



INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE
“50 Years Celebrating Friendship”

August 5th, 2023

Start Time: 12:00 pm U.S. / 1:00 pm CDN

Dear Parade Participant:

The 50th International Homecoming Festival will be held in St. Stephen and Calais beginning August 2nd, 2023. The committee is thrilled to announce that the International Parade will return this year beginning in St. Stephen at the Ganong Factory and ending in Calais in the vicinity of Calais, IGA.

Our theme for the 2023 festival - **“50 Years Celebrating Friendship.”**

Awards will be presented for Best Use of Theme, Best Display of Community Spirit, and Best Overall Float. Floats must cross the border to be eligible for an award. Winners will be contacted after the parade for photos. We also ask that entrants please check signage posted for the “Gentle Zone” (no sirens and lower volume of music) at the beginning of the St. Stephen parade route.

The attached entry form **MUST** be returned to the Festival Committee by July 21st. Please take note of the “regulations” which govern a parade entry and appear on the attached form. Violation of these regulations jeopardizes the safety of the parade observers and puts the festival at risk of legal action, or the parade discontinued. We do regret the restrictions, but a safe parade demands the regulations be followed.

Please note that parade participants are expressly FORBIDDEN FROM THROWING candy or any other items from any vehicle or float.

In the “Spirit of International Friendship, Goodwill, Co-operation, we thank you for your participation.

Please return entry forms no later than July 21st to patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca or EWCED@outlook.com

MDSS TOWN HALL
22 Budd Avenue
St. Stephen, NB E3L 1E9

Or

c/o City of Calais
11 Churh Street
Calais, ME 04619

Sincerely,

Patty Anderson & Jayna Smith
International Homecoming Festival Co-Chairs



INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE
“50 Years Celebrating Friendship”
Parade Date: Aug 5th, 2023
2023 PARADE ENTRY

Name of Organization or Business: _____

Type of Entry: _____ *****(Please note, all floats will be starting from Ganong factory)*****

Check if applicable: Music _____ Walkers _____ Distributing Candy, fliers, etc. _____

Size of Entry/Estimated length: _____

Needs: _____ **Special**

Starting point for walkers: Ganong _____ Garcelon Civic Center _____

Will you be crossing the Border: Yes _____ No _____

Note: If “Yes”, please complete the “List of Parade Participants” included in this package.

REGULATIONS

1. Driver has appropriate license for vehicle
2. Nothing is to be sprayed, thrown or shot from vehicles or floats
3. No Demonstrations or performances that require the parade to stop
4. All handouts, candy included must be passed out by walkers in the parade
5. Violators of the regulations will be removed at the next side street
6. Transports are no longer allowed on Main Bridge
7. “Gentle Zone” will be marked on both sides of the border and please follow applicable signage

BY SIGNING THIS ENTRY FORM, I AGREE TO UPHOLD THE REGULATIONS.

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE NO: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____ DATE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Parade starts at 1:00 pm (CDN), 12 noon (US) **beginning** at the Ganong factory for floats (and walkers by choice) or the **Garcelon Civic Center** for walkers only and ending at **Calais IGA**. Be at assembly area approx. **45 Min** before start of parade. **Please follow the instructions of the Marshals for parade line up when you arrive.**

RETURN ENTRY FORM BY **JULY 21ST** to patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca or EWCED@outlook.com direct to:

MDSS TOWN HALL: 22 BUDD AVENUE ST. STEPHEN, NB E3L 1E9
CALAIS CITY HALL: 11 CHURCH STREET PO BOX 413 CALAIS, ME 04619

CANDY **MUST NOT** BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES AND FLOATS.



CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS
INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE
August 5th, 2023 Start Time: 1:00 pm CDN / Noon US

1. All participants 16 years of age and older are required to have their passport or other WHTI compliant document with them.
2. Children under 16 are required to have proper identification, preferably a birth certificate.
3. If you have children other than your own in the parade, you should have a permission slip from their parent or guardian.
4. The person in charge of each entry must ensure that no one that has not been pre-screened, joins their entry between the starting place and US Customs.
5. A list of all **participants**, including the **driver** must be attached to the **parade application** and received by the parade committee by **July 21st**. Please type or print in block letters on all forms. Keep a copy of the list for yourself and have it with you on parade day. If you have 20 people in your group but you are not certain who will be in the parade, list them all. If only 15 show up that is not a problem. If you have 2 possible drivers list them both, then you are covered regardless of which one drives in the parade.

This sounds complicated but I assure you things will go well as we are working in a very cooperative manner with custom officials.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call:

Patty Anderson & Jayna Smith
Festival Co-Chairs
1-(506)-466-7700
1-(207)-214-0565



LIST OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS – 2023

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Supervising Adults: _____ Phone: _____

I certify that I have obtained parental or legal guardian consent for each participating child

Signature of Supervising Adult: _____ Date: _____

Name	Address	Phone #	Date of Birth	POB/CTZN	Name of Parent or Legal Guardian if under 19 years of age
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