**OFFICIAL APPLICATION**

*90th ANNUAL CENTRAL JERSEY*
*JULY 4TH PARADE*
***(Parade will take place on Saturday, July 6th)***
*10:00 a.m.*

*Parade Theme*
*"A Celebration of Youth"*
*Connecting the Past with the Present*

*Complete and return this application to:*

*Plainfield Parks & Recreation*
*510 Watchung Avenue*
*Plainfield, NJ 07060*
*(908) 753-3097*

*City of Plainfield – July 4th Parade*
*All entries must be submitted by Friday, June 7, 2013*
*(Please note exception for stepper groups)*

*This is a Division of Parks & Recreation Program*

Name of Organization_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Name of Representative_____

Home #_____Work#_____Cell#_____

E-mail_____Fax_____

Alternative Representative_____

Home#_____Work#_____Cell#_____

E-mail_____Fax_____

## IMPORTANT

Please provide the name of a representative of your organization that we can contact on in the event your group has won a Trophy.

Name_____Cell_____

(Winner will be notified within 48 hours)

Can you or a member of your organization volunteer on July 4th : yes_____ no_____

**MARCHING UNITS:** (Approximate number of marchers _____)

Please provide a detailed description of the marchers in your organization. For example, Costumes, Drill Team, Performances, Dancer, etc with photos if possible.

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**STEPPER GROUPS:** (Approximate number of steppers_____) **Limited Number Available**
Please be advised all groups must audition. Audition scheduled between 5:30 – 7:30pm Friday, June 14, 2013.
Bring completed application with payment to audition.

Please provide a detailed description of the marchers in your organization. For example, Costumes, Drill Team, Performances, Dancer, etc with photos if possible.

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**FLOATS:** (All parade participants should keep within the theme of the Parade and spirit of the Fourth of July)

Please provide a detailed description of your float with a photo or drawing.

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**VEHICLES: (Other than floats)** Please provide the number and types of vehicle that your organization will be entering in the Parade, who will be in the vehicle, how will they be decorated.

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**MUSIC:** Please provide a detailed description of the type of music that your organization will be playing and a play list

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**ANNOUNCER COPY:** Please provide an exact copy of what you would like the announcer to say about your organization or group. Information such as the name of the organization, the year formed, number of members, area served, services provided and interesting facts. (Maximum of 100 words) The Parade Committee and the Masters of Ceremony reserve the right to edit the copy due to time and space constraints during the parade and in print.

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This application does not guarantee acceptance into the Parade. All applications will be reviewed for appropriateness and fit with the parade theme. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance or denial from this parade 2 weeks prior to the Parade. Application fees will be returned for all groups not accepted into the parade.

# PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The parade committee reserves the right to refuse any entry into the parade that does not depict the theme and patriotic purpose or does not adhere to the parade rules and regulation.
2. All applications received after the deadline are subject to availability and committee approval.
3. All participants must stay in their assigned order, unless specifically directed otherwise by a parade official.
4. Drivers of motor vehicles must hold a valid Driver's License and show evidence of insurance.
5. Vehicles must follow a straight course in a cautious and safe manner. There shall be no quick starts, stops or peeling rubber. No swerving back and forth and no reckless driving of any kind.
6. No person shall ride on hood, roof, trunk or doorframes of vehicles, unless authorized by City of Plainfield.
7. Handholds must be provided for all float riders.
8. There shall be no throwing of any type of item from vehicles to spectators.
9. Only designated parade sponsors will be permitted to distribute handouts and giveaways.
10. The parade is a non-political event. Only current office holders will be allowed to enter the parade. Use of political signs of participants advocating political of social positions or issues will not be permitted.
11. Participants that offend the sensibilities of others or are indecent are not permitted.
12. No fireworks, firearms, or open flames are allowed by any parade participants.
13. No jumping on or off vehicles.
14. Any performance along the route must be a moving/marching routine. Any unit that stops to perform other than in front of the judging stand will be ineligible for an award.
15. All performances in front of the judge's stand cannot be more than 2 minutes or they will be ineligible for an award.
16. Any unit where music is played must set the volume at a level so they do not intrude on the other participant's presentation space. Any parade official may request the volume to be lowered if they deem it too loud.
17. All participants should leave appropriate space between themselves and the next unit (2 car lengths), neither should spacing be too large (over 3 car lengths).
18. Parade participants must proceed past the end of the parade route before stopping and unloading.
19. Anyone with alcohol at the parade staging area or along the parade route will have his or her entire unit removed from the lineup immediately.
20. Any unit whose participants argue with, use foul language or refuse to do what a parade official asks will be removed from the lineup immediately.
21. Traffic citations may be issued by the Plainfield Police Department for violation of any municipal ordinance or State vehicle code.
22. All participants will be inspected in the lineup area for compliance with all rules prior to the beginning of the parade. Failure to comply will result in removal from the line up.

**HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION:**

Parade Applicants and all participants agree that neither the City of Plainfield nor any public or private property owners whose property is utilized for the Parade, shall be liable for injury or damage to the property of the Applicant, it's employees, invitees, customers or any other person in or around the Applicant's parade unit, regardless of the cause or source of the injury or damage. The Applicant further agrees that neither the City of Plainfield nor any other public or private owner, whose property is utilized for the event, shall be liable for any damages arising directly or indirectly from any act or omission of event sponsors or any customer at the event and does hereby agree to waive any and all claims or causes of action for damages, losses or expenses against the City of Plainfield, its agents, public officials, officers, employees and authorized volunteers.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Applicant shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the City of Plainfield, New Jersey and its agents, officers, and employees and any other public or private property owner whose property is utilized for the event, against all injuries, death, losses damages, claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses, which arise directly for any negligence or reckless or willful misconduct of the Applicant, its participants, employees or agents. The Applicant shall pay, all its own expenses, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorney and all cost and other expenses arising there from or incurred in connection therewith. If any judgment shall be rendered against the City of Plainfield or another property owner in such action, the Applicant shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same

I/We hereby affirm the I/we have read and understand the Parade Rules and Regulations and the Hold Harmless and Indemnification and agree to the terms express therein.

Signature:_____ Date:_____