**WELCOME TO THE BATH CANADA DAY 2018 PARADE!**

This information package contains directions to the marshalling area, information regarding registration and line-up, parade pacing, parade awards and safety precautions.

**THEME FOR 2018:** “**BATH CANADA DAY ROCKS**”

**TIMING**

The parade begins from Finkle’s Shore Park at **1pm sharp** on Canada Day and ends at the Bath Public School on County Road 7**.**  In order to allow for the staging of the parade entries, we ask that you report to the Bath Public School or Finkle’s Shore Park **no later than 1130 a.m.**

**The Bath Village streets are closed at 12 noon.**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

A school bus shuttle service from Bath Public School on County Road 7 (Church Street) to Finkle’s Shores Park is provided for those who wish to leave their cars or equipment at the end of the parade route. This facilitates a quick getaway after the Parade.

**Band members will be shuttled with their instruments to marshal at Country Club Drive and Main Street.**

**SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS AT THE CHIP TRUCK AT THE MARSHALING AREA AT FINKLES PARK.**

**BRING WATER TO KEEP HYDRATED DURING THE MARSHALING AND THE PARADE ITSELF.**

**FINKLE’S SHORES PARK IS OUR REGISTRATION AND MARSHALLING AREA**

**From the east**

If you are coming to Bath from the east on Highway 33, take Academy Street to Church Street; turn left on to Church, then right at the stop light. Continue along Main Street about 1.5 kilometres to Finkle’s Shores Park.

**From the north**

Those coming from the north will follow County Road 7 to the stoplight in Bath, and then turn right onto Main Street. Continue along Main Street about 1.5 kilometres to Finkle’s Shores Park.

**From the west**

Those coming from the west on Highway 33 will see Finkle’s Shores Park on the lake side of the road just before coming into the Village.

**PARADE REGISTRATION AND MARSHALING**

When you arrive at Finkle’s Shores Park, **please check in at the Parade Registration Desk**. We need to know you are present and you need to collect your line-up number.

**Your entry will be escorted and lined up along the Bath Road by one of the Parade Marshals.**

Display your line-up number on both sides of your entry or hold it up as you pass the judging stand so that the judges can see it easily. The **JUDGES STAND** is in front of the Royal Bank on Main Street.

The parade route is 1.9 kilometers and should take about 45 minutes**.**

**Keep up to the entry in front of you.**

**This is important to prevent large spaces between Parade Entries**

**SAFETY CONCERNS**

1. Candies or any other give away items **must be handed out** **not thrown** to the crowd to keep little ones from darting into the street. Handouts should be of good quality and name brand.
2. The POLICE have voiced a concern about participants riding the floats to the marshalling area. **Float participants should arrange for safe transportation to their float at the marshalling area. Don’t ride the Float on the way to Registration.**

**PARADE AWARDS**

**1. BEST YOUTH ENTRY:**

Any float/marching group sponsored by a non profit organization whose programs and membership are limited to youth under the age of 18. Ex: Boy/Girl Scouts

**2. BEST GROUP ENTRY:**

Any float/marching group sponsored by a non profit organization whose programs and membership are not limited to youth under the age of 18. Ex: Churches, Kiwanis

**3. BEST COMMERCIAL ENTRY:**

Any float/marching group promoting any business, product or enterprise. Any float/marching group bearing a name, logo, slogan, etc. is considered commercial.

**4. BEST VINTAGE VEHICLE:**

Any vehicle that has been maintained restored or modified.

**5. BEST MOTORIZED VEHICLE**

Most impressive vehicle entered in the Parade.

**6. BEST FAMILY ENTRY**

Most impressive Family float, marching group or other entry

**7. BEST DECORATED BICYCLE:**

Best decorated bicycle in the parade.

**8. BEST BAND:**

Best group of two or more individuals playing musical instruments.

**9. BEST EQUESTRIAN /ANIMAL:**

Best entry which contains one or more live animals.

**AWARD JUDGING CRITERIA**

**PARADE THEME:**

How well the entry fits the theme of the parade **“BATH CANADA DAY ROCKS”**

**ORIGINALITY:**

The creativeness and originality in the entry’s design concept

**DESIGN DETAIL:**

Attention to detail, level of effort, difficulty

**TEAM SPIRIT**:

Showmanship of members - spirit, energy, contact and engagement with onlookers.

**ATTIRE:**

Costumes and Dress Appeal

Award Winners will be announced at the Official Ceremonies in Centennial Park shortly after the Parade. A list of winners will be posted at the Information Booth in Centennial Park and on our website: www.bathcanadaday.ca.

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