



# 38th Annual Oil Heritage Festival Parade Saturday, July 23rd Step off: 5:00 PM Oil City, Pennsylvania The Largest Parade in Venango County, PA!



## Theme:

The theme of this year's Oil Heritage Festival Parade is influenced by the recently discovered film "This is Your City: Its People – and Places You Should Know About...1968." The film showcases Oil City at the end of 1960s, harkening back to the heritage of which the people in this area are so proud. What if a similar film was made of Oil City today? What places would – and should – be included? What would you want future generations to know about the city you call home? We are encouraging all parade entries to focus on the theme of "This is Our City: Its People – and Places You Should Know About 2016." Think of the people and places that you enjoy the most in this area. Ideas could include favorite landmarks, businesses, recreational areas, natural landmarks (rivers, creeks, etc.), and much more!

## Sign-Up

All entry forms must be sent in advance. *Confirmation of Registration will be sent via the email address provided on the registration form. If an email address is not provided, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 814.676.8521 to confirm your registration.* Your entry numbers will be mailed to the address on your entry form one week prior to the parade. Please display your entry numbers prominently during the entire parade. The **deadline for entry is July 15<sup>th</sup>** but late entries are accommodated wherever possible. This form is available for online submission.

## Judging

Floats/Walking Groups and Novelty Groups will be judged as you proceed through the judging area at Central Ave Plaza, Southside. They will be judged on General Effect, Design, Construction, Theme. Each float will be judged within its division.

Performance Groups will be judged at their performance in front of the judging area at Central Avenue Plaza. They will be judged on Choreography, General Effect and Showmanship.

**Marching Units/Fire & Recue Equipment/Cars/Motorized units**, will not be judged.

## Judging Stand: The judging stand will be located on the South Side, Central Ave Plaza and West First Street.

The Judging Stand will be well marked. This is a forward-motion event. Units will be judged as they pass through the judging area. *To prevent lulls in the parade, please stay as close as possible to the group in front of you.*

*(With the Center Street Bridge closure on the North Side, the parade route is South Side only)*

## Criteria

The Venango Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to require proof of insurance prior to accepting parade registrations.

**Drum and Baton Corps:** Have baton twirlers as the mainstay of their unit. Baton corps usually consists of baton twirlers, silks, and a drum line (or a good quality sound system).

**Junior Corps:** Have an average age of thirteen or younger.

**Senior Corps:** Have an average age of fourteen or older.

**Drill Teams:** Have a dance line as their mainstay of their unit. The dance line may use pom-poms, flags, rifles, etc. Drill teams will usually have music to accompany them.

**Gymnastics:** Will be judged separately, and not as a novelty unit.

**Horse Groups:** Will be judged in the non-musical unit category. The group must have a clean-up crew to follow their unit through the parade.

**Queens/Kings, Dignitaries, and Elected Officials:** This category will not be judged, and must furnish their own vehicles and drivers.

**Walking Groups:** To prevent lulls in the parade, it is very important for your group to stay as close as possible to the group in front of you. Our parade is a forward-motion parade, and we ask for your assistance in maintaining a close distance between each group.

## Fire & Rescue Equipment

We ask that you please refrain from blowing horns, sirens or whistles continuously during the parade. If you are notified by radio or parade official of an emergency situation, we will ask that you refrain from blowing your horn at all.

## Awards

Judging will take place in the judging area at Central Ave Plaza/West First Street. If your category's prize is a trophy, they will be available to pick up at Headquarters the following day, or at the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce the following Monday. If your prize is monetary, checks will be mailed to the address on the registration form by *August 15, 2016*.

## Line-Up

We will attempt to accommodate special requests for line-up as much as possible. Early responses are typically given preferential position so please reply as quickly as you can if your entry has a specific need and must be noted clearly on the registration form.

**We hope you will be able to join us this year!**

Please return entry by July 15, 2016 to:

Venango Area Chamber of Commerce | P.O. Box 376 | Oil City, PA 16301 | Phone: 814.676.8521 | Fax: 814.676.8185  
chamber@venangochamber.org

Questions *prior to the parade* can be directed to:  
The Venango Area Chamber at 814.676.8521.

Parade day *emergencies* can be directed to:  
Susan Williams at 814.758.2753 or  
Dottie Tawney at 814.758.1586

*\*The Chamber of Commerce cannot accept registrations over the phone. Please fax, mail, or email all registrations.*

*\*The Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny any entry.*

# Categories

*\*Please select **one** category for judging purposes. Sorry, but entries without categories will not be judged.*

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## **Marching Units: Please Check One**

- ( ) High School, University Band & Cheerleaders
- ( ) Drum & Bugle Corp
- ( ) Color Guard

*\*Note: These entries will not be judged.*

## **Performing Groups: Please Check One**

- ( ) Sr. Drill /Drum & Baton Team
- ( ) Jr. Drill /Drum & Baton Team
- ( ) Gymnastics
- ( ) Dance Performance Groups

*\*Note: Performing entries will be judged and awarded monetary prizes in each category.*

## **Novelty Groups: Please Check One**

- ( ) Musical Performance Groups
- ( ) Non-Musical Performance Groups  
(Zumba, sports teams, clowns, horse groups, etc.)

*\*Note: Novelty entries will be judged and awarded trophies in each category.*

## **Floats/Walking Groups: Please Check One**

- ( ) Commercial: Business Float or Walking Group
- ( ) Non-Profits: Churches, Youth Service Float, Walking Group

*\*Note: Floats/Walking Group entries will be judged and awarded trophies.*

## **Fire Equipment: Please Provide Description**

*\*Note: Fire Equipment entries will not be judged.*

## **Cars/Motorized Units: Please Check One**

- ( ) Elected Officials/Dignitaries
- ( ) Kings/Queens/Princes & Princesses
- ( ) Award Winners

*\*Note: Cars/Motorized Units will not be judged.*

- Your units bio must be submitted with application. This information will be provided to, the parade emcee and local radio and television stations. If this is not provided, nothing will be announced for your unit.
- For safety reasons, no simulated or actual firearms or weapons will be allowed in the parade, with the exception of March Unit Color Guards and Military Service Groups/Organizations.
- Throwing items/candy from a float/vehicle is highly discouraged. It is preferred that walkers are in place to distribute items/candy. At the risk of the Parade participant, candy may be dispersed by throwing underhand onto the surface of the street toward the curb. Any dispersal of candy other than by walkers is the sole responsibility and at the risk of the Parade participant.

**Oil Heritage Parade Registration Form**  
**Theme: "What We Love Best About Oil City"**  
**Parade Date: July 23, 2016**

Name of Group/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*\* email address will be used to send registration confirmation and for invitations to future parades\**

Estimated # of feet required in Line-Up Area or clear description of entry type (e.g. Type of vehicles, etc.):

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Special Needs/Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note that *any commentary* that should be read by the parade announcer when passing thru the judging area, must accompany this registration form. Please note any local business that has provided your vehicle if you would like them to be recognized. The commentary should be attached to this form. Thank you!

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