



FOUNDERS PARADE FOR THE BICENTENNIAL

The People are the Heart of Madison: Past, Present, and Future

Celebrating Madison's 200 years is a yearlong event in 2009.

Many events and activities will take place throughout the year. Be sure and check the calendar at <http://madisonbicentennial.com>. One week, June 6-14, has been designated as Old Home Week which will focus on 200 hours bringing together all who have a love for Madison.

The opening event of Old Home Week is the Founders Parade on June 6, 2009 at 11:00a.m. This parade will focus on the people of Madison from the Founders and their families who had the vision, courage, and commitments to establish the community to the people, who live here today, grew up here, visit here, know someone in Madison or just heard about Madison and want to be a part of the celebration.

The Founders Parade is a people parade. The parade is a non-motorized event. Envision an old fashioned 4th of July parade with children on decorated bikes, pets in costume, clubs, organizations, scout troops, dance teams, neighborhoods, school groups, work teams, churches, business, reunion groups, families, or any other grouping of folks. This will be a parade of the people of Madison representing all parts of the community. It is hoped that there will be more people in the parade than watching it-people sharing a day together as we walk toward the river to kick off the Old Home week celebration.

COME JOIN THE PARTY!

**WE WON'T BE HAVING A BICENTENNIAL
EVER AGAIN. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS
BEING A PART OF HISTORY.**

BESIDES, IT IS GOING TO BE FUN!

The parade will form prior to 11:00am at John Paul Park, proceed down Third Street, and then down Broadway to the river culminating in an opening ceremony on the riverbank. You and your group/family/organization will want to be a part of this great kick-off event on a great day. There is no charge for being a part of this event. Get everyone together and do something creative to make your group stand out i.e. costumes representing the year of the organization's founding; costumes from the country of your family's origin; a walking time line of the history of your group or club; some unifying activity such as kazoo band, briefcase drill team, iPod shuffle Squad, scout cookie boxes, your class graduation year, etc.

Rotary Club of Madison has the responsibility for organizing the Founders Parade. The Rotary Club committee needs to have some idea about the number of participants but more importantly wants to know who is coming to the party so you and your group(s) can be recognized.

Please let the Rotary Club Bicentennial Chairperson know of your intentions by completing the form on the reverse side and mailing or dropping it off per the instructions or filling it out online and e-mailing it to mseifert@ivytech.edu.

If you have questions and/or suggestions use the above e-mail or call Margaret Seifert at 812-265-2580 ext 4171. Please leave a message and contact information on the answering machine. Due to some previously scheduled activities you may not receive an answer or response until after April 1 but you will get a response at that time.

