

B I G L A K E SPUD FEST

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Big Lake Spud Fest 2025

June 26-29

Dear Organization/Business:

It's that time of year again! The Big Lake Spud Fest parade is fast approaching.

We invite you to be a part of the fun. **This year's parade will be held June 28, 2025. Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. and no one will be allowed into line up after 10:00 a.m. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. sharp.** Groups with numbers of people should meet some where before 9:00 a.m. and enter into the line up together. The route will be the same as years past, down Eagle Lake Road from Park Avenue turning onto Minnesota Avenue and ending on Minnesota Avenue in front of the Big Lake Independence Elementary School.

Just a reminder on our candy policy as you plan your entry. If candy is to be distributed, it is to be handed out by those walking with your entry, not thrown from your float or vehicle. Our intent is not to discourage you from giving out candy; in fact, the kids look forward to it. Safety, however, must be our first priority.

Due to the amount of litter left behind after the parade the last couple of years and in an effort to reduce the amount of garbage the parade generates, distribution of flyers, posters, stickers, etc. is not permitted unless it is attached to an item in which it will not blow away and be left behind. Thank you for honoring this policy.

In order to help reduce the cost of putting on the parade, there will be a **\$35.00 early entry fee for profit organization, for non-profit organizations and civil organizations there will be a \$10.00 early entry fee.** Please see attached entry form for the late entry fee amounts. Also, there we will be judging all entries and cash prizes will be awarded. First place will receive \$100.00, second place will receive \$75.00 and third place will receive \$50.00, so be creative.

Please return the enclosed entry form with the complete details of your entry by June 2nd. Late entries WILL BE AT THE END of the lineup. You will be notified no later than June 23, 2025 of the number and line-up information. You can register online by going to our website <https://www.biglakespudfest.com/spud-fest-parade.html>

Mail your entry to: **Big Lake Spud Fest**
Attn: Parade
PO Box 215
Big Lake, MN 55309



QR Code to online registration form

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email us at b.l.spudfestparade@gmail.com and we will respond as soon as we can. You can also call Amy Kvilhaug at 612-978-8337 or contact us by going to our website at www.biglakespudfest.com

We hope you can join us this year and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Amy Kvilhaug and Katrine Jackson
Parade Directors

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2025 SPUD FEST PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name of unit: _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

**Email (to receive your parade number): _____

Type of Unit (car, float, horses, etc.): _____ ROYALTY? _____

**Unit TOTAL length (in feet): _____ Will you have music playing? _____

Special placement requirements/considerations, if any: _____

SHORT PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING YOUR ENTRY TO BE READ ON TELEVISION ACCESS:

Return this completed form with.....

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION – MARCH 1st to JUNE 1st

\$35.00 payment for profit organizations / \$10.00 payment for nonprofit & civil organizations

LATE REGISTRATION – June 3rd- June 10th

\$50.00 payment for profit organizations / \$25 payment for nonprofit & civil organizations

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 10th!

Checks payable to: **Big Lake Spud Fest**

Mail registration and payment to: **Big Lake Spud Fest
Attn: Parade
PO Box 215
Big Lake, MN 55309**



OR USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE

You will be notified of your placement in the parade line-up by June 23rd

Entries received after June 1st will be placed at the end of the parade line-up.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

By completing the information BELOW, I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I understand that participating in the Big Lake Spud Fest parade involves inherent risks of personal injury, including but not limited to accidents, falls, collisions with other participants or spectators, and exposure to weather conditions.
- I voluntarily agree to participate in the parade and assume full responsibility for any injuries or damages I may sustain during my participation.
- I hereby release and hold harmless Big Lake Spud Fest, its officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action arising from my participation in the parade, including any injuries, damages, or losses, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, except for gross negligence or intentional misconduct.
- I further agree to comply with all parade rules and regulations established by Big Lake Spud Fest.
- I certify that I am in good physical condition and am capable of participating in the parade.

I HAVE READ THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY ABOVE AND CERTIFY MY AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG LAKE SPUD FEST PARADE. _____ (SIGNATURE)

OFFICE USE ONLY: DATE RECEIVED: _____ PAID: _____ ENTRY #: _____