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# Headlines



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## Sign up now for the RI Labor Day Parade!

Calling all families, neighbors, churches, organizations, clubs and businesses! The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade is scheduled for **Monday, September 6, 2004**.

The first Labor Day Parade was held in 1984 as part of Rock Island's yearlong 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday or Sesquicentennial Celebration. Over the past 20 years the parade has grown to average over 150 entries and has become a popular annual event that draws thousands of spectators!



Staging for the parade begins at 8:30 a.m. in the area around Washington Junior High School, located at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The parade starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. The route travels west along 18th Avenue and disbands into the Rock Island High School grounds at 25th Avenue and 17th Street. The route is two miles long, and takes about 90 minutes to march.

This year's special anniversary theme is *"Remember When...."* As the City celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Labor Day Parade, participants are encouraged to do the same by celebrating a special moment from the past. Themed entries could focus on a special moment in the life of a family, church, organization or business. The birth of a child, a special anniversary year, a business expansion or an organization's milestone are just a few suggestions. The possibilities are endless!

All parade entries are judged with winners selected from five different categories. The categories are: Mayor's Choice, Marshal's Choice (favorite theme related entry), Council's Choice, Parade Committee's Choice and Neighbor's Choice. The awards are presented to the winners at a September meeting of the Rock Island City Council.

Entries that are not theme related are always welcome in the parade! Gather some friends, neighbors, church members, employees or organization members. The Labor Day Parade offers a unique opportunity to promote your organization, to announce a special sale or to call attention to an upcoming event. Please note candy and flyers must be handed out to the crowd and not thrown into the street during the parade.

To enter the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Parade please complete and return an [entry form](#) with the participation fee to the City of Rock Island by Monday, August 23, 2004. If you have any additional questions, please contact **Mary Chappell** at 732-2923. Further details and line-up information will be sent in late August just prior to the parade.

The members of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board thank you for your interest and support of the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. See you in September!

20<sup>th</sup> Annual



# ROCK ISLAND LABOR DAY PARADE



The City of Rock Island invites you, your family, business or organization to participate in the **20th Annual** Old-fashioned Labor Day Parade scheduled for **Monday, September 6, 2004**. Build a float, enter your business vehicle or simply walk the parade route. All clowns, hula-dancers, families, neighborhood groups, schools, church and civic groups are welcome to join the fun!

This year's special anniversary theme is "**Remember When...**" As the City celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Labor Day Parade, participants are encouraged to do the same by celebrating a special moment from the past. Themed entries could focus on a special moment in the life of a family, church, organization or business. The birth of a child, a special anniversary year, a business expansion or an organization's milestone - are just a few ideas. A special trophy will be awarded to the best theme-related entry. Non-theme related entries are always welcome!

**Parade Route:** The parade marches west along 18th Avenue, beginning at 33rd Street. At 24th Street, the parade turns left and continues south to 25th Avenue. The parade turns right, travels west across 17th Street, and disbands into the Rock Island High School grounds.

**Entry Fee:** Five dollars for a family or individual entry.  
Ten dollars for a business or organization.

**Parade Day Schedule:**

8:30 a.m.	Participants check-in and line-up
9:30 a.m.	Parade begins
11:45 a.m.	Parade disbands into RIHS grounds

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Please return this form with participation fee by **Monday, August 23, 2004** to:

**PARADE - MARY CHAPPELL**  
City of Rock Island  
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201  
Fax: 309-732-2930  
Or call Mary at: 732-2923

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE ENTRY** *(please provide number of vehicles, approximate length, etc...)*  
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**Any music with your entry?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You!*