

# 2009 Marathon Independence Day Parade

Presented by the City of Marathon and the  
Marathon Rotary Club



10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2009

**PARADE ENTRY FORM** (to be turned in no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>)

Organization or Group Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Person's E-mail (if any):

Contact Person's Cell Phone Number (if any):

Contact Person's Work Telephone:

Home Telephone:

Address for all correspondence:

Are you sponsoring someone else to build a float? If so, Name of Sponsor (if different from Organization or Group):

Short Description of Entry (marching unit, float, musical unit, color guard, antique motorized vehicles, display, props used, go-carts, etc.)(This is very important for the parade marshals in determining the appropriate order of parade):

Number of people walking or on float:

If float, Float size (length and width):

Float self-propelled or towed:

Will you have music? (STRONGLY ENCOURAGED) If yes, describe what you will do:

Will you distribute anything (e.g. candy) to onlookers? If yes, what:

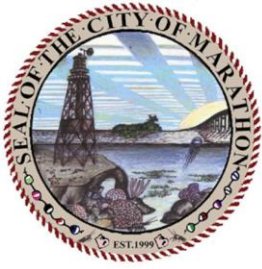
Do you have any special needs or considerations concerning your participation and/or float?

Are you participating in the parade competition (e.g. Best Float Overall, Most Creative Float, Best Walking Unit)?

**Parade entry fee is \$20.** Checks can be made out to the Rotary Club of Marathon.

**Drop off or fax to:**  
Rotary Club of Marathon  
**c/o The UPS Store**  
5409 Overseas Hwy  
Marathon, FL 33050  
Fax (305) 743-3388

**Contact:** Chris Bull, Parade Co-Chair  
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## Parade Information

1. **Participation:** No individual or organization will be allowed to take part in the City of Marathon/Marathon Rotary 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade without prior approval. All parade participants are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times.
2. **Assembly and Check-in:** The staging area starts at the main parking lot of Marathon High School and overflows into the back parking lot. Participants will line up in chronological order (order is determined by the Parade Chairman) starting at the south end of the front parking lot. A parade order number will be assigned to each participant. Check in with a Rotarian with a clipboard to confirm order number and then proceed to that area. Please check in at 9:30 am. Parade starts promptly at 10:30 am.
3. **Unit Leaders:** Each participant will designate one person to be their spokesperson or onsite unit leader. The leader is a contact person for the parade coordinator and any other parade staff who may have a need to communicate with a specific participant. The leader should be familiar with these rules and procedures. He/she must ensure their unit/entry is in place for the parade at the correct location and ready to go at the assigned time.
4. **Rate of March:** The conduct and movement of the parade will be under the command of parade volunteers. All participants will march at a pace set by the Police Department as the parade leader. Each participant is expected to keep pace and maintain a proper interval of not less than 15 feet and not more than 25 feet throughout the parade.
5. **Route:** The parade will proceed south on Sombrero Beach Road from MHS to the beach. Large units (floats) make the first right before the beach on Avenida Primceria. They then can use Calzada de Bougainvillea to circle around and head back to MHS. The smaller units will stay on Sombrero Beach Road to the end of the beach and turn around at the cul-de-sac and exit the beach area from there.
6. **Release:** Each participant is released from the parade after they pass by Avenida Primceria. All floats must immediately return to MHS or another place away from the beach area to break down their floats. Floats are not to be parked at the beach! Floats that are dressed up cars or trucks are allowed to park at the beach at the end of the parade if they take up no more than one parking spot.
7. **Fees:** Rotary asks that every entry pay a \$20 entry fee. This helps us to pay for the trophies, certificates and other costs associated with the parade. If costs are covered with the fees, any remainder goes into our scholarship fund. Checks can be made out to Marathon Rotary Club.
8. **Appropriateness:** Remember, this is a family event celebrating Independence Day. No racy or controversial decorations or lewd behavior.
9. **First Aid/Safety:** This parade will occur in the summer heat. All persons participating are urged to be of careful of heat related problems and bring lots of water or other non-alcoholic liquids for drinking. If someone in your party becomes ill or hurt, please contact the nearest parade volunteer, police officer, or City EMT. Also, pull off to the side off the road before attempting any repairs if you vehicle or float become disabled so that other participants may pass.
10. **Awards:** Trophies will be given in the categories of Most Patriotic, Best Walking Float, and Best Overall. Honorable Mention awards will be given out at the judging panel's discretion.

## Questions/Comments/More info:

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