



Dear Parade Participants,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your group to participate in the annual The Utica Homecoming Parade. To be held on Friday, October 20, 2023, arriving in the parade area **PROMPTLY** at 2:30p.m.

The HOMECOMING parade is a family event. All parade entries **MUST BE FAMILY ORIENTED** and acceptable for all age groups. At the sole discretion of the Homecoming Parade Committee, any objectionable parade units may be immediately pulled from the parade and not allowed to participate.

Enclosed you will find your parade application and the parade waiver that must be signed for you to participate in this year's parade. Please fill out the parade application. Also, on the back of the application or on a separate sheet of paper, please give us information you would like the parade announcer to read as your group is passing by the stand in the center of town. This is very important for the Announcers. **Please keep this under 30 seconds!**

Please email your application so it reaches us on or before October 17, 2023. Since it takes a great deal of time and planning to line up for the parade, please send your application as soon as possible for the best positioning in the parade. We will be sending out your parade lineups around October 18, 2023. If you email your application, we will confirm we received it, and then send your lineup confirmation through your email.

If you have any questions, please call or text (769) 206-3344; if there is no answer **leave a message**. We are looking forward to receiving your completed application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Parade  
Chairperson

<https://form.jotform.com/222669334190155>



**FUN AND EXCITEMENT FOR EVERYONE!!!!**

**APPLICATION FOR "THE UTICA HOMECOMING" PARADE UNIT**

(Please **PRINT** information CLEARLY AND BE SPECIFIC)

ORGANIZATION/GROUP TITLE

NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

CONTACT EMAIL

Applications **MUST** be received by or on **October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

1. To be able to participate in the parade, you **MUST** fill out and **sign** the waiver form.
2. The parade announcers need a few lines of information about your unit, either on the waiver form, or on a separate sheet of paper.

Thank You!

**ENTRY INFORMATION (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC)**

Please return or email forms to:

Utica National Alumni  
 Association  
 Post Office Box 215  
 Utica, MS 39175

**TYPE OF UNIT**

**CAR**

**TRUCK**

**MOTORCYCLE**

**WALKING**

**BAND      OTHER**

**EMAIL:**

[uticaalumni@gmail.com](mailto:uticaalumni@gmail.com)

**IF OTHER, SPECIFY**

**FLOAT?**

**YES**

**NO**

**HOW MANY PEOPLE**

# UTICA HOMECOMING PARADE WAIVER

The undersigned wishes to participate in the Utica Homecoming Parade, to be held **October 20, 2023**. The undersigned acknowledges that it has been notified by the Utica National Alumni Association, Inc., Parade Committee that it is insured against any and all risks involved with participation in said parade, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Utica Alumni Association, Inc. and the Town of Utica, and all volunteers and officers, from and against all claims and lawsuits, as a result of being in the parade. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19.

While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others and assume full responsibility for my participation. The undersigned also agrees to waive all claims or rights of action it may have against the Utica National Alumni Association, Inc. and the Town of Utica, and all volunteers and officers, for any damages incurred as a result of its involvement in said parade.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

(Please Print)

Name of Owner, Group, or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person in Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

(Write ANNOUNCERS INFORMATION here or on separate paper)

## UTICA HOMECOMING PARADE RULES

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THESE RULES AND REVIEW THEM WITH YOUR GROUP BEFORE THE PARADE SO THAT YOUR ENTRY IS NOT DISQUALIFIED OR PENALIZED AS A RESULT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING.**

1. This is a FORWARD MOTION PARADE and any lengthy delays for a performance. **Also, no one is allowed to get in or out of a unit once the parade has started.**
2. Please maintain supervision of your participants while in your mustering area until your unit is instructed to move.
3. Do Not Litter or permit participants to disturb private property in the mustering areas.
4. All units must remain in their assigned mustering position unless instructed to move to a different area by a Parade Marshal. This is important for the Announcers.
5. Space your unit 25 to 40 feet from the unit ahead of you and hold that distance throughout the parade route.
6. The Parade will be held as scheduled rain or shine.
7. Any unit with animals **MUST** promptly clean up after them. Any failure will result in removal from the parade and loss of judging.