



# 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Avon Township Youth Baseball is having its annual 4th of July parade on July 4th. Participants will be lining up at 8:30 AM on July 4th along N Lake Shore Dr. (along the lake front) just South of N Channel Dr. The parking lots in front of the lake and east side of N Lake Shore Dr. will be used for staging. The parade will start at 9:00 AM, with the Fire trucks, Police and village officials leading the parade. The parade will head north on N Lake Shore Dr. to Clarendon Rd., then west on Clarendon Rd. to Cedar Lake Rd. The parade will continue south on Cedar Lake Rd. and proceed east on Washington St., heading to Hainesville Rd and turning south to the ATYB baseball complex where the parade will conclude.

Each participating team should find a trailer / truck or anything else you can use to pull your team in. Decorate it with balloons / streamers / flags etc. It may be difficult to find your team when you get there at 8:30 AM, because there could be many other baseball players wearing your team colors. They all start to look alike. Because of this, you may want to coordinate with your team manager and meet ahead of time and car-pool there as a team so everyone can stay together. If you cannot find your team, simply wait at the corner of Clarendon and N Lake Shore Dr. where you can look for your team and join the float safely. It is normally hot during the parade, so you may want to send along a drink. Because water (water guns, water balloons, etc.) is a big part of the parade, the players will get wet, so you may want to bring a change of dry clothes for your child.

Bring candy to toss during the parade, but please be careful to not throw it hard at the parade watchers. We have had players in the past try their throwing skills during the parade with the candy, and people have been injured from the flying candy. Softly toss the candy, but get the candy out away from the vehicle so that children trying to pick up the candy will not get run over. All players must stay on the vehicle and it is imperative to have an adult present with the players to help supervise.

At the conclusion of the parade, ATYB will be hosting All-Star games for the rest of the day for all of the leagues - see your manager for details on who is playing and at what time. We will be having bratwurst, corn and hamburgers on the grill again this year, so come on out for a great day at the ball field.

Because the Police block off the roads for the parade (see the map below), if you have to pick up your children from the complex immediately after the parade, it may take some time to get into the complex. Traffic on Hainesville Rd. usually clears within 15 minutes after the parade ends. Because of limited parking at the ATYB baseball complex, we are asking that you leave your trucks and trailers parked on the shoulder of Hainesville Rd..

