



PARADE



2023 Mountain Mushroom Festival
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On behalf of the Mountain Mushroom Festival Parade Committee, we would like to invite you to participate in our parade on **Saturday, April 29th**. The theme for this year's parade is "**Morel Madness**". **ECHS Band Director Jason Bowles and Asst. Jamie Hill have been nominated as The Grand Marshals.**

"First place in Class 3A and the Governor's Cup goes to.....ESTILL COUNTY!" That is what was heard at the end of a dramatic and historical performance by the Estill County Engineers Marching Band as they won the 2022 KMEA Class 3A State Marching Band Championship under the direction of Jason Bowles and Assistant Jamie Hill. Our community and the Youth of the ECHS Marching Band are blessed to have such Leaders who invest so much time ensuring our kids have what they need to succeed.

We will assemble at the parking lot behind Estill Springs Elementary School, 314 Main Street, Irvine, at 11:45 a.m. Judging will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. The parade will start at 1:00 p.m. and proceed on Court Street to Broadway and end in Ravenna.

Safety is our primary concern. The festival committee reserves the right to eliminate parade entries not approved by the festival. Please observe the following guidelines.

- Items, including candy, **MUST NOT** be thrown from any entry. Candy may be passed out by an adult walking beside the vehicle/float/etc. If you are passing out candy, please do not stop the flow of the parade.
- Adults must be on floats with children.
- Children may not be placed onto a float or truck or any vehicle during the parade unless there is an emergency. Children may not be removed from a float while it is in motion.
- Children riding in the back of pick-up trucks must sit in the bed of the truck, and not on the sides, at all times. Trucks must have closed tailgates or enclosed backs. No 18-wheel tractor-trailer trucks will be allowed.
- Each pulled entry must have a spotter in the cab other than the driver. That person will watch the back to tell the driver when there is a problem. If an entry has no cab, the spotter must be beside the entry.
- No passengers or riders are allowed on farm machinery, other than the operator.
- Fire trucks in the parade will carry passengers only in the cab or hose bed, not on top of the cab or sides of vehicles.
- No parade participant may ride with feet hanging over the side of the entry.
- **Licensed drivers for approved motorized vehicles must be part of a group such as Shriners, American Legion Riders, Car Clubs, Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Clubs, etc. ABSOLUTELY no children will be allowed to operate go-carts, mini bikes, motorcycles, ATV's, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, or skateboards. No animals will be permitted in the parade.**
- No parade participant will be allowed to have a loaded firearm at any time.
- Entries experiencing difficulty must move to the side of the street so others may pass.
- Please stay close to the vehicle in front of you to prevent a gap in the parade.

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2023 MOUNTAIN MUSHROOM FESTIVAL
PARADE FLOAT* REGISTRATION

Civic Organizations, Businesses, Churches or Schools/School Clubs wishing to enter the Mushroom Festival Parade should register by Friday, April 15, 2023 or as soon as possible. You can still register the day of the parade but for planning purposes, please register early.

All entries and floats must pay the entry fee, if you want to be judged. *A float is defined as a decorated vehicle in a parade. No entry fee or prizes will be awarded to antique vehicles however all are invited to participate in the parade.

Parade Award Categories

The winners of each category will receive \$175 and a "First Place" blue rosette to display during the parade route.

Elfin Shroom Award - best entry featuring children and/or youth

Morel Mushroom Spirit Award - entry with the most enthusiastic participants

Grand Marshall Shroom Award - entry displaying the best overall creativity, beauty, and originality

Morel Madness Award - entry which best displays the parade theme, "Morel Madness"

We will award 10 extra points if you have a "mushroom" somewhere on your float. Your float will be judged on creativity, beauty & originality. We encourage you to use our theme in decorating your float, but it is not required.

Please complete the form below and return to: Mt. Mushroom Festival Parade, Christina Vaughn, Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut St., Irvine, KY 40336.

For more information contact Christina Vaughn, (859) 779-1672 or the Mushroom Festival Committee at 606-723-2554 or send inquires by e-mail to mushroomfestival@irvineonline.net.

GROUP/BUSINESS NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ Zip Code: _____

PHONE: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to Mountain Mushroom Festival.

Cars/Trucks: Entry Fee (Friday, April 15th or before)	\$10
(Saturday, April 16th - 29th)	\$15
Floats: Entry Fee (Friday, April 15th or before)	\$20
(Saturday, April 16th - 29th)	\$30

Irvine Mountain Mushroom Festival Parade Disclaimer:

I understand that there are inherent risks involved in participating and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold blameless the City of Irvine, organizers, supervisors, participants and staff personnel.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For office use only: Date Registration Received _____ Cash or check/money order _____