



Alpenfest 2009

45th on the 45th

March 20, 2009

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the Alpenfest Grand Parade Committee, I would like to invite you to participate in the 2009 Alpenfest Grand Parade. We need YOU to make this year's parade better than ever.

We plan to have more music, more dancing, and more fun – and it's our 45th year! In light of our anniversary and our town's geographic location, this year's theme is “45th on the 45th”.

Start thinking – and get your committees together - the dates for Alpenfest are July 14-18, with the parade taking place on **Saturday, July 18th at noon**.

Entries will be judged *during the parade* with prizes awarded in the following categories:

2008 Winners

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| ○ Most Original | Home Depot |
| ○ Best Service Club | Eagles |
| ○ Best Overall | Budweiser Clydesdales |
| ○ Best Use of Theme | Otsego County Parks and Recreation |

Enclosed is an application form. Please complete and **return it no later than June 20, 2009**.

“Alpenfest” and “45th” themes, music, and originality are encouraged! Should your entry be accepted, a map of the parade route and your line up number/location will be mailed to you in early July.

We look forward to receiving your application soon. The number of parade entries is being limited to one hundred. Questions and comments should be directed to:

Diane Pompei	or	Gayla Lamberies	or	Jackie Allsopp
Parade Chairman		Special Events Coordinator		Co-Chairman
989-732-4619		989-732-6333		989-205-0387

**2009 ALPENFEST GRAND PARADE
Rules and Information**

**Saturday, July 18, 2009
Formation – 9:30 am – 11:15 am
No vehicle entry after 11:15 per Police Order
Starting Promptly at Noon**

*The Grand Parade is a family oriented event that celebrates Alpenfest.
Entries are encouraged to “Alpenize” or decorate in accordance with the theme –
“45th on the 45th”*

*The Grand Parade is not an opportunity to advertise, campaign or deliver an address.
Entries depicting a political organization or controversial issue will not be permitted.
Currently seated political officials may participate.*

The parade committee reserves the right to dismiss any entry at any time for non-compliance.

- **NOTHING** may be passed out at the parade
- Participants may not mingle with the crowd, shake hands, etc.
- All entries must be decorated
- Only decorated commercial equipment and vehicles are permitted
- There will be no stops along the parade route
- **Each entry must stay as close to the previous entry as possible to avoid gaps**
- Equine and other animal units must provide their own clean up equipment
- Maximum height may not exceed 13', 6" in order to clear overhead wires
- Adequate safety chains must be used on all towed units
- Adequate vision must be provided for drivers
- No dangerous acts, fireworks, weapons or sudden noises
- No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed by participants
- Alpenfest will not provide cars for use in the parade
- Only participants will be allowed in the staging area.

If you have questions or need additional information please call:

Diane Pompei - 989 732 4619 or Jackie Allsopp - 989 205-0387



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Grand Parade SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009 – NOON APPLICATION

Please complete and mail or fax no later than June 20, 2009

Alpenfest Grand Parade Committee, 700 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 – fax: 989 732 2377
Questions may be directed to Diane Pompei, 989 732 4619

Name of Organization: _____
Other Names Your Organization May Be Known As: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: Business: _____ **Home:** _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email address: _____

Type of Entry: _____ FLOAT
_____ MARCHING/WALKING GROUP
_____ VEHICLE
_____ HORSE UNIT (Must have own clean up crew) _____ Number of Horses
_____ OTHER: Please Explain _____

Number of People Participating: _____

Length of entire entry including tow vehicle and participants _____

Does entry have music? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what type? _____ Live _____ Taped _____ **Style (polka, jazz, etc.)** _____

Please tell us a little about your entry. List anything that is special or unique – *this information will be used for the LIVE BROADCAST of the parade.* Please include a description, even if you have been a participant in the past. Enclose a photo if available. Thank You!

Unable to attend? Please check one of the following:
_____ please keep us on the mailing list _____ please remove us from the mailing list

All entries are subject to approval by the Gaylord Alpenfest. The Gaylord Alpenfest reserves the right to refuse any entry that is not in good taste or in the best interest of Alpenfest, as ascertained by the festival committee.

Plain vehicles with only a company logo are not permitted. Dress it up and let's have fun!

Violation of any rule may result in the immediate removal of an entry before or during the Grand Parade and make the participant ineligible for future Alpenfest parades.

In consideration of the acceptance of our entry in the 2009 Gaylord Alpenfest Grand Parade, we hereby release the Gaylord Alpenfest from any and all liability, as well as any and all injuries or damage arising from our participation in the afore mentioned Grand Parade.

I have read the above information along with the accompanying rules sheet.

Authorized Representative: _____ **Date:** _____