

2023 Ohio Swiss Festival Grand Parade Entry Form

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm

The registration **deadline is Saturday, September 23. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please complete both pages and submit (with payment, if applicable) by the deadline. You must also arrive on the day of the parade between 10 am to 1 pm. More details below and on next page.

Registration info (please print)

Organization Name _____
Contact Person _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Email address _____

Category and Fee (select one). Note: fees are *per vehicle*. Maximum of 2 vehicles per organization.

- Decorated float.....**FREE** to enter
- Non-float entry (car, delivery truck, etc.) regardless whether business or non-profit....You must **pay \$75**
- Alumni band/majorette/baton.....You will **receive \$100** (5 to 15 participants) or **\$150** (16+ participants)
- High school marching bandYou will **receive \$700**. A limited number of bands will be accepted.
- Color guard/honor guard.....**FREE** to enter
- Queen/king/other festival royalty.....**FREE** to enter
- Other _____.....generally the same fee as "non-float entry" above

Vehicle details (select the closest match) Note: fees are *per vehicle*. Maximum of 2 vehicles per organization.

- Semi-truck (semi trailers are not permitted)
- Straight truck or bus (for example: delivery truck that is larger than a pickup truck)
- Light auto (passenger vehicle, pickup truck, farm tractor, etc.). With trailer? Yes or No
- Golf cart/motorcycle (or similar size)
- Horse
- Other _____

Accompanied by (select all that apply)

- Music
- Walkers
- Animals

Total approximate length (in ft) ____ (45 ft max)

Announcement (This describes your organization. It will be read aloud when you pass the main stage)

- Use similar to previous years -or- Write in new announcement below (75 words or less)

Payment Info (for office use only)

Check number: _____

Amount: _____

Date received: _____

Make checks payable to: **Ohio Swiss Festival**

Please complete both pages and:

Email to: **OhioSwissFestival@gmail.com**

Or mail with payment to: **Ohio Swiss Festival | Attn: Grand Parade | PO Box 361 | Sugarcreek, OH 44681**

Or drop off with payment at: **Alpine Hills Museum in downtown Sugarcreek**

If mailing, please send early enough so that it arrives by the deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.

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Rules and other info:

1. **No entries will be accepted after the deadline.** You must register by the deadline.
2. Safety for participants and spectators is our top priority. Please drive carefully.
3. **For safety reasons - there is to be no throwing or tossing of candy or items from a vehicle/float. You may have walkers passing items out to the crowd but **NOTHING CAN BE TOSSED OR THROWN FROM A VEHICLE/FLOAT.****
4. Vehicles pulling floats should be in good condition both mechanically and in appearance. Horse hitching is available at Miller Avenue School.
5. All entries should use a Swiss theme, Swiss costumes or otherwise be Swiss-related. Judging is based on this theme.
6. Participants should advertise wholesome and legitimate businesses/organizations. Banners and/or floats with derogatory remarks that embarrass or offend are prohibited.
7. Stopping along the parade route to perform is not permitted. Please maintain forward motion.
8. Entries are expected to complete entire parade route (except certain semi-trucks).
9. Registration will be held at Miller Avenue School from **10 am to 1 pm.** At that time you will receive your entry pass and additional information. Judging begins at noon in the staging area. Being with your entry may help the judges to assess for total effect.
10. Parade entry pass must be in vehicle's passenger-side window to enter parade staging area.
11. If the parade is cancelled (for example, due to inclement weather), we will attempt to call the phone number you provided.
12. Ohio Swiss Festival Board of Directors shall have final judgment for everything pertaining to the parade.

For more information:

- visit **OhioSwissFestival.com**
- email **OhioSwissFestival@gmail.com**
- call **330-260-7131** and leave a message and your call will be returned

Waiver

The undersigned wishes to participate in the Ohio Swiss Festival Grand Parade to be held on the Saturday of the Swiss Festival weekend. The undersigned acknowledges that they have been notified by the Ohio Swiss Festival Association that it should be insured against any and all risks involved with participation in said parade. The undersigned also acknowledges that it assumes all risks involved in connection with its participation in said parade. The undersigned agrees to waive any and all claims or rights of action it may have against the Ohio Swiss Festival Association, or their members, for damages incurred as a result of their involvement in said parade.

I have read and agree to the above:

Organization Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____