

# MICHIANA CELTIC SOCIETY












## St. Patrick's Day Parade Policies

The Michiana Celtic Society hosts the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Bend, Indiana, in recognition of this important holiday to the Irish. In Ireland, it is a religious holiday for Saint Patrick bringing Christianity to their island. In the United States, it is also a day to honor the Irish heritage we share in our melting pot of cultures. In South Bend, where such a high percentage of residents can claim true Irish ancestry, this day has become a very special celebration of our community.

### *A Great Day for the Irish*

The intention of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Bend is to share our Irish culture as part of the fabric of our community. While all parade entries are welcome, certain policies have been established for safety purposes and to protect the integrity of the event:

-  All entries must display some Irish or Celtic theme or decoration.
-  Giveaways (such as candy and beads) may be handed out to spectators, **BUT NEVER THROWN**. (This is a safety issue and a requirement enforced by the City of South Bend.)
-  Entrants may not use their participation in the parade as a platform for the advancement of political issues. (Candidates and political groups are welcome to display identification signs and distribute identification flyers only.)
-  Entrants must clean up any trash left by their entry along the line-up and parade routes (including animal waste). Please respect the rights of property owners in the neighborhood.
-  Entries with sound (music or loudspeaker) will be expected to keep the volume at a level so as not to clash with other entries. (Entries with sound will be assigned positions in the line-up to minimize these issues as much as possible.)
-  Content of all entries must be of a family-friendly nature. The Parade Committee reserves the right to eliminate any questionable decorations and costumes from the line-up.
-  Deviation from the official line-up and parade routes are prohibited.
-  Exchanging positions in the line-up between entries is prohibited without approval from a member of the Parade Committee.
-  All entries and their members must be present in the line-up by 10:30 am or risk forfeiture of their place in the parade.