

America's Thanksgiving Parade® 2011

Dance Team Application

Haven't you always dreamed of being a part of the magic and tradition of America's Thanksgiving Parade® ...well now is your chance to shine! Each year hundreds of thousands of Parade spectators line historic Woodward Avenue Thanksgiving morning to watch the larger than life floats, colorful high flying balloons, thunderous marching bands and unique performance acts. We invite you to apply to be a part of the magic Thanksgiving morning!!



The Parade Company is seeking talented and entertaining dance teams to participate in the 2011 America's Thanksgiving Parade®! The Parade Selection Committee selects units based on their use of costumes, music, performance, entertainment value and teamwork with The Parade Company.

Dance teams may be assigned to accompany a sponsored float and will work with The Parade Company on appropriate costumes & music. The Parade Company has the right to limit the number of dancers assigned to each unit.

Applications must be completed in full to be considered for acceptance and must be submitted no later than Monday, August 29, 2011.



Upon reviewing applications, dance teams will be notified of their status in writing no later than Monday, October 3, 2011. (Dates are subject to change). Selected units are responsible for all transportation, accommodations and all other expenses while in Detroit. Each unit is also encouraged to purchase a minimum ten (10) grandstand seats at \$15.00 each totaling \$150.00.

All commercial units may contact our sponsorship department for further information on participating in America's Thanksgiving Parade®. A unit is identified as commercial if the entry is a promotion of a commercial venture, or recognizes any other entity, organization or business other than itself.



America's Thanksgiving Parade® will step off at Woodward and Mack Avenue on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 9:10am. The Parade Route is 1.5 miles of smiles along Woodward Avenue from Mack to Congress. The Parade is broadcast live and nationally syndicated throughout 74.5 million households.





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BASIC INFORMATION

Official Name of Unit: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Unit Director Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone (Home or Work): _____ Mobile: _____
Please Circle One

DANCE TEAM DESCRIPTION

Please write in detail a full description of your unit. This should include costumes, music, colors, performance routines and any props needed for your appearance. (You may attach a separate piece of paper detailing your unit).



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Number of Performers: _____ Number of Directors: _____

Age Range of Performers: _____

Are there any other individuals that are not accounted for above? If so, explain.

Unit Length: _____ Unit Width: _____ Unit Height: _____

Number of Transportation Vehicles: _____

(These vehicles are not participating in the Parade; they are solely for transportation of performers to and from the route).

NOTE: All performers must be able to maintain a consistent forward movement during the Parade of approximately four (4) feet per second. Units are not permitted to stop and perform along the route while the Parade is in motion. The route is approximately 1.5 miles long.

BANNER POLICY

The Parade Company does not permit the use of outside banners or banner carriers. The Parade Company may provide recognition of the group via Parade Company produced signage and will work with group director on proper copy.

TELEVISION COMMENTARY


Each unit can provide information on your appearance for the use of on air commentary. However, it is the discretion of The Parade Company and our media partners as to which information is chosen. Please provide the following information in regards to your unit's appearance.

Official Name of Unit: _____

Location & Purpose of Organization: _____

Years of participation in the Parade along with specific years and awards received:

Number of hours involved in preparation of the unit: _____



Please list five (5) major points of interest about your unit. Including the most entertaining and exciting features of the performance.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION
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Your application is considered complete with the submission of the following:

- One recent DVD | VHS of a performance by your dance team
(Please only send performances that could be performed during the Parade).
- One recent color photo of team in costume
(It is helpful to submit multiple costume options so that we may better fit chosen teams with floats or units that coordinate. Photo of one costumed individual is acceptable).

Please label all items with your unit name.

Application is not guarantee of acceptance. Once approved, any changes to the unit's appearance must be pre-approved by The Parade Company. Failure to secure prior approval will result in the removal of the changes or the entire unit from the Parade route.

The participant is responsible for ensuring that the use of any theme does not violate the copyright, service mark, trademark or intellectual property of others.

I have read all the information above and I fully understand the terms of the application process.

Signature

Date

Please mail completed application to the following:

The Parade Company
Parade Selection Committee
9500 Mt. Elliott | Studio A
Detroit, MI 48211