2026 Manitou Days Grande Parade
Participant Rules & Helpful Information

To ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone, all participants must follow these rules **which apply throughout the entire event, including the line-up/staging area, the parade route, and all associated gathering spaces.** By submitting a registration, you agree to follow and share these rules with your entire group.

Parade Rules

1. **No smoking or alcohol** on or near floats, vehicles, or walking units — including in the line-up area.
2. **No weapons of any kind are permitted at the Manitou Days Grande Parade. This includes, but is not limited to, firearms, knives, or any other items that could be perceived as weapons.**
3. **No open flames** on any unit. Decorations should be fire-resistant. Safety rails are encouraged for floats or open truck beds.
4. Only licensed drivers may operate motorized vehicles in the parade. All drivers must hold a valid driver's license and maintain clear, unobstructed **180-degree forward vision** at all times.
5. Do not set up or line up outside of the designated staging areas. These areas share space with residential traffic—please ensure all participants remain out of the roadway and respect local access.
6. Do not leave your parade entry/vehicle unattended.
7. No horns or sirens — they interfere with musical groups.
8. **No throwing items** of any kind (candy, toys, water, etc.). All items must be handed out by walkers. Additional public-health guidelines may be added if needed.

Distribution of Candy & Handouts

- Candy must be **dropped at the curb**, not tossed.
- Promotional materials must be handed out **at arm's length**.
- Avoid actions that encourage spectators, especially children—to approach your group or vehicle.
- Please limit paper handouts. Much of this material ends up as litter in streets, yards, and the lake.

No Stickers Policy

Per the City of White Bear Lake, stickers are **not permitted** in the Manitou Days Grande Parade. Stickers often end up on spectators, signs, sidewalks, and buildings. Parade officials will confiscate stickers. Groups violating this policy may be fined, with fines used to cover cleanup and removal costs.

Parade Conduct & Compliance

The Manitou Days Parade Committee and White Bear Events reserve the right to remove or ban any entrant who does not follow parade rules or the instructions of police or parade officials.

Indemnity Agreement

The Manitou Days Parade Committee, White Bear Events and City of White Bear Lake, collectively and individually disclaim any responsibility for accidents that may occur on June 19th in the staging area, while the parade is being lined up, in the parade line of march and at West Park. By submitting the application, all parties in your group waive and release any claim against the Manitou Days Parade Committee, White Bear Events and City of White Bear Lake and any of their officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers or sponsors, for any personal injury, property damage or other damage sustained, whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence of such officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents and volunteers, which occurs during or as a result of participation in the Manitou Days Grand Parade on Friday, June 19, 2026. All registered entries agreed to the Indemnity Agreement included in the application materials.

Participant & Line-Up Information

Official participants will receive:

- Parade order and line-up information (parade number and section assignment)
- Staging location
- Special instructions
- Maps
- Vehicle pass

Please share this information with everyone in your group before parade day. All materials will also be posted at **www.manitoudays.com**.

Arrival, Parking & Traffic Tips

- Highway 61 becomes very congested on parade day. Consider using side streets or entering downtown from the north.
- Look for parking on the **west side** of Highway 61.
- Vehicles will **not** be allowed into the line-up area to drop off participants.
- Please follow directions from law enforcement and parade volunteers.

Street Closures

Clark Avenue, Lake Avenue (between Clark & 2nd Street), 1st Street, 2nd Street, and Banning Avenue are reserved for parade staging and may not be used as access routes. Roads close to traffic at **6:00 p.m.**

Parade Timing & Route

- The parade begins at **6:30 p.m.**, rain or shine.
- The route is approximately **one mile** long.
- Your line-up position adds to the total walking distance.
- Bring plenty of drinking water for your group.
- Restrooms are available at Clark & 2nd Street and Clark & Lake Avenue. Additional locations are shown on the parade route map.

During the Parade

- Maintain steady forward movement—do not stop to perform or interact with the crowd.

- Keep **10 feet** between your group and the unit ahead.
- If the group in front of you stops, you stop. Resume movement as soon as the parade begins moving again.

Additional Information
Visit the Parade Page at **manitoudays.com** for updates, maps, and participant details.

Thank you again for being a part of the 2026 Manitou Days Grande Parade. We appreciate your cooperation and enthusiasm in helping create a safe, memorable community celebration!