

Deerfield Lions Club and Deerfield Family Days
Independence Day Parade 2012

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Dear Parade Participant,

Thank you for participating in Deerfield's Independence Day Parade on July 4th. We value your involvement in our Family Days activities and hope you will enjoy the experience. This year's parade theme is "1912 – 2012 100 Years of Girl Scouting".

This year we will be assigning numbers to all entries. The roads near the staging area of the parade will have numbered posts positioned along the parkways. Staging of entries will begin on Deerfield Road and proceed east to Lions Drive, the entrance to Deerspring Pool. This area will be reserved for our public servants, our Parade Marshall, the Lions Club, and Village of Deerfield officials.

The staging areas will continue in the parking lot of Deerspring Pool north to Margate Terrace and then east on Margate to Heather Lane. Bands and paid entertainment will be staged along Deerfield Road, the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot, and the Christian Science parking lot across from Deerspring Pool. I have enclosed a map showing the parade route, the location of Deerspring Pool, and the locations where the lineup numbers will be posted.

In the morning on July fourth please find your number, stage your group just behind the numbered stake, and wait for the parade to begin. Specific instructions may be given to groups with larger floats. The parade begins at 12 Noon. You can position your group at your numbered area anytime after 8 AM.

The entrance to Deerspring Pool from Deerfield Road will be closed to allow the Lions Club the room to stage and organize the parade. Entrance to Deerspring Pool should be made from Margate Terrace on the north. Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed in the pool parking lot. Drop off any participants in the parade from Margate Terrace. As the parade begins the entries will exit the Deerspring Pool parking lot to the south onto Lions Drive. The parade then proceeds west on Deerfield Road.

Make sure that your group has a banner or sign so the parade announcer can identify you. It would also be helpful if you could provide a short narrative about your organization for our parade announcer to use as you pass by the reviewing stand. Something brief and concise would be the best. Those who have provided this already, thank you.

We prohibit the throwing of items from floats and vehicles into the crowd to prevent children from running into the path of vehicles in the parade. Distribution of items **must be done by walkers** that walk along the curb line. Entrants that ignore this instruction will be removed from the parade and not invited back.

Lastly, please do not stop during the parade except to perform. Keep pace with the entrant in front of you and try to keep the parade moving along.

Thank you and enjoy the parade,

Mike Delaney
The Deerfield Lions Club