

# St. Patrick's Day Parade Packet

The Cultural Resources Department of the Town of Boone is proud to announce the inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will take place on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2018. We encourage all community groups to participate in the parade and help us create a new tradition in Boone!

In order to participate in the Town of Boone's St. Patrick's Day Parade, groups must identify one person to act as the group representative. The group representative must complete the Group Parade Registration Form on page 4 and return it by March 16, 2018.

New this year, every participant in the parade must complete the Participant Release Form on page 5. The group representative is responsible for gathering and submitting all participant release forms for their group to parade officials on the day of the parade.

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# 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade Information

- The parade will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM.
- The parade staging area and step-off location will be the Watauga County Human Services Complex located on the Poplar Grove Connector off of W. King Street (across the street from Miller Industries).
- Please arrive no earlier than 12:00 PM to begin setting up for the parade and no later than 1:30 PM to participate in the parade.
- The parade will travel east on W. King Street and conclude at the Appalachian State University Legends parking lot off of Hardin Street.
- Please decorate your float or vehicle with a St. Patrick's Day theme.
- Please inform all drivers to maintain a speed of 3 to 5 MPH and a safe following distance during the parade.
- For the safety of younger parade participants, please carpool to the parade staging area so the parking lot isn't crowded with cars. Limited parking is available.
- If your parade entry includes live animals you are responsible for all cleanup in the parade staging area and on the parade route.

## **DO NOT THROW CANDY OR OTHER OBJECTS FROM MOVING VEHICLES DURING THE PARADE**

This is a hazard and puts spectators, particularly younger children, at great risk!  
Parade participants walking alongside your entry may distribute candy by placing it directly into a spectator's hands.

## Parade Checklist

- Signage to identify your group
- Designated meeting points for drop-off and transportation
- Float designed and constructed. Please make sure it fits with the St. Patrick's Day theme.
- Walkers and baskets for candy distribution (optional)
- Trash bag to clean up last-minute decorating
- Water, snacks, and sunscreen for your group

# 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade

## Rules & Regulations

- All parade participants must be registered by March 16, 2018.
- A float is not required for parade participation, groups may walk in the parade with a banner identifying their group if they so wish.
- Dignitaries will need to provide their own vehicle.
- Throwing of candy, toys, or other objects is strictly prohibited due to the potential for serious injury for spectators and participants. Anyone found throwing items from their float may be asked to leave the parade immediately and may not be allowed to participate in future parades.
- Participants on foot may distribute candy or other items by handing them to spectators.
- All parade float drivers must maintain a speed of 3 to 5 MPH during the parade and maintain a safe following distance from other parade participants.
- Please notify parade float drivers to pay close attention to the float in front during the parade and try to prevent any gaps between participants.
- The consumption of alcohol or other illegal substances is strictly prohibited during the parade. Any parade participant suspected of being intoxicated or under the influence of an illegal substance during the parade will be asked to leave.
- This parade is a fun and family-friendly community event; please keep to a positive expression and theme for your entry. Parade officials reserve the right to refuse entry and participation for violation of the above rules.

# 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade Registration Form

Please note, only the group representative (one person) needs to complete this form. All other parade participants should complete the participant release form.

Individual/Group/Org. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (Please Circle)

Marchers

Marching Band

Dignitary

Float Trailer

Pageant Winner

Dance Group

Equestrian

Singers

Automobile

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Dignitary - Please provide your own vehicle and driver for this event. Thank you.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the group representative hereby release, remise and forever discharge the parade organizers, volunteers, the Town of Boone, the Jones House Cultural and Community Center, its officers, staff, and director severally or jointly, of and from all liability, claims, actions and possible loss of action that may accrue to any member of the group from every and any possible loss, damage, and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in the parade. We release any claim to photographs or movies of the parade that we may be in. We also agree to abide by the rules set forth for the Parade.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign this release and return it via:

Mail  
The Jones House  
604 W. King St.  
Boone, NC 28607

Email  
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Questions?

Contact the Jones House at (828) 268-6280

# 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade Participant Release Form

Every parade participant must complete this form in order to participate in the parade. Participants must return this form to their group representative who will then submit all forms to parade officials by the day of the parade, March 17. Thank you!

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a parade participant hereby release, remise and forever discharge the parade organizers, volunteers, the Town of Boone, the Jones House Cultural and Community Center, its officers, staff, and director severally or jointly, of and from all liability, claims, actions and possible loss of action that may accrue to any member of the group from every and any possible loss, damage, and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in the parade. I release any claim to photographs or movies of the parade that we may be in. I also agree to abide by the rules set forth for the Parade.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if the participant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if the participant is under 18):  
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Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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