



## 2014 Lake Forest 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Parade



The City of Lake Forest is planning its **televised** 23rd annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Friday, July 4th. The parade theme is “Life Liberty Lake Forest”. They encourage all participants to incorporate the theme if possible, or use a patriotic theme, and appropriate music if possible. We’ve done a great job in the past decorating “America’s Sportscar” and the crowd loves it. We even play patriotic CD’s for the crowd. We usually have between 25-30 cars participating. After the parade is over, we will take off the decorations and head over to El Toro Rd., for a no host BBQ at Lucille’s.

PLEASE let us know if you are coming to the parade, what color car you have, and whether you will be joining us for a no host BBQ at Lucille’s. Send us an e-mail, call us, or sign up at the next meeting.

### Parade Specifics:

1. Arrive at the staging area for car clubs on Ridge Route (see map) between Lake Forest & El Toro **no later than 8:00 a.m.**
2. Come prepared to decorate your car in the staging area at the parade. You won’t want decorate it at home then try to drive it to the parade site.
3. It may or may not be a long wait. We don’t know our number yet so bring plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated and a chair. Portable toilets are available close by, but bring hand sanitizers just in case.
4. After you arrive at the staging area, please decorate your car. Michaels has great decorations and usually have a 40% off coupon in the Sunday paper. Wal-Mart and Party City also have decorations at reasonable prices. People have used everything from banners, streamers, pin-wheels, silk flower arrangements, colored stars, to balloon arrangements. If you need ideas give me a call or email me and I’ll send you some of the photos from previous parades. Be sure to buy your decorations early since they sell out quickly.
5. Dress in patriotic colors and PCC hats and/or shirts if possible.
6. If you have your PCC placard bring it and place it on the right side of your dash (the side closest to the TV cameras). Yes, **this parade will be aired on TV usually the same day and a few days after the parade.** Last year we must have been on TV for about 3-5 minutes as 21 cars paraded in front of the camera. If you don’t have a placard, let me know and we will get you one. You should keep it in your car for all PCC events.
7. Parade starts promptly @ 10:00. However, we don’t know at this time what order we start in, in the parade. Last year it was 12:30, the previous years were 10:30 & 11:00. We won’t know until the day of the parade.
8. **MANDATORY RULES:**
  - a. While on the parade route, maintain an equal distance between you and the car in front of you. No holding back so you can catch up! We will line up two-by-two and Mark will arrange the group in color order so all the same color cars aren’t together.
  - b. **No squealing of tires**-City of Lake Forest, PARADE RULES!!!
  - c. At no time is any unit allowed to throw anything along the parade route. No candy.



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