

**Oakfield Labor Day Celebration**  
**“School Spirit”**  
**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Oakfield, New York**  
**\*subject to change\***

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Our Parade has been a staple in *Our Community* commemorating Labor Day for over 30 years. Our local residents look forward to this wonderful event each year, and we welcome visitors from all over Western New York. We are pleased that you are interested in joining the many community groups, clubs, youth groups, businesses and marching bands in our Parade. We look forward to celebrating Oakfield Labor Day with you!

**These are some important points to remember:**

- Parade Theme is “Volunteering in Your Community”
- The Parade will be held rain or shine.
- Parade participants will assemble at Oakfield- Alabama Central School, 7001 Lewiston Road, Oakfield, NY at 9 a.m.; entering at the **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING ENTRANCE**.
- Parade route is straight down Main Street, onto Drake Street, ending at the Oakfield Town Park where Parade participants are invited to meet family and friends for Entertainment, Crafts, Games, Food and Fun for all.
- Parade Floats can be parked at the Oakfield Town Hall. Please do not block any driveways.
- An Email will be sent confirming your participation and indicating your staging area.

**Questions? Contact:**

**Parade Chairs: Timothy Wojkowski**

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**Parade Registration Package**

Your registration form/application should be returned to Oakfield Betterment, Attn: Timothy Wojkowski - Parade Chair, PO Box 2, Oakfield, New York 14125, you may also scan your application to either of the above emails by Friday, August 26<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Please complete the form in its entirety.

**Parade Route, Staging Area & Time**

- Oakfield- Alabama Central School will be used for the staging area. You will receive an email confirming your registration that identifies your staging area and number.
- On the day of the parade, volunteers will assist in locating your specific spot in the designated staging areas. There will be road closures, so please plan for delays when arriving.
- Arrival time is 9 a.m. The Parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

**Participant Specifications**

- **Floats:** Float entry vehicles must be in good working condition. Floats should include a sign identifying the business or group that is sponsoring the float. Sponsors may enter to be judged in only one category. Float drivers are encouraged to park their floats at the Oakfield Town Hall after the parade, offering a further chance for spectators to appreciate the creativity and time involved in its' construction.
- **Equestrians:** Equestrian entries should make provisions for clean-up during the parade. Each Equestrian group should provide a sign identifying his or her group. Equestrians will not be judged.
- **Groups:** Marching Bands, Boy/Girl Scouts Troops, Cheering Groups and Performing Groups who are walking the Parade route are asked to provide enough chaperones for proper supervision before, during and after the Parade. Please carry a sign identifying your group or sponsor.

## Judges & Judging Criteria

- There will be 5-10 judges, selected for their backgrounds in the areas of entertainment, community activity, and/or parade experience.
- On the day of the Parade, the Judges will be given their Judge's forms and an orientation by the Parade Coordinators. Each Judge's form will include a list of participating groups, the category in which each is competing, and a brief description of the float provided from the Registration Form.
- Pre-Judging will begin at 9 a.m., when the Judges will begin judging floats in the staging area. Judges may ask questions about the concept, building process, materials used, theme, etc. A float representative should be available to answer these questions. Judging will continue throughout the Parade.
- Performance groups will be judged during the Parade only. No pre-parade judging will take place for the performance groups.
- Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. on the Main Stage.
- Prizes will be awarded by check, either picked up by the **contact on file** at the Concession Stand the day of the event or mailed to the Parade Float or Performance Group Sponsor.

## Judging Categories & Prizes

### Genesee Valley Judging Association will be judging:

- Veteran's Color Guard: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$50
- Best Appearing Fire Department: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100  
*\$25 Prizes for: Best Appearing Aerial, Best Appearing Pumper, Best Appearing Tanker, Best Appearing Utility & Rescue, Best Appearing Antique Hand Drawn Fire Apparatus and Best Appearing Antique Motorized Fire Equipment*
- Best Appearing Marching Band: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100

### Local Community Members will be judging:

- Best Novelty Band, Act or Float: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100

## Judging Criteria

### ***Parade Theme (25 Points)***

How well does the group portray the theme of the Parade, "Volunteering in Your Community"?

### ***General Effect/Execution in Presentation (25 Points)***

How well does the entry present itself? Was its' execution, during the Parade creative, eye-catching and fun? How well did it entertain the audience? There were no mistakes with execution of any kind, or, if there were, the mistakes did not take away from the overall presentation.

### ***Workmanship (25 Points)***

Is the craftsmanship in the entry complex, in its details? It is obvious that creative thought and time was put into the workmanship of the entry and/or it used unique material. What was the level of construction difficulty? Are there "moving parts" on the float? Did the performance group design a difficult routine, have appealing movements and reflect the use of creative thought and time. Uniform/costume reflects well upon the performance.

### ***Originality (25 Points)***

Does the entry impress the audience and judges with its' overall creativity and uniqueness in appearance and presentation.