

2009 Rolla Lions Club Carnival Information & Guidelines

Carnival Committee

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The 74th annual Rolla Lions Club Carnival is upon us! The 2009 carnival dates are July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Carnival will open at 7:00 p.m. each evening. However, some stands such as BBQ, Hamburger, Steak Sandwich and Soda will open earlier for food sales.

Stand Assignments

Assignments have already been made and have been distributed at the noon luncheon. If your name does not appear, please notify the Carnival Committee, as any omissions were not intentional. Every Lions Club member is assigned to work somewhere during carnival. Stand chairmen are responsible for coordinating the set-up, fix-up and take down of their stands.

Please check with the Carnival Committee before purchasing any supplies for your stand.

Carnival Set Up (Take Out)

Stands will be taken out of the green barn on Saturday, June 27th, beginning at 7:00 a.m. We need as many Lions to show up as possible in order to make this an easy task. Stand Chairmen are responsible for arranging for their stand to be set up and taken down. Please make arrangements to have your stand taken out and set up on Saturday, June 27th. As with all schedules, it is hard to coordinate other times to do this.

Pre-Carnival Picnic

(aka Carnival Kick-Off Dinner) will be held on Tuesday, June 30th in the Den. Happy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a meal at 6:30 p.m. This picnic/dinner is for Lions, Lioness and their families only! Please do not invite your neighbors, 2nd and 3rd cousins, etc. The Carnival Committee will supply the meat, soft drinks and table service. We ask that everyone bring a generous covered dish. Come out and enjoy the evening. This is also a perfect time to put those finishing touches on your stands to be ready for opening of carnival on July 1st. A night guard will be on duty starting this night and will remain on duty throughout the carnival.

Rides

Tickets this year will be \$1.25 each or sheets of 22 tickets for \$20. The rides require 1, 2, or 3 tickets (depending on the ride). Wristbands will be sold during the matinee on July 3rd beginning at 12:00 noon and on the evenings of July 1st and 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. Ticket sales begin at 6:00 p.m. each night with rides starting at 6:30 p.m. The carnival opens at 7:00 p.m. each night and will close at midnight. Individual tickets are valid for each night of the Carnival.

Matinee

Matinee will be on Friday, July 3rd, from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. The Phelps County Handicap will be there during the matinee. The only stands that should be closed during the matinee are Bingo, Nevada, Big Six, Over & Under and Poker. All other stands (including food stands) should be open during the matinee. The workers from the closed gambling stands are asked to show up and help in the other stands during this time. This is a group effort. Let's show the kids a good time and especially the handicapped individuals that attend each year. **Remember WE SERVE and IT'S TIME TO SHINE!**

Fireworks

We will have two shows. One will be held on Thursday, July 2nd, and Saturday, July 4th, starting at 11:00 p.m. each night. The July 4th show will be the largest.

Child Care

There will be no childcare this year at the Den.

Prizes

A prize will be given away at 10:00 p.m. on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, The 2009 Dodge Challenger will be given away on July 4th at midnight. For those stands who give raffle tickets out as prizes, please make sure completed tickets are turned in prior to 9:45 p.m. on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and prior to 11:30 p.m. on July 4th. There will be an official clock in the car stand and when the clock strikes Midnight, no further sales will be accepted.

Money

Stand Chairmen should pick up their start-up money from the cash booth at least 30 minutes prior to the Carnival opening each day. Turn in all money each night with coins sorted into separate bags provided by the cash booth. Put all bills into one bag. Then, put all separate bags into one larger bag with the total amount of money collected written on the outside of the bag. **Do not** subtract your start-up money. Stand Chairmen should turn in excess cash as it is accumulated throughout the evening. **Do not cash any checks at your stand.** Checks can be cashed at the cash booth.

Lounge Wrist Bands

Reminder to Stand Chairmen with your start-up money on each night there will be lounge admittance wristbands for your guests. The Lounge is for Lions and their working guests. The lounge is a place to get away for a few moments and take a break. The wristband is how we control that area.

Invitations to the Carnival Appreciation Party

Reminder to Stand Chairmen with your start-up money on each night there will also be invitations to the Carnival Appreciation Party to give out to your volunteers. This will be their only notice as to when the Carnival Appreciation Party is. Please make sure they get their invitation, otherwise they won't know when the party is.

Cash Booth

The cash booth is the information, check cashing, emergency rallying point, etc. All business should be handled through the front window. Do not attempt to enter the booth as this causes confusion and a security problem. **DO NOT CASH** or **ACCEPT** any checks at your stands. All checks should be run through the Cash Booth. No checks will be accepted without the individual showing a valid photo ID.

Public Telephone

We have made the decision **NOT** to have a public telephone this year. It was located on the west side of the green barn near the cash booth and we felt this caused a security issue. **DO NOT** send customers to the Cash Booth to make a phone call.

Lions and Volunteer Parking

There is plenty of parking at the Den. Pick up "Carnival Worker" parking cards for you and your volunteers and inform them where to park. Advise your volunteers to display and show their parking cards to the parking attendants upon entering the carnival grounds. We ask Lions members to park at the den and allow the area south of BBQ to be used for Handicapped guests. Do not park near the green barn as this area is reserved for loading/unloading, and for emergency vehicles. Please do not park between the carnival grounds and the lake.

Lounge Fee

Membership to the lounge is \$20 per member. This covers beer, soda and peanuts for the Lion member, his working family members and any volunteers. **2009** admittance to the lounge will require Lions club members to wear Lions clothing. Family members and volunteers will be required to have a wristband. Wristbands will be issued to stand chairmen and the lounge committee. Lions members need to get wristbands for their family members from the lounge committee or their stand chairman. Wristbands will color-coded: Individuals age 21 or over and Individuals Under 21. A reminder: Do not send minors to the lounge for beer. We have a liquor license and cannot bend the rules. Be discrete with the beer. Do not get drunk during carnival, as you are a representative of this club. Lion Steve Olds or Jack McFarland will take your donation.

Jackpot

Lion Ted Haas will take your \$1.00 donation on the first night of carnival for your best guess as to the total four night gross take for the 2009 Carnival. **Winner takes all!**

Take Down

PLEASE DO NOT start taking down stands during Carnival. Carnival ends after the car drawing on July 4th. There will be a lot of people present for the drawing and we should not have our vehicles driving through the carnival grounds hauling stands to the barn while we still have patrons in the area. Stands will be taken down and sorted in the carnival barn on Saturday night! Each stand is responsible for taking down and putting away their own stand. If you do not have a truck to haul your stand in, a tractor and trailer will be available. We all want to put the carnival away quickly. Don't leave your stand out for someone else to put up. Heavy equipment such as refrigerators, freezers, cookers and fryers will be put away on Sunday, July 5th, starting at 8:00 a.m. This is the "Dog Day" of the Carnival and any extra help is needed and appreciated.

We want everything put away and done by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, so don't procrastinate. Be there and get it taken care of and put it behind us. We're all very tired and need to go home to rest.

Public Announcements/Paging

Paging will only be done at the car booth under the following conditions: Lost child or lost Parent and in an emergency situation. Please do not send anyone to the car booth for paging unless it is for one of the before mentioned criteria.

Safety

No guns, coolers, dogs or fireworks are allowed on our premises. If you see any of these, please report such instances to the Safety Committee immediately.

Rules to remember

1. Always treat patrons of your stand with respect, they are our customers.
2. All Lions should wear Lions clothing and non-Lions should not.
3. Never allow any volunteer to leave your stand with a money pouch.
4. Be Discrete with the beer. Do not get drunk during Carnival.
5. There must be at least one Lion in the stand at all times!
6. For Gambling stands all workers Must be at least 18 years of age or older.

Volunteer Help

Please invite friends, relatives and neighbors to help in your stand. They will have a good time while providing us with help that is greatly needed. We could not have this carnival without outside help. Please make sure that they get their invitation to the appreciation party (see below). These invitations are not mailed. They are only handed out during the carnival.

Carnival Appreciation Party

The **Carnival Appreciation Party** is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 8th at the Den. Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m., meal at 7:00 p.m. and dance at 8:00 p.m. This is our opportunity to say "Thank You!" to all the non-Lion volunteers that came out and helped at the Carnival.

*Let's Have a Safe and Prosperous Carnival!
and
Remember, Carnival is supposed to be FUN!*