

# Lorain International Association 2012 Parade



**Parade Date:** Sunday, June 24th, 2012

**Parade Step Off Time:** 11:30am

**Parade Route:** Broadway Ave., West Erie Ave., Washington Ave.,  
(downtown Lorain)

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2012 Lorain International Parade. This is a great opportunity for your group or organization to share your heritage, talents and pride with our community. The theme of the parade is "International", and where possible, units are asked to represent a nationality or culture in colorful displays, costumes, music and especially floats.

Please complete the information on the second page, about your unit. Read the guidelines for participation and return your application to the address below. You will receive a confirmation and detailed information prior to the parade. Units must meet LIA participating guidelines (detailed on page 3), and your unit leader/main contact has to work closely with the Parade Chair prior to the event.

**Step-off time is at 11:30 a.m. at Broadway and W. 17th Street. The parade marches north up Broadway to Erie Avenue It turns onto West Erie Avenue where it goes past the reviewing stand in front of Lorain City Hall, then turns left onto Washington Avenue where the parade will disperse.**

Please complete the application neatly.

**Mail to: LIA Parade Chair, Natalie Rodriguez  
3827 Woodstock Dr. Lorain, OH 44053**

**- Or -**

**Email your application to  
nrodriquez@loraininternational.com**

**Deadline for all submissions is May 27, 2012.**

Information can be found at [www.loraininternational.com](http://www.loraininternational.com)  
Email Natalie Rodriguez directly at [nrodriquez@loraininternational.com](mailto:nrodriquez@loraininternational.com)



# Lorain International Association 2012 Parade Entry Form

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**Please indicate which type of unit entry applies: choose all that apply**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Baton Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty            | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Royalty               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality Float  | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Drill Team  | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Baton Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Team                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Float   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band      | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Drill Team  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking unit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Unit      | <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Car        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-profit organization</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drum & Bugle Corp. | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Unit      | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Group</b>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Unit          | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle Unit    | <input type="checkbox"/> LIA Royalty        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial Business</b>     |

**Please print neatly or type. Scanned applications can be emailed to [nrodriquez@loraininternational.com](mailto:nrodriquez@loraininternational.com)**

Name of unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality/Culture/Ethic Group represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (this is mandatory for communication): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Unit/Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ # of people in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Vehicles in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Float Motorized?: If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_

Will the unit be playing music? If so, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the announcement about your unit, to be read at the grand stand by the M.C.**

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***I have read, understand and accept the LIA 2012 Parade Information & Participant Guidelines: (required)***

Name of unit representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2012 Parade Participant Information & Guidelines

**Deadline for application submission:** May 27, 2012. Late entries can not be guaranteed placement in the parade, announcements at the grand stand or inclusion in a judging category.

**Communication:** All parade information is sent via email to each unit contact person at the email address provided. It is the responsibility of the contact to respond to all emails to confirm receipt. It is also the responsibility for the unit contact to inform members of the unit as to the details of line-up times, locations and other related information. Approximately two weeks prior to the parade, detailed information will be sent to the unit contact. Please print the materials and distribute accordingly. Materials will include unit placement, guidelines, map of the route and related information. Information will also be made available at [www.loraininternational.com](http://www.loraininternational.com).

**Weather:** The parade will take place rain or shine. Plan for hot temperatures and supply your unit properly with water.

**Unit Placement:** The placement of all parade units is made at the discretion of the parade organizer. This decision is based on a number of criteria including but not limited to: size and type. All units are considered important in making a well balanced parade which is entertaining and safe.

**Nationality Representation:** The Lorain International Parade celebrates the many cultures, nationalities and diversity in and around Lorain County. Where applicable, parade participants/units are encouraged to represent such. Be creative!

**Judging & Awards:** Many of the units will be considered for award placement. There are various categories in which your unit may qualify to place. It is important that you provide a mailing address on your application to receive a certificate. Winners are also announced in the local news papers and online. Certified judges from All American Judges will score units.

**Vehicles:** Un-bannered vehicles will not be permitted in the parade or staging area. A unit must primarily consist of a float or group of people walking. Where permissible, a car may lead a unit but it must have signage describing the group, organization, business or individual.

**Sponsors:** If an organization or business is a parade sponsor, the participation fee is waived. Email the parade chair at [nrodriquez@loraininternational.com](mailto:nrodriquez@loraininternational.com) for information on becoming a sponsor.

**Parade participation fees:** All commercial/for-profit groups and business are required to pay a nominal fee of \$50. This is due at the time of application submission. Unit placement in the parade line-up will not be given until the fee is received. All other groups are welcome to make a donation. All fees are tax deductible. Checks or money orders can be made payable to LIA and mailed to the address indicated on your application.

**Elected Officials:** Officials past and present of any office are welcome to participate in the parade as honored representatives of our community. LIA asks that there is no display of election campaigning. Officials may display current or past office. There should be no appearance of "elect" or "re-elect" logos, signage, clothing, items or literature given to spectators and other means that would suggest a campaign. This includes all individuals walking or riding with an official's unit. It is preferred that officials limit their units to 5 people.

**Parade Floats:** All floats must have a fire extinguisher on board. People situated on any float or vehicle must be secured if standing or in a sitting position while moving.

**Unit Material Distribution:** The distribution of printed material is prohibited in the LIA parade. Candy must be passed by hand to viewers, curb side. Other promotional items need to be approved by the parade chair prior to the parade. Throwing or tossing of any materials from floats or vehicles is prohibited. This is to ensure the safety of spectators.

**Announcements:** All units are announced at the grand stand over a public addressing system.

**Waiver:** All groups, units, organizations, businesses, individuals and others associated with such; participate in the Lorain International Parade at their own risk. Those described above assume all responsibility and liability for any and all injury and/or damages associated with participating in the LIA parade. Lorain International Association will be held harmless of any circumstance and released from any liability whatsoever in connection with anyone participating in the event described at the Lorain International Parade.

### Parade Chair:

Natalie Rodriguez is the 2012 Lorain International Parade Chairperson. I am a volunteer to the LIA, as are all who help organize all LIA events.

It is preferred that you contact me via email at [nrodriquez@loraininternational.com](mailto:nrodriquez@loraininternational.com), if you have any questions or concerns. My personal phone number is 440-864-4905.

Parade guidelines are subject to change.