

## Thank you for participating in the 2023 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 throughout the parade.**
- All drivers of floats or vehicles shall possess a valid driver's license. Drivers MUST have 180 degree forward vision.
- **No throwing of items into the crowd including CANDY, beach balls, Frisbees, etc.**

### Distribution of candy and handouts

**If distributing candy, it must be dropped next to the curb. Promotional materials must be given from an arms length away.**

Avoid any action that would encourage spectators (kids) from walking up to someone in your group or support vehicle.

Be mindful and limit distribution of paper and handouts along the parade route. Unfortunately, a lot of paper and trash from hand outs and candy wrappers ends up left behind, in the streets, in yards and in White Bear Lake.

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 will be confiscated by a parade official. Groups in violation of this policy could 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 16th, 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](http://www.manitoudays.com)**.

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 and Banning Avenue 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.

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 2nd Street and Clark at Lake Avenue. A complete list can be found on the enclosed parade route map.

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. Keep a distance of 10 feet between you and the group in front of you. If the unit ahead of you stops, you stop. Proceed immediately, when the parade starts to move.

**Check the Parade Page of [manitoudays.com](http://manitoudays.com) for additional information.**