



Annual Welcome to the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival!

The parade will start at **3:00pm** on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Participants are to be lined up on North Main (which becomes N. Ionia Rd. and Gresham Hwy.) at **1:00 pm**. Please be in line at that time because of the many participants and the number of large entries.

Please complete the enclosed application, sign, and return. Applications must be returned by March 31, 2023 to: **Christine Terpening 1300 N. Shaytown Rd, Vermontville, MI 49096**. You may also scan, attach and email to: christineterpening01@gmail.com.

The parade committee reserves the right to establish the parade unit order and how many units will be in the parade. **We would like to emphasize the importance of staying in the parade until you have reached the end.** The lineup area is windy, sunny, and it's a long wait. Bathroom facilities are provided. It is suggested that you bring extra clothes, sunscreen, liquids, and snacks as needed for your group.

Come join the participants, sun and fun, eat pancakes, ride the rides, visit the craft show and have a great time this April weekend! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Terpening at 517-231-3740 or christineterpening01@gmail.com

Regards,
The Vermontville Maple Syrup Grand Parade Committee
Christine Terpening (she/her/hers)
1300 N. Shaytown Rd.
Vermontville, MI 49096

Grand Parade Application

Must return application no later than March 31st

Name of Entry				
Person in Charge of Entry		Telephone Numbers		
Email Address				
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code
Type of Entry (Float ,Band, Type of Vehicle, Horse, Other)			Length in feet	
Describe any activity or loud noises your entry may contain. (flag waving, cannons, guns, music)				

Description of Entry to appear in the program and be announced: (75 words or less)

It is hereby understood and agreed that the applicant will abide by the Rules and Regulation of the Vermontville Maple Syrup Corporation and the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Grand Parade Committee.

Signed _____ Date _____

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call **517-231-3740** with any questions.

Maple Syrup Festival Grand Parade Committee

Grand Parade Host: Christine Terpening
1300 N. Shaytown Rd., Vermontville, MI 49096
517-231-3740

GRAND PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The parade line-up area is on North Ionia Road between Vermontville and Gresham Hwy. All parade units must be in the line-up area by 1:00pm. Large units should approach the line-up area from the North. This can be accomplished by coming in on Ionia Road from the north by way of Gresham Hwy. (hard packed gravel), Kelly Road, Mt. Hope Hwy, St. Joe Hwy, M-50 or M-43.

There will be Parade Line-up Attendants available to assist you. Please come to the registration area and register. Buses, vans and so forth can be left on Gresham during the parade. Small vehicles can be parked in the parking areas near Spring St. (end of parade route). This lot may be manned by the local scouts and the parking fee will be your responsibility.

Walkers accompanying floats may pass out candy or items. For the safety of our spectators, please refrain from tossing anything out of vehicles into the crowd.

Port-a-Johns will be provided at the parade line up area. April weather is very unpredictable, so come prepared for the weather with jackets, sun block and plenty of water while you are waiting for the parade to begin. As we did last year, horses will be placed toward the middle of the parade to allow them ample time to return to their trailers before the road is open to general traffic.

Floats should not exceed 11 feet in height and must be constructed to withstand the entire parade route.

Please pay very close attention to the unit in front of you as well as to your position in relation to the crowd. Try to maintain an approximate distance of 15-25 feet between parade units. However, please make sure you don't have excessive distance between you and the unit ahead of you. When this happens, it confuses the crowd because they are not sure where the end of the parade is.

We ask that you refrain from honking or blowing horns when approaching and in front of the grandstand area. Every entry must finish the parade. Please refer to enclosed map to verify end of parade route. If you have any questions as to where the parade ends, please ask a parade official.

Enclosed is your parade application. PLEASE RETURN IT NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2023. This information will be used to introduce your unit at the Grand Parade Review. Applications received after this date will not be accepted and will be given no guarantee to a parade spot. Once you are given your line up number, you must bring it the day of the parade and show it to the announcer as you pass the grandstand. If you fail to do this, your unit may not be announced.