34th Annual Oil Heritage Festival Parade
Saturday, July 28th
Step off: 5:00 PM
Oil City, Pennsylvania
The Largest Parade in Venango County, PA!

Same time as last year!

Theme: Oil Heritage

The Oil Heritage Festival Parade Committee is proud to present this year's theme "Oil Heritage". The committee encourages all participants to be creative and when incorporating the theme into their performances or floats; this can be whatever "Heritage" means to you

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 1st*** 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. *To prevent lulls in the parade, please stay as close as possible to the group in front of you.*

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.

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.

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

Judging will take place at the Oil Heritage Festival Headquarters. If your category's prize is a trophy, they will be available to pick up at Headquarters at approximately 7:30pm. If your prize is monetary, checks will be mailed to the address on the registration form by *August 15, 2012.*

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, 2012 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:
Dottie Tawney at 814.758.1586,
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

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

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

Novelty Units: Please Check One

(O) Commercial: Business Float, Walking Group or Horse Group
(O) Non-Profits: Churches, Youth Service Float, Walking Group or Horse Group
(O) Dance or Musical Performance Groups or Floats

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

Fire Equipment: Please Check One

(O) Pumper 1,250 & Under
(O) Pumper over 1,250
(O) Brush Truck
(O) Rescue Truck
(O) Tanker

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

Cars/Motorized Units: Please Check One

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

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

Oil Heritage Parade Registration Form
Theme: "Oil Heritage"
Parade Date: July 28, 2012

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 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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Please note that *any commentary* that should be read by the parade announcer when passing thru the judging area, must accompany this registration form. The commentary should be attached to this form. Thank you!

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