

**103<sup>rd</sup> GILFORD OLD HOME DAY**  
**PARADE APPLICATION**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 – “Four Seasons of Fun!”**

Grand Prize – Overall Best Parade Entry (\$150 Grand Prize)

If checking more than one category, please **circle** which category you would like to be judged.

**Floats**

**Prize Amounts**

\_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Float – (\$75, \$50, \$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Float – (\$75, \$50, \$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mini Float (Car, Trailer, Small Truck) – (\$75, \$50, \$25)

**Marcher**

**Prize Amounts**

\_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Marchers – (\$50, \$30, \$20)

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Marchers – (\$50, \$30, \$20)

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Marcher – (\$25, \$20, \$15)

**Vehicles** – Ribbons will be awarded

\_\_\_\_\_ Antique Vehicle: 1920 – 1987 (Make & Year) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Classic Vehicle: 1988 – 1998 (Make & Year) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Vehicle: 1999 – Present (Make & Year) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycle

\_\_\_\_\_ Boats

**Other**

\_\_\_\_\_ Children’s “Seasons” Entry – (Funspot gift cards awarded)

\_\_\_\_\_ Politician – Donations to Gilford Old Home Day Appreciated!

Please specify - Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ - Vehicle or on Foot \_\_\_\_\_ - # of People \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oxen – (Ribbons)

\_\_\_\_\_ Equestrian – (Ribbons)

Name of Group Participating \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Will Your Entry Be Playing Music? Yes No**

Do you plan on having handouts? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, have you supplied a copy for approval? \_\_\_\_\_

**(Handouts are restricted to non-political entries and must be approved in advance by the OHD Committee)**

Deadline for Parade Applications: August 18, 2023

Send Parade Application to: Gilford Old Home Day Committee, Attn: Parade  
47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249

**2023 GILFORD OLD HOME DAY**  
**PARADE INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES**

Parade line-up starts at 8:30 AM behind the Gilford Fire Station at the Gilford Town Hall.

Parade begins at 10:00 AM.

PARADE ROUTE: Start at Town Hall up Route 11-A, left on Belknap Mountain Road, through the Village, right on Alvah Wilson Road, and disburse into the GMHS parking lot or depart by continuing down Alvah Wilson Road and back out onto Route 11-A.

Parade results will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the Bandstand between 12:00 Noon – 12:30 PM.

There is **NO PUBLIC PARKING** at the Town Hall during parade line up in order to facilitate the set-up of the parade. **DROP-OFF AND GO** for parade participants only will be allowed. **Each group/organization/etc. must be sure to notify ALL of their participants of this guideline.**

Because line-up space for the parade is **extremely** limited, participants are asked to help by arriving with their float ready to go, with only minor additions (i.e., balloons, etc.) needed to be attached on site. The parade line-up is not the place to be putting floats together.

*In an effort to keep the parade moving, so as not to create any confusion of where the parade ends, all Parade entries must maintain the pace of the entry in front of them. Any entry that stops to perform is limited to one, 45 second performance in front of the judges' stand. Any entry who is not maintaining the parade pace will be reminded by members of the Parade Committee to do so. Failure to comply may result in participants not being allowed back the following year, or placement at the back of the Parade Line-up!*

For safety purposes, **NOTHING CAN BE THROWN INTO THE CROWD FROM FLOATS, VEHICLES OR MARCHERS IN THE PARADE!** If participants who are marching wish to **hand out** items to the crowd (i.e., candy), this is acceptable.

**NO WATER BALLOONS** may be thrown during the Parade at any time.

Due to space limitations at the parade line-up, you must notify the committee of any vehicle/trailer/float which has a combined length exceeds 65'. All such entries must also have at least 4 spotters to assist with the tight turn onto Belknap Mountain Road to ensure the safety of all parade spectators. Entries must be no wider than 8½' wide and no taller than 13' high.

**ANY AND ALL PARADE HANDOUTS, OTHER THAN CANDY, MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE GILFORD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE.** This rule is made for many reasons, including support of our vendors who have paid in advance for spaces on the Village Field. Handouts take away from their opportunity to do as well as possible at our celebration. This rule will be strictly enforced, so **please DO NOT show up at the parade line-up with any handouts (i.e., balloons) that have not been previously approved by the Committee.** Please be sure to call in advance if you would like to have any handouts or if you have any questions.

For further information contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.