



**ENTRIES NEEDED FOR HOMECOMING PARADE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021**

PARADE LINE-UP AT 10:00AM; PARADE AT 11:00AM

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McKendree Homecoming Parade Information

Parade Date: October 23rd, 2021, 11:00am; Lineup Begins at 10:00am

1. The parade is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23, at 11:00 am**. All entries --floats, walking, animal entries and decorated cars -- must arrive between 10:00 am and 10:30 am for lineup to be entered into the parade.
2. Opponent: Missouri S&T (Colors: Forest Green and Vegas Gold Nickname: "Miners"). Our theme for the parade is "**Bearcats Reunited**".
3. **PARADE ROUTE:**
We are planning to start at the corner of Alton and Summerfield; down Alton; turn left onto Center, left onto Monroe, and left onto Summerfield.
4. McKendree University has the right to refuse any parade entries that are in direct conflict with the mission, values and goals of the university. For a complete listing of the mission, values and goals of the university please see the McKendree University website at www.mckendree.edu.
5. **Liability:** McKendree University bears no responsibility for personal injuries or property damage inflicted by or on any participants in the parade. Any entry may be removed from participation in the parade and competition if, in the opinion of the parade officials or McKendree University, the entry is deemed inappropriate. McKendree University reserves the right to withdraw and unit of which costume or performance does not conform to the standards of reasonable public taste. **Entries will be removed immediately if the presence of alcohol is detected.**
6. Definitions of entries: (No entries may be re-defined after the entry form has been submitted.)
 - Float:*** A float is anything being pulled by a vehicle or self-propelled wagon. If your McKendree organization is using something other than a vehicle to pull the float, permission must be obtained from the Office of Campus Activities. **All entries are due: Monday, October 18, 2021.** Each entry must also submit how many participants will be riding on the float the day of the parade. This number must be submitted when turning in the float entry form to the Office of Campus Activities. The entry forms will be reviewed.
 - Decorated Vehicle:*** A car is defined as a vehicle requiring a standard automobile license to operate.
 - Banner/Walking:*** Walking Entries are defined as any group walking through the parade with similar dress style, synchronized movement, or organized choreography.
 - Animal Entries:*** Any parade entry that consists of animals. Each animal is required to have a clean-up crew. All animals must be controlled by means of a harness, halter, or leash if not otherwise contained. Animals may by no means be cruelly exploited, endangered or abused in the process of this entry. For example, it is okay to properly ride on a horse, but not okay to have an animal in a cage on display.
 - Civic/Political Entries:*** This entry is defined as any entry into the parade that represents a political party and is participating in the parade for political gain, such as being elected to office. This entry is not eligible for cash or community prizes. Candidates for political office may fill out off-campus entry forms. No speeches for candidates will be allowed. *(The Office of Campus Activities will determine the division in questionable situations)*
7. All entries are restricted from displaying or distributing any information with regards to alcohol (including "Happy Hour" or "Specials" information) as well as any display of alcoholic beverage company logos. Floats must be acceptable to the McKendree Community. They cannot disparage or degrade any organization. This parade is held to celebrate the spirit of McKendree University and our Homecoming Theme. Float themes are encouraged to reflect this same purpose.
8. **Storage:** If you choose to build a float, YOU are responsible for finding a place for its storage. It is suggested that you bring a tarp to cover your float because of the morning dew and in case it rains.
9. On the morning of the parade, your driver must have his/her driver's license and be COMPLETELY SOBER. This is for the safety of all the parade participants, staff and spectators and will be strictly enforced. **McKendree Public Safety and Lebanon Police Department will be present in the parade line-up. They will confiscate any alcohol present. They will also cite and/or arrest persons they feel violate alcohol laws (minor in possession, driving under the influence, etc.) Alcohol related situations will most likely result in the immediate disqualification of your entry, even if the entry is shared with multiple organizations and other groups participating are uninvolved in the situation. Choose your partners wisely. McKendree related entries: Violation will also result in further disciplinary sanctions for individuals and organizations through the McKendree University Judicial System.**
10. Walking entries should provide and display an appropriate banner to identify the sponsoring organization (must be spelled out).
11. **Throws will be limited to the following: Candy, gum, beads, McKendree University paraphernalia or other pre-approved items only.** Groups engaging in throws are encouraged to provide an appropriate number of people to walk beside the vehicle to keep small children from running in front or around the vehicle.
12. It is important that we have accurate contact and phone information for each entry submitted. The person responsible for the parade entry will be the primary contact for the day of the parade to the Office of Campus Activities. The phone numbers listed on the application should be someone we can reach weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, as well as evenings after 5:00 pm.
13. **Additional Reminders**
 - Provide and display an appropriate sign to clearly identify the sponsoring organization
 - Entries must complete the entire parade route or be disqualified.
 - Community entries are allowed to distribute flyers no larger than 4.25x5.5 (1/4 letter size)