

Theme: "APPLE FESTIVAL IN LIGHTS"

# GRANDE PARADE

Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Step Off: 1:30 p.m.

Host City: Niles, Michigan

To ensure our announcers have **COMPLETE** information on your entry, we request that the following questionnaire be filled out **COMPLETELY** before your application is returned. Please note: It is required that you send your own typed announcements and script material. We reserve the right to edit. Thank you for your cooperation. (Your mailing address is for our records only. It will not be announced.)

Type of Entry: (i.e. Float, Marching unit, etc)

From City of:

Full Mailing Address complete with Contact Person & Phone Numbers:

Sponsor, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Color and style of uniforms, costumes,  
gowns or other apparel: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous awards you have won (Use this as your brag section. List anything else you would like announced as you pass the reviewing stand): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Equestrian/Animal Units are REQUIRED  
to provide "follow-up" personnel**

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June 2023

The Four Flags Area Apple Festival Grande Parade Committee invites you to participate in our Grande Parade September 30th, 2023.

The theme this year will be:

## "APPLE FESTIVAL IN LIGHTS" (Old Hollywood Style)

As with many parades, an early set-up and judging time is necessary to give time for the tally, as well as the passing out of trophies and banners. **Set-up and check in will begin at 8:00 AM and judging will begin at 10:00 AM sharp!** You must be in line and set-up by 10:00 a.m. in order to be judged. Bands and marching units will be judged as they are passing the reviewing stand and need to be in line by 12:00 p.m.

A few rules governing parade entries are necessary to make our parade the quality parade it is noted for. Units must be in good taste for family viewing.

- To keep the parade moving smoothly WITHOUT GAPS, units MUST NOT STOP to perform in front of the reviewing stand or any other place along the parade route.
- Objects may NOT be thrown from any unit; however, things may be passed out along the way. You must provide two walkers if you are an award winner.
- Fire trucks, please NO SIRENS during the parade as it frightens the little ones and distracts the bands.

The enclosed **application must be submitted by September 8, 2023**, to guarantee a spot in the parade. Applications received after September 8, 2023, are not guaranteed a spot in the parade; however, every effort will be made to fit your entry in at the end of the parade.

Please fill out the enclosed application, or fill out an application on our website [www.fourflagsapplefestival.org](http://www.fourflagsapplefestival.org)

Email: [ApplefestParade@gmail.com](mailto:ApplefestParade@gmail.com)

Mail to: Katie Lowe  
c/o Apple Festival  
P.O. Box 672  
Niles, MI 49120

Questions? 269-362-2201

You will receive a confirmation letter one week before the parade to let you know what number you are in the parade and what street you will need to park on in the staging area. We sincerely hope you will plan to take part in this event!

Respectfully,  
Katie Lowe - Parade Chairman  
Robert Pockrandt - Parade Co-Chairman

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