



# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission

## MLK MEMORIAL PARADE

*“Out of the Mountain of Despair, a Stone of Hope”*

**DATE:** MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012

**REGISTRATION:** 8:30 AM AND 9:30 AM  
Phyllis Wheatley YWCA 124 S Cruze St.

**LINEUP AT:** Tabernacle Baptist Church 2137 MLK Jr., BLVD

**PARADE START:** 10:00 AM

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Thank you for your willingness to participate in the MLK Memorial Parade. Please review the Parade Rules and Sign and Return the Parade Registration Form (*Page 3*) no later than **January 12, 2012**. Once your information is received we will assign your group to our line-up list. 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](mailto:Parade@MLKKnoxville.org)

Or you may mail the completed signed form to:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission  
PO Box 155  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901-0155  
**ATTN: MLK Parade Registration**

PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

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**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. Commemorative 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 at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Each unit should check in with the Parade Marshal as soon as they arrive. The Parade step-off will begin at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. 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 the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA and proceed to Tabernacle Baptist Church to reduce congestion.
11. Updates on the parade will be posted at [www.MLKKnoxville.org](http://www.MLKKnoxville.org) .



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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):		
<p><b>Your signature on this registration is your agreement to abide by the Parade Rules set forth with this Registration 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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>		
Signature:	Date:	
Title:		
Would your group or organization like to participate in the MLK Parade 2013? Yes ___ No ___		