of parade entries and vehicles, or reaching their hand out under vehicles. Distribution of items (such as candy or promotional items) along the parade route will **ONLY** be permitted if items are **HANDED OUT ALONG THE CURB**. This is a requirement from the York City Police Department and our insurance carrier. Please help us have a safe day for everyone and reduce the risk of children running into the street. **Your entry will be disqualified from prizes and your participation in next year's parade will be DENIED if your group is identified as having ignored this regulation.**
- Anyone planning to hand out any type of food (including wrapped candy) **MUST** get a license from York City's Bureau of Permits and Health Licensing. This is a City of York requirement. To obtain a permit, please call 849-2341. Representatives from the City of York will be enforcing this rule on parade day.

Conduct:

- All individuals participating in the parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times. Parade Marshals positioned along the parade route may remove any person or unit that, in their discretion, violates this regulation.
- **The applicant shall be responsible for the conduct of all of its participants and agrees to notify ALL participants in their entry of these rules and regulations, and that violations will result in disqualification from prizes.**
- The York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for those choosing to abuse our volunteers or other entries. Please report violators to parade officials along the route.

Please Note:

- The objective of the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is to successfully present the parade and related events in a quality, safe, entertaining and enjoyable manner for all who attend and participate. Our focus is on the families and thousands of children who line Market Street to celebrate the heritage and tradition of the Irish in America.
- **Your completed/signed registration form is your ACCEPTANCE of ALL parade rules and regulations.**
- **REMEMBER, THIS IS A FORWARD MOTION PARADE; participants MAY NOT STOP to perform in front of the reviewing stand or anywhere along the parade route. VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PRIZES.**
- The parade committee reserves the right to remove any entry where safety measures are, in the opinion of the committee officials, inadequate.
- **Parade marshals may remove any person or unit that, in their determination, violates parade rules. Violators will be disqualified from prizes this year and prohibited from participating next year.**
- The parade committee's decision regarding all entries is final.



This annual celebration of Celtic heritage is organized by the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization. **Marketing/sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 2012 parade.** For more information, please contact us at YorkStPatParade@gmail.com or 717-578-0146.

29th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Prizes to be Awarded

Categories and prize awards for 2012 are as follows:

Best Individual/Family Group.....	\$75
Honorable Mention	\$50
Best Decorated Vehicle (non-antique car, van, bus or truck)—Non-profit/Non-commercial	\$100
Honorable Mention	\$50
Best Decorated Vehicle (non-antique car, van, bus or truck)—Commercial	framed certificate
Honorable Mention	framed certificate
Best Antique Vehicle	\$75
Honorable Mention	\$50
Best Float (flatbed truck or trailer).....	\$350
Honorable Mention (two winners).....	\$150
Best Honor Guard (must include U.S. and Commonwealth flags, with at least 4 marchers)	\$75
Honorable Mention	\$50
Best Irish Dance Group.....	\$100
Honorable Mention	\$75
Best Non-profit Group/Organization	\$175
Honorable Mention (three winners).....	\$75
Best Media Entry.....	framed certificate
Honorable Mention	framed certificate
Grand Prize: Best of Parade	\$400

The names of prize winners will be submitted to the York Daily Record/York Sunday News and the York Dispatch for publication and will also be posted on www.YorkSaintPatricksDayParade.org and our Facebook Page. Prize checks will be mailed to winners approximately two weeks after the parade.

PLEASE NOTE: Parade judges (comprised of a panel of parade sponsors) are aware of parade committee rules and are instructed that they must disqualify any entry found to be in violation of regulations contained in this mailing.

REMINDER: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DECORATED IN AN IRISH THEME (except honor guard entries)

29th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

A PDF form that you may fill in electronically is available at YorkSaintPatricksDayParade.org

Name of Entry/Group/Participant _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____
City State Zip Code

Telephone _____
Day Evening Best time to be reached

E-mail Address _____

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY SO THAT WE MAY CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION AND SEND STAGING INSTRUCTIONS

Please describe how your entry will reflect an Irish theme:

Will your entry have music? yes no If yes, will it be amplified? yes no

WE MUST KNOW THIS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SPACING BETWEEN MUSICAL UNITS.

Approximately how many participants will be walking as part of your group? _____

Please indicate the type and exact number of vehicles in your entry (maximum of 15 per entry):

car/van _____ pick-up truck _____ flat bed truck _____ bus _____ other (describe) _____

WE MUST KNOW THIS TO ALLOCATE AMPLE SPACE FOR YOUR ENTRY IN THE STAGING AREA.

PLEASE NOTE: Once the application deadline has passed, you **MAY NOT ADD** additional vehicles.

Will you participate if there is light rain or snow? yes no

Due to the amount of advance planning that goes into the parade, and because many of our participants and volunteers have other commitments during the busy Saint Patrick's Day season, it is not feasible to have an inclement weather date. The parade will go on as scheduled if there is light rain or snow. The parade would only be canceled in the event of severely inclement weather where there are serious safety concerns.

For judging purposes— Please select ONLY ONE category:

- Individual/Family Group
- Decorated Vehicle (non-antique car, van, bus or truck)—Non-profit/Non-commercial
- Decorated Vehicle (non-antique car, van, bus or truck)—Commercial
- Antique Vehicle (must be decorated)
- Float (decorated flatbed truck or trailer)
- Irish Dance Group
- Non-profit Group/Organization
- Media (television/radio/print)
- Honor Guard

If you will be distributing printed material along the parade route, please include a copy with your parade application.

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Name of Entry/Group/Participant _____

Please provide a BRIEF PARAGRAPH (100 words or less) for our announcer to read as your entry passes the reviewing stand; you may attach a typed paragraph.

PLEASE CHECK BOTH BOXES AND SIGN BELOW

- I hereby certify that I have carefully read the enclosed rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.**
- I understand that as the contact person for my entry, it is my responsibility to ensure that all individuals in this unit are aware of parade regulations.**

The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the organizers of the 29th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade and its agents from and against all claims, losses, liabilities and expenses, including attorney fees and court costs, arising from any circumstances occurring in connection with the 29th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade. In addition, the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is granted permission to use photographs of above-named entry for promotional purposes (web site, flyers, newspaper articles, etc.).

Entrant's Signature _____ Date _____

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YORK PA 17405-1043

or fax to: **717-854-6585**
or email to: **YorkStPatParade@gmail.com**

Entry fee of \$25 should be made payable to York Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

If parade is cancelled due to severely inclement weather, entry fee will be refunded.

Entries must be received by Wednesday, February 15, 2012

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Please join us in thanking our 2012 parade sponsors

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Chris Reilly
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Spoutwood Farm May Day Fairie Festival



The parade is supported by Irish Charities of Maryland, which sponsors the annual Maryland Irish Festival. Revenues from the festival are used to make charitable donations upon the recommendations of the local Irish organizations that organize the festival.

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