

2011 Ethnic Expo Parade Participant Information Sheet



Welcome to the 2011 Columbus Ethnic Expo Parade! **Please read the following information.** It is intended to answer most of your questions regarding the parade.

CHECK-IN & LINEUP: **PARADE DATE: Saturday, October 8, 2011**

8:30 – 10:00 Check-In

Cummins Parking Lot (Brown Street – North entrance)

Bands, Scouts, city and emergency vehicles, large semi's, walkers
(with no associated entry), Honor Guard, and Grand Marshal

Mill Race Park (enter from Indianapolis Rd. You will not be permitted to enter off Lindsey Street.)

If you do not meet criteria for the Cummins parking lot.

10:00 – 10:45 Judging of parade entries in their staging areas.

Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 am. If you want your parade entry to be Judged be lined up and ready to go no later than 10 am. Units arriving after 10 am may participate in the parade but will not be judged and therefore will not receive a trophy/award.

11:00 Parade begins!

- Please be in place no later than 10:45. Plan for time to check-in & get to your staging location.
- **Park traffic will be one-way** on parade day entering from Indianapolis Road and exiting through 5th Street. If you have special needs (i.e., your entry will not fit through the park's covered bridge), please let us know so we may change your staging location.
- **An entry number will be given to you on parade day. Place your entry number on the front left of your entry in order to be visible from the viewing stand.**

PARKING:

- Limited parking will be available in the north end of the Cummins Corporate Office Building parking lot (near 8th Street between Lindsey and Brown Streets). No parking will be available in Mill Race Park.
- Parade participants can be dropped off/picked up at the north end of the Cummins Corporate Office Building parking lot.

END OF PARADE:

- You will return to your staging area at the end of the parade to disassemble, please follow the directions of parade officials directing traffic. Do not plan to stop at the end of the parade route to unload or pick-up as the parade must keep moving. **You must KEEP MOVING** so we can get the rest of the entries through without holding up the flow of traffic.
- Organization leaders are responsible for the disassembly of their groups (including getting children back to their parents). You may arrange for pick up of children in the North end of the Cummins parking lot after the parade.

If you have special needs or have questions or problems, look for parade officials who will be stationed throughout the parade staging areas or a park patrol officer.