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It is once again time to plan for the Cobden Peach Festival Parade which will be sponsored by the Village of Cobden. We would like to invite you to participate in this annual tradition in downtown Cobden – The Home of the Appleknockers. We welcome all types of entries – color guards, bands, floats, scout units, church groups, kiddy units, performing units, neighborhood groups, families, class reunions, antique/custom autos, tractors, horse units, and any other entry which is appropriate for viewing by children and all citizens.

The theme for this year's parade is **It's a Grand Old Flag**. It is not necessary to follow the theme, but it is fun to do so.

Parade formation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Locust Street headed east (same as previous years), and the parade will "kick off" at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

To reach the parade formation site from the south (Anna), travel north through Cobden on Old Route 51 (Front Street), cross over the "bridge" and turn right at Locust Street – Cobden Community Park. From the north (Carbondale, Murphysboro) on Old Route 51, turn left on Locust prior to entering town. If traveling on New Route 51, cross over the "bridge" and turn right at Locust Street – Cobden Community Park. A parade volunteer will be on hand to indicate where you turn to locate your parade spot.

Units taking part in the parade will be judged by category to earn cash awards which are sponsored by the Village and local businesses. Awards will be announced at the Peach Festival and a certificate and cash award will be mailed to the winners the week following the parade.

Early return of the enclosed entry form will help us with our planning, so please return yours as soon as possible. Notice deadlines for entries for judging.

The Cobden community welcomes you to the parade on August 4. We also hope you will join us at the Peach Festival which is sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club the evenings of Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4. Enjoy the great peaches and cream, peach cobbler, food, carnival, entertainment, and queen contest.

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