



# 63rd Annual Pope County Deer Festival “The Buck Stops Here”

## 2023 Parade Application

**Application Deadline: Friday, November 10, 2023**

Any incomplete information will result in the return of your application

It's time to start planning the 63rd Annual Pope County Deer Festival. The 2023 parade will be on Saturday, November 18th.

Parade lineup will begin at 12pm and the parade will start at 2pm. Attached is a parade application. Please review and complete the application and return it to Mainstreet Golconda.

Awards will be presented to participants with up to 3 additional awards for best adaptation of the parade theme. The parade awards presentation will be held at approximately 3:30pm on the steps of the Pope County Courthouse. Please try to be at the courthouse lawn to receive any awards your group might receive.

**Your prompt attention to complete and return your entry form is greatly appreciated. All applications and scripts must be received no later than November 10, 2023.** A parade packet will be made available to you on or about **November 13, 2023** providing more detailed information and lineup instructions.

Regards,

*Mainstreet Golconda*

If you have any questions, contact a Mainstreet Golconda representative at (618) 683-6246 or email: [golcondaparades@gmail.com](mailto:golcondaparades@gmail.com)

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**Parade positions are not guaranteed**

**\*\*THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE\*\***

*(Please plan on bringing water for your group)*

A suggested donation of \$10 can be mailed with your application to the address below.

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| Name of Entry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Float<br>Length _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit |
| Mailing Address  | <input type="checkbox"/> Band   | <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard                                       |
| City                      State                      Zip                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty  | Description (Length and Type) _____  |
| Contact Person   | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian   | How Many _____   |
| Daytime Phone                      Night Phone                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Antique<br><input type="checkbox"/> Convertible  | <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Auto                                      |
| Email address  | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Organization<br><input type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle                           |  |
| Number of participants in entry _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |  |
| Support vehicle to Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Yes*<br>If yes, describe _____ | <b>PLEASE NOTE: Vehicles/drivers will not be provided for parade entries. You must have your own vehicle and driver to participate.</b> |  |

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SCRIPT: In order for your entry to be recognized by the parade announcers, a script must accompany this application. An example form has been included for your convenience. (Please limit script to four (4) sentences of text). **Please complete a script and return by November 10, 2023. Vehicles and signage are the responsibility of each entrant.**

Questions, Comments, and Special Needs: **Please use a separate page if required.**

You will receive more specific parade information, your line-up position and parade pass by November 11, 2023. Please complete the Parade Application, Hold Harmless Agreement, and your script as soon as possible and mail to:

**Mainstreet Golconda  
PO Box 482  
Golconda, IL 62938**

# POPE COUNTY DEER FESTIVAL PARADE ANNOUNCER SCRIPT

A great script should include:

1. Something fun about your group
2. Group or family history in the parade
3. Who made the float? Is there any history of the float you can share?
4. Who made the costumes? Is there any history of the costumes?
6. Describe the group's activities (dancing, riding, etc.)
7. Family name

What not to include:

1. Advertising for the associated company, business, or school

A good rule of thumb is: keep the focus on the children. If your script is too long, we will have to edit it, as the announcer will not have time to read a long script (see below for examples of complete scripts from past years).

## SAMPLE SCRIPTS

1. "This is the Imperial Polk Obedience Club. Handlers and their obedience trained dogs are dressed as Santa's helpers and his reindeer. They also have a dog house filled with pups and Christmas cheer. And, they also embraced tonight's theme with a new twist to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas.... "10 Puppies Piping"...Active in Polk County for 28 years."

2. "These flower girls, ages 12-14, came all the way from Alaska and Arkansas to participate in today's parade. Let's give them a big welcome to Santa Barbara! The girls are wearing traditional Fiesta dresses and hats bringing plenty of flowers to spread the Fiesta cheer!"

*If you think any of your group members' names may be difficult to pronounce, please spell them out phonetically for us so we get them right!*

**NAME OF ENTRY** (should be same as above): \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPT:**

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**POPE COUNTY DEER FESTIVAL PARADE  
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

In consideration for permission to participate in the POPE COUNTY DEER FESTIVAL PARADE to occur **November 18, 2023**. \_\_\_\_\_ , the undersigned hereby covenant and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Golconda, the County of Pope, Mainstreet Golconda, Rotary Club of Golconda, each of their elected and appointed officials, officers, directors, members, agents, servants, volunteers, representatives and employees, and all other participants in the Pope County Deer Festival Parade from ANY and all claims, demands or liability which the aforementioned parties may sustain as a result of ANY claims, demands, cause of action, costs of judgements and/or other occurrences which may arise from the undersigned's participation in the POPE COUNTY DEER FESTIVAL PARADE.

The undersigned on behalf of himself/herself, his/her sponsoring group or organization, his/her heirs and assigns, further (1) assumes the risk of any and all personal injuries and property damage which the undersigned may suffer as a result of participation in the event; (2) waives his/her right to sue the aforementioned parties to forever refrain from instituting, pressing or in any way aiding any claim, demand or cause of action, for damages, costs, loss of services, expenses or compensation for, on account of, or in any way arising from or hereafter to arise from the undersigned's participation in the said event.

I agree to abide by all the standards and rules set forth by the organizers of this event. Any activity deemed detrimental by the staff may cause expulsion from the venue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Group

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner ( ) Representative ( )

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Business Phone