

# Headlines



## RI Accepting Entries for 22nd Annual Labor Day Parade

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Calling all families, neighbors, churches, organizations, clubs and businesses! The 22nd annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade is scheduled for **Monday, September 4, 2006.**

2006 Parade Theme

*"We are Family"*

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 at 9:30 a.m.** The parade route travels west along 18th Avenue, turns at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

The theme for this year's parade is *"We are Family!"* It was selected to honor the various types of "families" that support us in our daily lives. From our immediate family, to neighbors, co-workers, members at church or with an organization – they all help us get through the day! Parade entries could be created around an "extended" family group or developed around a famous family from TV, radio, music, literature or history. The possibilities are endless!

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!** 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.

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

**To enter the 22<sup>nd</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 21, 2006.** If you have any questions, please contact Mary Chappell at 732-2923 or Art Milton at 788-6157. Parade line-up information will be mailed in late August to the contact person listed on the entry form.

Members of the City's Labor Day Parade Advisory Board appreciate your interest and support of the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. See you in September