



APPLICATION FOR South Haven's Annual 4th of July Parade

**Sponsored by Ram Salute, South Haven Rotary Club and
South Haven Kiwanis Club**

**Parade Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026
Line-up in place by 10 a.m. Step-off at 11 a.m.**

**Please review and complete both Page 1 and Page 2 of this application and return both
pages to the address or e-mail listed**

(Please print or type)

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply to your entry:

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Float - Musical? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Balloons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Fraternal/Service Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Clowns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Queen <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Group non-band | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band | |

Complete description of entry or special needs _____

The following is very important for line-up calculations!!! You must include the following information or your entry will not be accepted. Also, the maximum length for floats pulled by vehicles is 60 feet (vehicle length included). Also, if your entry is being pulled by a vehicle or a vehicle is included along with people walking in front or behind, please include the vehicle and walkers in the total length. **NO TANDEM FLOATS ALLOWED.**

Height of Entry _____ Length of Entry _____ Width of Entry _____

Please check any of the following that apply:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Will progress at constant speed | <input type="checkbox"/> Will Stop and perform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will use amplified sound | <input type="checkbox"/> Will have live animals |

Please read and sign the Waiver of Liability on the second page

Mail or email completed application by Friday, June 19 to:

**Ram Salute
1301 M 43 suite 6
South Haven, MI 49090**

or email completed registration (both pages) to shramsalute@gmail.com

Questions or comments: Text or Call 269-993-9900 or email shramsalute@gmail.com

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Facts, Policies and Regulations

Please review and complete both Page 1 and Page 2 of this application and return both pages to the address or e-mails listed on Page 1

In return for participation in the 2026 parade, I agree to the following:

- 1.All units must be in place no less than one hour prior to step-off, or by **10 a.m.** Line-up will be at South Haven High School, 600 Elkenburg St., South Haven, MI 49090. Please use the entrance on LaGrange Street (across the street from McDonald's). Parade starts at **11 a.m.**
- 2.Children under 12 should be accompanied by a parent or adult.
- 3.Political figures are limited to Southwest Michigan elected officials or candidates. Political figures must provide their own transportation and signs. Philosophical messages incorporated into float design should be approved by the parade committee prior to parade or risk the possibility of parade-day exclusion.
- 4.All mechanical equipment must be in sound condition, equipped with a tow car or chain in front, carry a fire extinguisher, be at the assigned formation position and ready for inspection by parade officials. Entry and participants must have and be prepared to show proof of insurance.
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- 7.Placement in the parade lineup is at the sole discretion of the parade committee.
- 8.The organizers of the parade reserve the right to deny participation of any individual or organization that is unable to abide by these parade policies or that may be disruptive to the parade or other parade participants.
- 9.**No objects of any kind may be thrown at spectators. Do not throw or hand out candy or other items from a moving vehicle. Throwing items, particularly candy, draws people, primarily children, into the path of the vehicles in the parade. Obviously, this can be extremely dangerous.** It is OK for a pedestrian who accompanies the float or vehicle to hand out candy along the street curbs on the parade route.

IT IS ILLEGAL AND VERY DANGEROUS TO THROW CANDY OR ITEMS FROM MOVING VEHICLES. CANDY IS APPRECIATED BY THE PARADE WATCHERS, BUT MUST BE HANDED OUT ON THE SIDE-LINES BY A PEDESTRIAN WHO ACCOMPANIES THE FLOAT OR VEHICLE.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By submitting this application, participants agree to all conditions set forth, including the facts, policies and regulations. Applicants stipulate that parade organizers and their agents, employees and representatives have made no promises regarding parade position of any kind. Participant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Ram Salute , Rotary Club of South Haven, Kiwanis Club of South Haven, the City of South Haven, and all Parade Committee members, agents, employees, volunteers and assigns from and against any and all liability, loss, costs, de-mands, claims, fines, debts or judgments that anyone may sustain or incur as a result of involvement in the parade, such indemnification to include reasonable attorney fees.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AGREE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL FACTS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS.

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____