



Entry Form & Rules

17th Annual Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake **Community Flag Day Parade** Thursday, June 7, 2018

You are invited to show your pride and help us celebrate the Red, White & Blue by entering your decorated vehicle, float, and/or marchers in the BH-BL Community Flag Day Parade on June 7. The parade and subsequent fireworks are a fun family event & a unique BH-BL tradition for all ages, a tradition centered on celebrating our American flag. We encourage all entrants to carry some kind of banner so that the multitude of parade watchers know who you are!

Here's how it works: Route 50 and part of Lakehill Road will close promptly at 6:40 PM. CAPTAIN CHS's One Mile Road Race will be held at 6:50 on the parade route. Then the parade steps off at 7:00 pm and marches south on Route 50, starting from the high school's Kingsley Road entrance and ending at Country Acres. There will be school buses available at the end of the parade to carry marchers of all ages back to the high school — then plenty of time for everyone to move to the athletic fields behind the O'Rourke Middle School for fireworks! The fireworks will start at dusk or approximately 9:15.

Floats and Honors

As in past years, judges will be evaluating floats and will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the *Best Floats* in the parade. This year, our parade honors the Burnt Hills Fire Department, which is celebrating 100 years of service to the community.

Rules & Regulations

The Flag Day Parade is brought to you by the BH-BL Business & Professional Association (BPA) and many local businesses. The BPA's Parade Steering Committee, other volunteers & fire police have put hundreds of hours into making this a safe and a happy evening. This event involves an estimated **5,000 marchers and spectators**, so everyone's cooperation is needed to prevent safety problems.

Each group or business wanting to march in the parade must read the rules below and complete the following entry form on behalf of their group or business. We strongly request you also share copies of these rules for all your marchers/participants to read.

1. Your submission of this entry form indicates that you and the members of your group agree to abide by the following rules. **The Parade Steering Committee reserves the right to deny the participation in the following year's parade of any group that does not obey the safety rules listed below.**
2. **There is no rain date for the parade.** In the very unlikely event the weather is so severe the parade cannot be safely held, the entire event will be cancelled by the BPA president and announced at www.bhblbpa.com and at www.facebook.com/BHBLFlagDayParade on the day of the parade. (Cancellation of the parade has only happened once.) In the more likely scenario that the forecast includes some rain, each group must use its own judgment about participating. (For BH-BL school groups marching in the parade, Superintendent McGrath will make the decision about your participation if weather is a question.)

3. **The parade must keep moving forward at all times.** ALL groups need to move slowly & **continuously** forward at a speed that allows only 20 – 30 feet between your group and the group in front of you. No big gaps between parade entries please!
4. **No parade entry may be more than 13 feet high.** Please be aware of the height of your entry and remember that there are some low wires across Route 50 on the parade route. If you knock down a wire, it will be your liability, not that of the BH-BL Business & Professional Association
5. **This entire evening is a family event** with many small children in attendance. Please do not do anything that might be considered dangerous or might set a bad example for the children of our community.
6. You are welcome to **hand out** candy or other trinkets to the crowd along the parade route, but we do mean to **HAND** it out. There can be **no throwing of candy from floats or vehicles** because children darting into the roadway to catch thrown items is **a serious safety risk every year**. If you plan to hand out candy, be sure to come with marchers who can walk along each side of your vehicle and hand it out
7. Do not hand out freeze pops. They make a sticky mess on the roadway.
8. If your entry includes animals, you must also bring a person on “pooper scooper” patrol.



9. **Use the Shuttle Buses!** Marchers walking back along Route 50 while the parade is underway are a problem because they block the view of spectators. Please help us prevent this by having your group use the school district shuttle buses at the parade’s end. There are school buses leaving TCAR (across from County Acres) every 10 - 15 minutes specifically to **carry marchers of all ages back to the high school** via Kingsbury & Kingsley Roads.

10. **Timing:** Early in the week of the parade, you will be notified where the marchers from your group should go to line up (either in the High School front parking lot or at the former Burnt Hills Lanes). Please let all marchers know in advance that they should plan to arrive **before 6:30 pm** on June 7.

REGISTRATION is free to community groups & businesses, but we must have the following information to contact you and to organize the parade line-up.

Organization Name	
Organization Address	
Contact Person	
Contact person email & phone	
Name of marcher who will be present & responsible for your group during the actual parade	
Type of Entry (car/truck/animals/walkers/etc.)	
Length of Entry (feet)	
Estimated number of walkers	
Other Applicable Information	Music? – Y / N

REMINDER: Your submission of this entry form indicates that you and the members of your group agree to abide by the above rules. Please help us keep this a safe and fun community event!

Mail or email this form by Friday, June 1 to: **Jim Ireland**, 3 Fruitwood Drive, Burnt Hills, NY 12027. Questions? Contact Jim at 518-522-1788 or jamesstuartireland@gmail.com.