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June 28, 2018

Attention: All Parade Participants

Thank you for participating in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Ann Arbor Jaycees 4th of July Parade. The Ann Arbor Jaycees are delighted that you will be able to join in celebrating our nation's independence! Your parade lineup position will be posted on our website by 4pm on Sunday, July 1, 2018. <http://a2jaycees.org/events/ann-arbor-jaycees-2018-fourth-of-july-parade/> PLEASE have your members check this website or email them on Sunday. Please be aware the **Firecracker 5** will start downtown at 8am. Please enter the Parade staging area at the **E. Jefferson & Thompson intersection barricade** from the south to enter the lineup area. A **map of the parade route** is below. Also, this link to our interactive map <https://goo.gl/MgONfZ> is viewable from your computer or smart phone.

Route

- Route
- Start of Route
- End of Route
- A
- B

Barricades

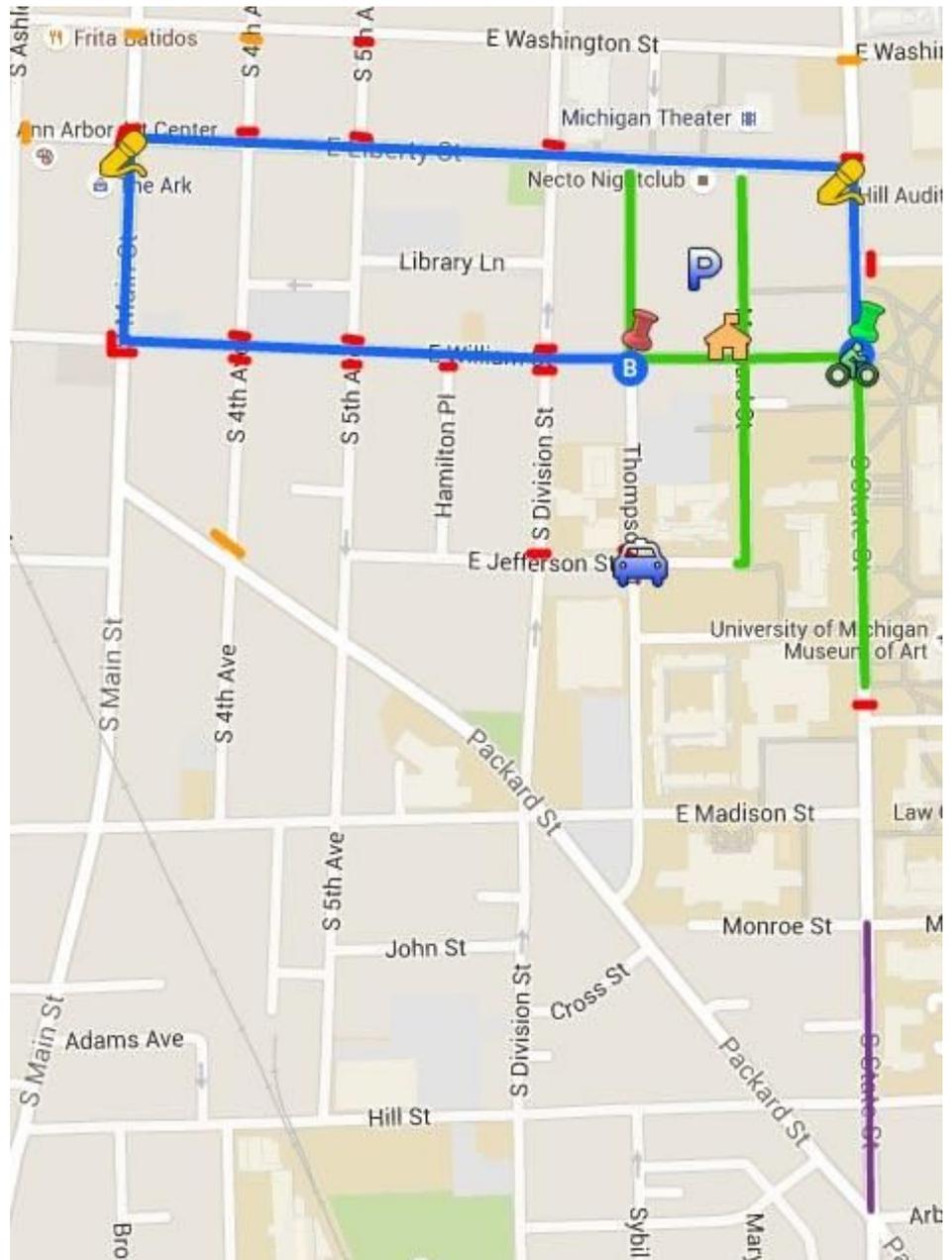
- Full Barricade
- 1/2 Barricade

Key Points

- Maynard Parking Structure
- Participants Entrance
- HQ & Participant Registration
- Bike Decoration Judging
- Emcee 1
- Emcee 2
- Participant Lineup
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28<sup>th</sup> Annual 4th of July Parade  
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The **parade participant headquarters** will be at the intersection of **William and Maynard**. Jaycee parade marshals will be wearing blue parade volunteer t-shirts. They will have the line-up list and will be able to direct you to your position and answer any questions you might have.

A **liability waiver** has been enclosed with this letter. **All participants must print and sign their names on the waiver to participate in the parade. Bring this form with you the day of the parade.** Minors participating in the parade must have a parent or legal guardian sign the waiver. Please feel free to make additional copies of the waiver. Extra copies will be on hand the day of the parade.

A **parade marshal** will be **assigned to your group**. This marshal will be collecting your liability waiver, will help control the pace of the parade by helping your unit stay the appropriate distance from the unit in front of you, and will answer any questions you might have.

We ask for your cooperation to avoid traffic problems. **Please do not park any vehicles in the route or line up areas unless they are part of your parade.** Also in this document is a copy of the Ann Arbor Jaycees **Parade Rules**. Please review them with your group and follow them accordingly.

**One emcee** along the parade route will announce your **Group Name** and read the **Organization Description** that you typed when you registered. We will do our best to read what you submitted, but time constraints may limit the introduction.

#### **Participant Schedule of Events:**

8:00-9:00am	Participants arrive, check-in, turn in waivers, and line up in their position
9:30am	Judging of Bike Decorating Contest for Children
9:45am	Call to Order and Star Spangled Banner
9:55am	Pull out Begins
10:00am	Official start of the parade

The parade route is approximately 1 mile and will take about 1.5 hours to complete. A single group takes about 45 min to walk the route.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the 4th of July Parade Committee. Email is preferred. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Thank you for being a part of this year's Parade!

**All of this information** (letter, rules, waiver form, and route) will be posted to the parade website.

Sincerely,  
Ann Arbor Jaycees  
4th of July Parade Committee  
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### Ann Arbor Jaycees 4th of July Parade Rules

1. Please do not park your vehicle along the staging areas unless your vehicle is in the parade or you are unloading equipment (you will NOT be allowed to drop people off in the staging area). Parking is available in the surrounding structures and on other side streets. **DO NOT** park in front of meter bags unless your vehicle is in the parade or your car will be towed at your expense. We strongly recommend carpooling since parking is limited.
2. The Parade Committee has final determination and acceptance of each participant unit as well as the overall objectives of the parade. If the unit misrepresents the accepted description of the unit, it may be removed.
3. Groups that are removed for any reason from the parade may be barred from future participation.
4. Participant groups shall not change assigned lineup position without approval of the Parade Committee. Failure to gain approval may result in possible removal from the parade and participation may be barred from future participation.
5. No fee will be paid to any participant unless there is prior written agreement and approval by the Ann Arbor Jaycees.
6. Please follow your parade marshal's instructions to maintain the pace of the parade. If you slow down too much then everyone behind you has to wait longer.
7. **THROWING OF ITEMS (INCLUDING CANDY) IS NOT PERMITTED.** You MAY hand out items (including candy) to people along the route. Do not encourage crowd participants to run out into the street. We prefer you drop items closer to the curbs. Please refer to a parade marshal with questions.
8. Each parade unit must provide their own banner or other identifying signage.
9. All animal units must provide a "clean-up" detail behind their units.
10. Please encourage your group to wear matching shirts or RED, WHITE, and BLUE to make it easier to distinguish your group.
11. All participants will be required to follow the designated parade route to completion. If you leave the parade route you may not be allowed to re-enter the parade.
12. The Parade Committee shall have sole and final approval of all activities related to the Parade in controlled areas designated by and under the permit issued by the city of Ann Arbor. Common and good sense shall dictate the tone and the management of this family and community based parade.
13. In case of heavy rain or severe weather, please visit [www.a2jaycees.org/parade](http://www.a2jaycees.org/parade) or call or text 734-845-2642 for parade status.

