



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission**

“One Community, One Purpose, One Dream: A Call To Action”

“Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. And Justice is really love in calculation. Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love.”

DATE: Thursday, June 19th, 2026

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM & 9:30 AM

LINEUP AT: Burlington Area. Location TBD

PARADE START: 10:00 AM

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the MLK Memorial Parade. Please review the Parade Rules. Sign and Return the Parade Registration Form (*Page 3*) no later than **June 15, 2026**. Please email the form once completed with an authorized signature. Once your information is received, we will assign your group a parade line-up number.

Please email to Parade@MLKKnoxville.org or

You may mail the completed signed form to:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission
ATTN: MLK Parade Registration
PO Box 155
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901

Thank you,
Mabrey R. Duff, Committee Chairman



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MLK MEMORIAL PARADE**

PARADE RULES

1. The purpose of the parade is to offer the community a visual and audible display in tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Entries and decorations shall conform to the theme of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Commission of Greater Knoxville.
2. No entry will be allowed to promote a particular political or social viewpoint except for those honoring the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
3. The MLK Commission reserves the right to reject any entry that is not in good taste, inappropriate, or not in the best interest of the parade.
4. This is a forward motion parade. No backward motion is permitted. Brief stops during the parade for dance routines and/or band performances are acceptable. All units must keep pace with the unit in front of them but should also maintain a safe distance from the unit in front of them.
5. There shall be no throwing of candy, but you may hand it out and your items must be bagged up properly. But ABSOLUTELY! No throwing of any items in the parade, distributing or handing out any type of items to parade observers by units in the parade. This includes candy, toys, novelties, printed material, etc. However, handing out is acceptable as long as it is appropriate and pre-approved by the MLK Commission.
6. All vehicles in the parade must be operated by a driver licensed to operate that particular type of vehicle and each vehicle must have the appropriate liability insurance to operate on a public road.
7. All decorative materials must be flame retardant.
8. Equestrian and animal entries are responsible for the removal of all animal waste from the parade staging area and the parade route.
9. Parade line-up will take place from 8:30 am to 9:30 am Chilhowee Park (Midway Entrance). Each unit should check in with the Parade Marshal as soon as they arrive. The Parade step-off will begin at Chilhowee Park (Midway Entrance), which is located at 3300 E. Magnolia Avenue. All units must be prepared to start moving promptly at 10:00 am.
10. Buses carrying JROTC units and/or band members will drop off their participants in front of Chilhowee Park, Midway entrance on 3300 E. Magnolia Avenue



PARADE REGISTRATION
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MLK MEMORIAL
PARADE June 19th , 2026

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN – June 15th, 2026

You may email the form once it is complete if you can Scan a SIGNED form with an authorized signature on it (a signature is required). Please email to: Parade@MLKKnoxville.org

Or you may mail to:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission
ATTN: Parade Registration
PO Box 155
Knoxville, Tennessee 379101-0155

Group Name:

Contact:

Phone:

Address:

e-mail: (this item is critical)

Alternate Contact:

Type of Unit: Static Flyover Marching Vehicular Other (specify) _____

Group Size # of People: Length (in feet) of Unit:

Number and Type of Vehicle(s) (if any):

Special Requirements or Requests (Please do not request to be early in the parade):

Your signature on this registration is your agreement to abide by the Parade Rules set forth above and by the decisions of the MLK Commission. Your signature also indicates that you agree to release and hold harmless the organizers of this parade, (including but not limited to) The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission, the parade committee and all other persons or organizations involved with this parade from any loss, damage or injury resulting from your registration to participate or your participation in this parade.

The undersigned has read the parade rules and the above statement and represents that he or she has the authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title:

Would your group or organization like to participate in the MLK Parade 2026? Yes No