




P.O. Box 2771 
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Dear 2018 Parade Participants,

SaPaDaPaSo welcomes you to the 43rd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Enclosed you will find a 2018 parade entry form, and a copy of the parade rules. Everyone participating in the parade must read and obey the rules. Failure to obey the rules may result in disqualification for parade awards and/or removal from the parade. As a friendly reminder, participants must also agree to obey the direction given by SaPaDaPaSo Parade Marshals. The parade marshals are there for your safety.

Deadline for entry and payment is Monday, March 5th OR when the parade reaches its 100 entry limit. Please fill out your entry form and mail it to:

SaPaDaPaSo
P.O. Box 2771
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

Once SaPaDaPaSo receives your entry form, we will mail a parade info packet to the address & contact person listed on the entry form. This packet includes your entry number, staging location and a parade map. Your parade packet will be returned to you by March 10th. Please remember that **space in the parade is limited** to 100 entries so please return your entry information as soon as possible.

SaPaDaPaSo is a nonprofit organization made up of volunteers. We rely on donations and entry fees to pay for the parade every year. The cost for **Commercial/Political** entries is **\$50.00** per entry. The cost for **Non-Commercial/Non-Profit/Private** entries is **\$20.00** per entry.

Please remember this is a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. **All entries must have an Irish theme and be decorated in good taste.** There will be plenty of children in attendance so take that into consideration when designing your entries. If you have questions about your entry, please contact Parade Marshal Carol Bryant @ 319-396-3360 or President Samantha Morin @ 319-431-7282. You may email questions to: sapadapaso317@gmail.com

The official Post Parade Awards ceremony will be held at **The Flamingo located at 1211 Ellis Blvd NW**. Please join us immediately following the conclusion of the parade for this fun event. The post parade celebration is free and open to the public. Our very own SaPaDaPaSo DJ will be spinning your Irish favorites. Food, beverages and spirits will be available for purchase.

The parade winners will be announced at approximately 4:30 PM or whenever the judging has been completed.

KEY RULES TO NOTE FOR THE PARADE:

- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on the parade route or in the staging areas.
- **NO CANDY OR OBEJCTS MAY BE THROWN** from your entry. You may **HAND OUT** candy or other objects (except for paper) to the spectators, but you must have additional walkers with your entry to do this. Individuals need to hand out items at the curb and must continue to walk along the entry and keep the pace. Drivers or any other passengers/participants on the vehicle/entry are not allowed to throw, drop or hand out ANY objects.
- **NO PAPER HAND OUTS OR BALLOONS– SaPaDaPaSo has gone GREEN.** We no longer permit participants or spectators to hand out *any paper materials such as advertising fliers, coupons, stickers* etc. If you plan to hand out objects and have questions, please call in advance.
- **NO PARKING ORDINANCE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.** The city “no parking” ordinance will be strictly enforced beginning one hour PRIOR to the parade start time along the parade route and staging areas. (Enforcement begins at NOON; parade begins at 1:00 PM).

SaPaDaPaSo would like to thank you in advance for your participation and support of the 43rd annual St. Patrick’s Day parade on March 17th, 2018. We look forward to seeing your creative entries. Please don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions or are in need of additional assistance or advice.

For additional information about SaPaDaPaSo as well as additional entry forms and rule information please check out our website at: www.sapadapaso.org

Follow us Facebook for real time updates on events year-round. Type in sapadapaso in your Facebook search bar.

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Samantha Morin
SaPaDaPaSo President 2018
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Reminder:

Maximum Float Height is 13’ **Maximum** Float Width is 20’0” **Maximum** Float Length is 55’0”

SaPaDaPaSo Parade Entry Form

43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 17, 2018 Downtown CR

Information will be used for MEDIA coverage and for allocating space
Deadline for entry is Monday, March 5th, 2018 OR when capacity is reached - 100 entry limit

Title of Entry: _____

Details of the entry: Info used for media coverage & judging - Please use additional sheets if needed.
Tell us about your organization, business, family, participants, years in the parade, costumes etc...

Staging Area / Space Requirements: (Example: 1 truck w/13ft trailer, 20 walkers)

Maximum Float Height 13' **Maximum** Float Width 20'0" **Maximum** Float Length 55'0"

Musical Entry/Loud Sirens/PA System: YES or NO (circle one)

Name or Company Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Contact Person Name & Phone:
E-Mail Address:

ENTRY FEE (Every Entry Must Pre-Pay)
Commercial Entries & Politicians \$50.00
Non-Commercial/Non-Profit/Private Entries \$20.00
Please make checks payable to SaPaDaPaSo.

Entrant agrees to **READ AND OBEY** all parade rules outlined in this package. Entrant holds harmless SaPaDaPaSo and their representatives for all liability while participating in the parade. Entrant agrees to educate all participants on the rules _____

(Signature)


Email questions to: sapadapaso317@gmail.com
Parade Marshal - Carol Bryant (319) 396-3360
President - Samantha Morin (319) 431-7282

Entry form and rules information are also posted at www.sapadapaso.org

Please mail this entry form with entry fee to: SaPaDaPaSo, PO Box 2771, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Celebrating 43 Years of Irish Heritage – Saturday, March 17, 2018

SaPaDaPaSo

PO Box 2771  Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406
www.sapadapaso.org

The Parade will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018 beginning at 1:00 PM
Deadline for entry is Monday, March 5th or when capacity is reached


ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Every entry is required to pay the appropriate fee. **No exceptions.**
(Non-Commercial/Private \$20.00) (Commercial or Political Entry \$50.00)
2. Every entry must have an **Irish Theme** and/or be decorated in Irish Colors
3. Participants must submit a completed entry form & pre-pay the entry fee by March 5th in order to receive a parade kit and parade staging number. **Please mail your entry to: SaPaDaPaSo, PO Box 2771, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.** No registrations are accepted on parade day.
4. Participants must **read and agree to obey** all rules. Participants must explain rules to all individuals in their entry.
5. Participant Staging Location, Entry Number and Parade Map will be mailed back to the contact address by March 10th.

RULES! RULES! RULES!


**** PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY ****


 **ENTRY MUST HAVE AN IRISH THEME AND/OR BE DECORATED IN IRISH COLORS. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE DECORATED (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VINTAGE CARS).**

 Absolutely **NO THROWING** candy or other objects. Drivers of vehicles may not drop or throw ANY objects. Additional walkers may **hand items** out at the curb. Individuals handing out items must keep up with their entry. No lagging behind, disrupting other entries. **No paper handouts or balloons allowed. Paper advertising, coupons & stickers create litter.** Call if you have questions.

 **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE consumption or display of alcohol during the parade or in the staging area.**


 Staging area opens at 11:00AM. Someone **must accompany the entry at all times** while in staging area. Do not bring your entry to the staging area and leave it.

 Participants must obey **SaPaDaPaSo Parade Marshals** at all times. Entries will receive a parade number from the Parade Marshal upon arrival in the staging area. Please tape the number in front right hand side of your vehicle window or on your banner. Return the number to the designated Parade Marshal at the end of the parade.

 All entrants must continue to move forward during the parade. No stopping or performing on the parade route or in front of judges stand.

 **Maximum** Float Height is 13' **Maximum** Float Width is 20'0" **Maximum** Float Length is 55'0"

 **NO MORE THAN 3 MOTORIZED VEHICLES PER ENTRY. NO RAGBRAI BUSES OR PARTY BUSES ALLOWED**

 PLEASE NOTE: The city enforces a no parking rule along the parade route. This will be strictly enforced. Please spread the word to all members of your group and any attendees you may know.

 Failure to comply with the rules will result in disqualification for awards and/or removal from the parade.

SaPaDaPaSo will dispatch entries in numerical order. Please read all rules, fill out the entry form, sign bottom of form, pay fee, and send to the P.O. Box listed above. Questions? Please contact President Samantha Morin at sapadapaso317@gmail.com or 319-431-7282.