

## **Welcome!**

Thank you for marching in the 2024 Central New York Pride Parade. We are excited to welcome you and see the amazing floats, trucks, banners, dance numbers, signs, props, and outfits you have planned. We can't wait to celebrate Pride with you.

## **Parade Line-up Details**

We operate on a firm schedule and appreciate you being on time. The Parade staging area will be in the furthest Destiny USA parking lot on Solar Street, the Pink Lot. The route is .75 miles, and typically takes 45-60 minutes. Check out the map we attached here for details.

**Volunteers arrive: 8:30am**

**Vehicles arrive (floats, cars, trucks): 9-9:30am**

**People on foot arrive: 9:30-10:15am**

**Parade starts: 11am**

When you arrive check in with the team at the **CHECK IN HERE** sign. We assigned you a numbered spot in the parade lineup and on-site staff will help you find your staging area. Please reply to this email if you'd like to be next to a specific group.

Questions? Ask one of the Pride volunteers in green vests.

## **Accessibility**

We are proud to include members of our community with a variety of physical abilities. We help place participants with mobility issues with drivers with available space in their vehicles. Reach out to us in advance or find a team member at the check-in booth to facilitate.

## **Decorations**

We encourage you to express yourself through festively decorating yourselves and your vehicles. We will have some decorations available to borrow, and a *\*glitter bar\** for your body, so get ready to get festive.

## **Parking**

The parade staging area is for participating vehicles only - all other vehicles can park in the designated adjacent lots. See the attached map for parking information.

## **Parade Route**

We will turn right out of the lot and proceed southeast down **Solar Street**, crossing **Bear Street**. The Parade will continue to the intersection of Solar Street and Court St/ West Kirkpatrick St, where it will turn right onto **West Kirkpatrick St** at the intersection. The parade will continue southwest down West Kirkpatrick Street until it reaches the entrance of the festival grounds at the Inner Harbor. The total distance of the parade route is about .75 miles on paved city streets.

## **After the Parade**

All vehicles should follow signage and volunteers at the end of the parade route to return their vehicle decorations and flags before exiting the festival grounds.

Those walking in the parade are welcome to join us for the Pride Festival opening remarks immediately following the parade on the CNY Pride Main Stage at the Inner Harbor Amphitheatre.

## **Political Participants**

All candidates for public office must sign up and pay the fee in advance of the event. CNY Pride reserves the right to decline participants.

## **Parade Code of Conduct**

By participating in the CNY Pride Parade, you agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Violators can and will be asked to leave by CNY Pride staff. To ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable experience for everyone, we ask that all participants adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Respect and Inclusion:** Treat everyone with respect, kindness, and consideration. Practice inclusivity regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or any other characteristic. CNY Pride has a zero-tolerance policy for homophobia, transphobia, racism, and other forms of hate speech.
2. **Safety First:** Follow all instructions from parade organizers, volunteers, and security personnel. Please hand, don't throw, giveaway treats like candy, beads, and condoms. We don't want to accidentally knock someone out with a loose condom this early in the day. Also, our insurance strictly prohibits it. Stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun. Report any emergencies or suspicious activities to the nearest volunteer or security personnel immediately.
3. **Consent and Boundaries:** Always ask for consent before engaging in physical contact or taking photographs of individuals. Respect personal space and boundaries

of all participants. No nudity, since this is a family event (save your goodies for Fire Island!)

4. **Environment:** Help keep the parade area clean. Dispose of trash and recycling in appropriate bins.
5. **Pets:** If bringing pets, ensure they are well-behaved, on a leash, and comfortable in crowds. Clean up after them.
6. **Accessibility:** Be considerate of those with disabilities. Do not block accessible paths or viewing areas. Offer assistance to those who may need it, if appropriate.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, welcoming, and joyous celebration for everyone!