

**Blossomtime Festival Youth Parade Entry Form**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m. Along Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph**  
**Sponsor: Starks Family Funeral Homes – Awards: Twin City Awards & Trophies**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As the official contact person for this entry, I accept responsibility for any vandalism incurred by the youngster(s) in this unit.

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(Please sign)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENTRY CATEGORY AND FILL IN NAME:**

**\*\*All performing units must limit their performance time in front of the judges to no more than two minutes.  
Units not conforming to this guideline will not be judged. \*\***

\_\_\_\_ **Float – Division A Name** (larger than 7'x7'): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Float – Division B Name** (no larger than 7'x7'): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Float – Division C Name** (no larger than 5'x5'): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Band – Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **ShoeBox:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **4-H or Scout Troop – 4-H Name or Troop #:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Cheerleading or Pom Pon Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Drill Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Drum Line Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Gymnastics Team/Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Costumed Pets Name** (what type): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Costumed Individual Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Costumed Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Decorated Wagon/Bike/Doll Carriage Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **School Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Community Royalty:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Other** (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**No Motorized Vehicles Are Allowed in the Youth Parade unless the entrants are Float A Division units**

**Deadline for Entry: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

(Line up information will be sent to you after the deadline date)

Blossomtime Festival, 2330 S. Cleveland Avenue, Joseph, MI 49085

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## 2023 BLOSSOMTIME FESTIVAL YOUTH PARADE

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Along Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR BLOSSOMTIME WEBSITE: [www.blossomtimefestival.org](http://www.blossomtimefestival.org)

Or call/e-mail the Blossomtime Office:

269-982-8016 [office@blossomtimefestival.org](mailto:office@blossomtimefestival.org)

**GENERAL RULES:** Entry is open to any youth in Southwest Michigan from toddlers through Junior High age. All entries must be in the Blossomtime Festival office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023, if they wish to be judged. Entries arriving after that date will be placed at the end of the line up. Any individual or group not following rules/directions will be asked to leave the line up.

### NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE.

**REGISTRATION:** Information will be available regarding line-up, where to report and when.

**BANDS:** Will be judged on marching, clarity of sound, and overall appearance.

**MARCHING UNITS:** Will be judged on preciseness of marching and general appearance. All performing units must limit their performance time in front of the judges to no more than two minutes. Units not conforming to this guideline will not be judged.

**PETS:** Entrant and pet will be judged as a unit and on the basis of originality, cleanliness and use of the Blossomtime Festival theme. **(Must have baggies for refuse clean up).**

**SHOEBOX:** Entries will be judged on originality, beauty, effort & child's own work. The inside, outside or both of the box may be decorated.

**FLOATS Division A:** Larger than 7'x 7'. May be pulled by a vehicle.

**FLOATS Division B:** May be no larger than 7'x 7'. No more than six youngsters may pull one float. Four additional may be involved riding or walking - a total of ten participants. Two adult chaperones/walkers must accompany the float along the Parade route.

**FLOATS Division C:** May be no larger than 5'x5'. No more than four youngsters may pull one float. Two additional may walk or ride - a total of six participants.

**SCHOOL FLOATS:** This is for a float not fitting any other category: art class project, etc.

**MUSIC/COSTUMES:** All music and dance outfits and costumes must be age appropriate with no foul language. Please submit name of song choice \_\_\_\_\_. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Please initial you have read and will comply. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS:** Only one adult may walk on the sidelines with your child's unit during the parade. If you do not walk the parade route, be sure to select a pre-determined location to meet your child after the parade. This is an exciting day for your youngster. Please help make it safe by checking your child's entry. Encourage him/her to build as much of it as possible. Please follow the posted parking instructions and the directions of the police on the premises. **Safety first!**

**AWARDS:** All awards will be given out at the Band Shell, immediately following the parade. All Units, including Bands will need to perform at the Judges' stand. Awards will be given only to those signing the Entry Form. **Units not abiding by the two-minute performance limit will be disqualified.**

**ONLY THE WINNING SCHOOL BAND AND CLASS A FLOAT WILL MOVE UP TO THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE ON SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023. MARSHALING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNERS FOLLOWING THE YOUTH PARADE.**

\*Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry, hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant and/or entry in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet, etc. that the Blossomtime Festival committee may desire.

## PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR ENTRY

The following information will be used by our Parade Commentator and will be given to the press, should your entry be a winner.

Entry number: To be assigned by the Blossomtime Festival office and will be given at check in.

Official Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your entry:

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Entry history (if applicable):

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Age range of participants:

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**This information will be used to write the script for the emcee to announce your unit at the Reviewing Stand. Script will be written for the emcee; remember all entries must be in the Blossomtime Office by FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

**Looking forward to seeing you at the Youth Parade!**