

Rockford Labor Day Parade Committee

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Dear Union Brothers and Sisters,

Rockford United Labor excited to be planning the 2025 Labor Day parade. Rockford has a well-earned reputation for hosting the best Labor Day Parade in Illinois, and we are committed to making this one great.

Inside this packet you will find:

- ❖ **Your Labor Day Parade Registration form.** Please complete this as soon as possible to assist our committee with the parade lineup. For description, you may include a summary about your local, highlight any wins for 2025 or name your officers. This is what the emcee will read to the public as you pass the reviewing stand.
- ❖ **Your Labor Day Parade Float Registration form.** We would love to highlight your creative floats this year! Please complete this form if your local will have a float in the parade.
- ❖ **Your Grand Marshall nomination form.** Please complete this form if your local would like to nominate someone to be the Grand Marshall of this year's parade.
- ❖ **Your Political Sponsorship form.** Because Labor Day is about us, the working people, the committee requires that any politicians that would like to march in the parade must be sponsored by a local. This is to ensure that only those leaders that support and advocate for labor are allowed to participate. **If your local would like to sponsor a politician, that person must march in the parade with your local.**

The RUL Labor Day committee has made the hard decision not to hold the pageant or raffle this year. This decision was made due to the lack of participation that we have seen the past few years.

The RUL Labor Day committee is made up of volunteers from our area locals and meets the third Monday of every month, 5:30 P.M. at the Rockford Labor Temple (212 S 1st St). We encourage all Rockford area unions to send a delegate to these meetings and help us plan a parade that celebrates our local labor movement and builds strength for workers in the Rockford region. If you have any questions, please contact the Labor Day Committee Chairperson Catina Barnett at 815-262-3742.

If you would prefer to have these forms mailed to you instead, please send a request to rockfordlabordayparade@gmail.com In Solidarity,



Catina Barnett
Chairperson
Labor Day Committee
Rockford United Labor, AFL-CIO



Sara Dorner
President
Rockford United Labor, AFL-CIO

ROCKFORD LABOR DAY PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

Monday, September 1, 2025

Parade Line Up Begins At 8:30 A.M. Parade Begins At 10:00 A.M.

Organization / Group Name

Contact Person

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

*****NEW*** Theme Song:**

Does your organization have a theme song they use or a song that identifies what you do? If so the DJ will play it as you approach the reviewing stand.

Description for emcee to read at reviewing stand:

EMAIL ENTRY TO:

Rockfordlabordayparade@gmail.com OR

MAIL TO:

Rockford Labor Day Committee

212 South First Street, Rockford IL 61104

ENTRY DEADLINE:

August 8, 2025 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

PARADE RULES:

1. Follow the theme of the Parade:
"Mobilize! Organize! Fight!"
2. **DON'T NOT THROW CANDY FROM ANY VEHICLE.** Candy may be handed out by marchers only!! This is for your safety and the safety of all attending and participating in the parade.
3. No signs indicating personal points of view from a person, organization, or political party. Signs are allowed for identification of organization, political party, and identification of current elected position held.
4. No alcohol of any kind or abusive language will be tolerated.
5. No signs are allowed to be carried or displayed that insults, belittles, or embarrass any individual/organization involved in the celebration. All displays are subject to committee approval.
6. All animals must remain leashed at all times.
7. **UNION-MADE VEHICLES ONLY!!!**



The Rockford Labor Day Committee will be the final authorization in these matters.

ROCKFORD LABOR DAY PARADE FLOAT REGISTRATION FORM

Monday, September 1, 2025

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Local Union

Contact Person

Phone

Email

Who Built Your Float (apprentices, general membership, Veteran's Committee, Women's Committee, etc.)?

How many union members helped build the float?

How many hours were spent building the float?

Were there any special materials used to build the float?

If yes, please explain.

Additional details/comments: (options)

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PARADE THEME:

"Mobilize! Organize! Fight!"

REQUIREMENTS

A representative from your local must be present during judging to answer any additional questions from the judges.

Form must be submitted no later than August 8, 2025

JUDGING

Will be held in the Rockford School District Parking Lot (northwest corner of 6th St. and 5th Ave.) **at 8:00 A.M. on Labor Day.**

Floats will be judged based on a point system. Each of the following criteria is worth up to 25 points for a total possible score of 100 points.

- Originality
- Adherence to the theme:
"Mobilize! Organize! Fight!"
- Using your Union colors, Local Name, Number and your trade/union
- Being at the right location and on time for float judging.

AWARDS

1ST, 2ND, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded immediately following the judging.

All magnetic signs depicting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners must be returned to Rockford United Labor no later than September 30, 2025.



Rockford Labor Day Parade Grand Marshall Nomination Form

Nominated By: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to nominate: _____

to be the Grand Marshall of the 2025 Rockford Labor Day Parade.

Nominee's phone number: _____

List of accomplishments, awards, community involvement, etc.:

Nominations Must be Submitted by August 8, 2025

Please complete this form and mail to:

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Rockford, IL 61104

OR

Email completed forms to

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NOTE: THE GRAND MARSHALL MUST PROVIDE THEIR ON AMERICAN MADE CONVERTABLE TO RIDE IN

Rockford Labor Day Parade Politician Sponsorship Form

Must be Completed by Local Union

Politicians marching in the Labor Day Parade must march with a sponsoring local union. This is to ensure that our parade promotes and supports only those leaders who advocate for labor.

Please submit this signed form so the politician can be recognized by the emcee as your local passes the reviewing stand.

Politician Name: _____

Sponsoring Local Union: _____

Local Union Contact person and phone: _____

Rules Politicians must follow in order to participate in the Rockford Labor Day Parade

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- . All animals must remain leashed at all times
- . If a vehicle is needed, it must be approved in advance by the committee, and it must be a **UNION-MADE VEHICLE!!!**

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