

Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Scott County, KY

www.ScottCountyKYkiwanis.org

PO Box 702 Georgetown, KY 40324

Independence Day Theme: **"Independence Day, The Scott County Way!"**

February 1, 2025

Dear Friend,

The Kiwanis Club of Scott County cordially invites you to apply for participation in the Parade and Float Competition of the Independence Day Celebration in Georgetown, KY on Friday, July 4, 2025.

Over the years the Scott County Independence Day Celebration has become well known and attracts many spectators. This year's parade is open to include bands and floats and participants from all surrounding areas. We look forward to welcoming past participants and new-comers alike to the float competition of our celebration of America's Independence. We welcome all Veterans, Schools, Civic Groups, Youth Groups and Organizations, Car Groups, Motorcycle Groups, Bicycle Groups of all ages and lots of children because parades bring out the child in all of us. Join us and show your enthusiasm and patriotic spirit by helping us celebrate our great country on her birthday with a "***Independence Day, the Scott County Way!***" theme.

There will be First, Second and Third place awards. Floats will be judged on **Overall Appearance, Depiction of Parade Theme, Originality and Utilization of Patriotic Materials.**

The 2025 Float Application Form, and Waiver of Liability and Parade Rules & Regulations are enclosed. **Please complete the application and waiver of liability and return them postmarked no later than June 25th, 2025 to:**

**Fourth of July Committee
Kiwanis Club of Scott County
PO Box 702
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324**

Please note that all parade contestants will be lined up in the order they arrive, with the exception of the Color Guard, Grand Marshall, etc.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me at (859) 948-8183 or, Email to ScottCountyJuly4@gmail.com or apply on line at www.ScottCountyKYkiwanis.org

Yours in the *Spirit of the Fourth*,

Tom Combs
Parade Chair
Enclosures: Application, Waiver, Rules

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to



changing the world one child and one community at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of Scott County
Independence Day Parade Application
2025 Theme: " **Independence Day, the Scott County Way!** "

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Type of Entry: Float _____ Vehicle _____ Walking _____ No. of Vehicles _____

Description: (This is what the announcer will read on Main Street.)

Contact Person For Entry: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact email: _____

There is no entry fee to be in the parade. Entries can begin arriving at 9:30 and should be present and ready to be judged in the parade staging area by 10:00 on July 4, 2025. Late arrivals cannot be judged due to time constraints. The organizers of this parade reserve the right to exclude entries that are determined to be inappropriate for the holiday or if the entry is determined to be unsafe. Conduct that is determined to be unsafe for the spectators or participants can not be allowed. The group or organization entering in the parade competition bears all responsibility for the actions of its members.

I understand this agreement and agree to adhere to all requirements put in place by the parade organizers.

Signature Date

Print Name

Return this completed form by June 25th, 2025, to:
The Kiwanis Club of Scott County
P.O. Box 702
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

For information contact Tom Combs at (859) 948-8183

OR: Complete the application on-line at <http://www.scottcountykykiwanis.org>

Float Competition Rules of Entry Scott Co./Georgetown Independence Day Parade

1. All float entries should be built on a pick-up truck bed, farm wagon, flatbed truck or any other trailer deemed acceptable by the judges. The judged entry cannot be higher than 18 feet, measured upward from ground/street level. All floats must be completed prior to parade kickoff. Unfinished floats may be penalized. To be judged, a float entry must be 80% representational of the parade theme.
2. All parade entries will receive an order number prior to or on parade day. Order number must be displayed on entry where it is visible from right side of street. (Preferably on the right front/windshield.)
3. All entries can begin lining up on East College Street Staging location beginning **9:30 A.M.** on parade day, for line-up and judging. Please enter from South Broadway, as College Street will be one-way for this event only.
4. All floats must be able to travel the entire parade route and may not, in any case, cause slowing or otherwise delay the parade movement. The entering party will be responsible for transporting the float to and from the parade in accordance with proper highway and safety codes.
5. Towing Vehicles should be decorated. Points will be deducted for undecorated towing vehicle.
6. There will be a First, Second and Third place award. Winners will receive a ribbon to be displayed on their float during the parade.
7. Judging
 - a) There will be 2-3 judges.
 - b) Judging will be based on four areas of emphasis:
 1. Overall Appearance (25 Points Max)
 2. Depiction of Parade Theme (25 Points Max)
 3. Originality (25 Points Max)
 4. Utilization of Patriotic Materials (25 Points Max)
 - c) At least one person must remain with entry at all times to answer questions from the judges.
 - d) Judging will occur prior to the start of the parade and awards should be displayed on the float during the parade for all to see.
 - e) All decisions by the judges are final.
8. The float competition will be held rain or shine. In case of possible inclement weather, check local TV stations prior to leaving home. Check www.scottcountykykiwanis.org or our Facebook page for more information. Any decision to cancel will be made by our local Emergency Management Agency at (502) 863-7848.

Please share all respective information with all participants (and parents, where necessary). It is strongly suggested that groups use car pools to help alleviate traffic congestion.

- **No parking in staging area or parade route.**

Please complete our On-line survey after the parade to let us know how we did and give us feedback. www.scottcountykykiwanis.org

Thank you for participating.