



# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oil Heritage Festival Parade Saturday, July 24th Step off: 5:00 PM Oil City, Pennsylvania The Largest Parade in Venango County, PA!



## Theme: Dancing Across the Nations

The Oil Heritage Festival Parade Committee is proud to present this year's theme "Dancing Across the Nations". The theme was selected in celebration of our ethnic heritage and diversity. We encourage all parade participants to be creative when incorporating the theme into their performances and floats.

## 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 two weeks prior to the parade. Please display your entry numbers prominently during the entire parade. The **deadline for entry is July 1<sup>st</sup>** but late entries are accommodated wherever possible.

## Judging: By Allegheny Judging Association

**Marching Units:** The Allegheny Judging Association will judge your entry as you proceed through the judging area in front of PNC Bank.

**Novelty Units:** Just like the Marching Units, the AJA will judge your entry as you proceed through the judging area in front of PNC Bank. Floats will be judged on originality, difficulty of construction, showmanship, and use of theme. Each float will be judged within its division.

**Fire Trucks:** This category will not be judged. Upon request prior to the parade, fire companies will be given a \$50 stipend toward their traveling costs.

**Cars/Motorized Units:** This category will not be judged.

## Judging Stand: The judging stand will be located on the North Side on Seneca Street in front of the PNC Bank building.

The Judging Stand will be well marked. This is a forward motion event. Units will be judged as they pass through the judging area. Marching Units who stop for more than 30 seconds will be penalized for doing so with a 50% deduction of the general effect score.

## 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 novelty 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.

## Emergency Vehicles & Ambulances

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

Winners will be announced immediately following the parade (approximately 7:30 PM) from the judging stand in front of PNC Bank. Checks will be mailed to the address on the registration form by *August 15, 2010*.

## 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.

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

Please return entry by July 1, 2010 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:  
Debbie Sobina at 814.676.6591 x. 1208  
or Ashley McCauley at 814.676.8521.

Parade day *emergencies* can be directed to:  
Debbie Sobina at 814.657.6951, Ashley McCauley at  
814.673.6944, or Susan Williams at 814.758.2753

*\*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 **cannot** be judged.*

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## Marching Units: Please Check One

- High School, University Band & Cheerleaders
- Drum & Bugle Corp
- Color Guard
- Sr. Drill Team
- Jr. Drill Team
- Sr. Drum & Baton
- Jr. Drum & Baton
- Gymnastics

*\*Note: Marching Unit entries will be judged and awarded monetary prizes.*

## Novelty Units: Please Check One

- Commercial, Business Float or Walking Group
- Non-Profits, Churches, Youth Service Float or Walking Group
- Dance or Musical Performance Groups

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

## Fire Equipment: Please Check One

- Pumper 1,250 & Under
- Pumper over 1,250
- Brush Truck
- Rescue Truck
- Tanker

*\*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.*



## Oil Heritage Parade Registration Form Theme: "Dancing Across the Nations" Parade Date: July 24, 2010

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*\* email address will be used to send registration confirmation only\**

Estimated # of feet required in Line-Up Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Entry (e.g. Type of vehicles, etc.):  
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Special Needs:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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You are welcome to include any commentary you wish to have read by the announcer on a separate sheet of paper.

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