

2026 PARADE APPLICATION

Independence Day Festival - July 4, 2026 & St. Marys Seafood Festival - October 3, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE:

- June 26, 2026 for the Independence Day Festival.
- and September 25, 2026 for the Seafood Festival.

REGISTRATION FEES:

- \$10.00 per event. Checks payable to Kiwanis Club of St. Marys
- **Mail Payments to:** Kiwanis Club of St. Marys
P.O. 7353
St. Marys, Ga 31558
- Or **Drop Off Payments to:** ATTN: Laurie, Tribune & Georgian
4445 Highway 40, Suite 402 (St. Marys)

Registration: Please complete and submit this form to enter. Forms **WILL NOT** be accepted late, so submit your application early. We will acknowledge receipt of your entry via email. If you do not receive a reply, please contact us well before the parade date.

Assemble: Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Osborne Street and Meeting Street (Just past the railroad tracks). **Please be lined up by 9:45 a.m.** The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Viewing and Announcements: We will announce entrants from the corner of Osborne Street and St. Marys Street. The parade will turn **RIGHT** at the end of Osborne Street, onto West. St. Marys Street heading west, passing in front of the St. Marys Waterfront Park and continuing to Bartlett Street, then finally turning right to head up Bartlett Street to return to the Meeting Street assembly area or disband along the way.

*Participants **MAY NOT STOP ANYWHERE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.**

*Participants **MUST** continue past the park and Locals Dockside Restaurant all the way to Bartlett Street.

*Please submit application by the above posted deadlines.

PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION

Mark one OR both festivals you are signing up for:

Independence Day: _____

Seafood Festival: _____

BOTH FESTIVALS: _____

Organization: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Telephone: ____ - ____ - ____ Email: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Telephone: ____ - ____ - ____ Email: _____

Description of Entry: _____

Vehicle(s) Type (If Any): _____

(Must Provide Length of Vehicle): _____

Number of People: _____

CITY OF ST MARYS REQUIREMENTS:

The **City of St. Marys** requires compliance with the following rules, which are designed to ensure the safety of both participants and spectators, and to ensure everyone has the best possible time at the Parade. Everyone in your party must be made aware of the rules and agree to follow them.

DRIVERS: Must be properly licensed and be at least 18 years of age. Proof of Insurance is required. Drivers may NOT hand out anything while operating the vehicle.

TOW VEHICLES: If decorated, must have a clear field of vision.

FLOATS AND VEHICLES OF ALL KINDS: Must be attended at all times. Decorations must be securely attached. Wiring devices must be UL approved and properly fused. Portable generators must be securely mounted, have at least 12 inch clearance from combustible materials and must have firmly attached exhaust blinds. All vehicles must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.

MINORS: Children under the age of 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

CANDY AND OTHER DISTRIBUTED ITEMS: *(Members may gently toss or hand-out giveaways.)*

For everyone's safety, parade entrants may toss underhanded (NOT Throw!) items to parade spectators. Members of your group may, also, walk along the parade route and hand items to spectators BUT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STOP ALONG THE ROUTE UNLESS THE PARADE HAS STOPPED IN FRONT OF YOU. Children under the age of 10 may not distribute items. Edible items must be fully wrapped.

No profanity, fighting, drinking or illegal conduct shall be tolerated. No provocative or offensive words, music, dance, clothing, or displays shall be permitted. This is a family oriented festival. The Kiwanis Club reserves the right to reject any entries at any time that may be offensive to attendees.

The applicant hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the Kiwanis Club of St. Marys and the City of St. Marys harmless from and against any claim, demand, suit, loss, causes of action, liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses and judgments (including without limitation, death and damages to property) caused by Applicant's acts or omissions or failure to abide by the rules and conditions contained herein.

I/We have read and understand the above rules of participation in the Festival Parade and agree to abide by them I/We certify that we shall be responsible on behalf of the group/organization that I/We represent.

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

By Mail:
Kiwanis Club of St. Marys
P.O. Box 7353
St. Marys, GA 31558

By Email: llevine@tribune-georgian.com

In Person with Payment: Laurie, Tribune & Georgian
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