2026 Edina 4th of July Parade
Girl Scout Details

Attire for Girls and Leaders

- Girl Scout Vest/Sash
- White shirt or Girl Scout Shirt
- Solid Red, White or Blue Shorts (jean shorts okay) - pick one color (either red, blue or white)
- Gym Shoes - No flip flops, sandals, etc.
- Sunscreen
- Hat/visor

Drop Off Details

- Girl drop-off by 9:30 am. The parade starts at 10:00 am. Parent(s) & Troop Leader(s) are encouraged to march as well.
- The parade forms along Normandale Blvd & Willson Road near the Edina City Hall.
- Parade marches from 50th Avenue (at Edina City Hall) to US Bank Parking Lot. Note that parking near the drop off & pick-up points is VERY difficult. It is best to come as a group and be dropped off if at all possible. If you need to park, please allow an extra 10-15 minutes to park and get to the parade staging area and then our position in line.

Parade Details

- The Edina Girl Scouts will be participating in the parade as a group. Within the group there are several different roles:
  - Carrying our Edina Community GS banner - **4 Girls**
  - Color Guard (Carrying the flags) - **6-8 Girls** (Trading off throughout the parade route)
  - Handing out Girl Scout items - **All**

Pick Up Details

- Girls must be picked up as soon as they are done marching. Transportation home is **NOT** provided. Parents/Guardian/Troop Leaders: If you do not plan to walk with us in the parade, please make sure April Wolfson has your Girl Scouts signed permission form with contact information.
- The pick-up point is at the end of the parade route at the entrance to the US Bank Parking Lot.

Information from the City of Edina Parade Committee:

IT'S A PARADE: That means that you will arrive and wait around. ***Please bring plenty of water for yourself and your group***. And enjoy visiting with those around you. You will meet some great folks who are also waiting for the parade to start. If it's sunny, you may want an umbrella for shade. There are some trees along the Line Up area, so feel free to find a place to sit in the shade.

WILLSON ROAD: Willson Road at Eden Avenue (the North end of the Line Up Area) will close at 8:00 a.m. Normandale Road at South View Lane (the South end of the Line Up Area) will close to traffic at 7:30 a.m. Only parade unit vehicles will be allowed access from the South after 7:30 a.m. If you plan to drop a vehicle at your line up location, you must either do so before the road closes or enter the Line Up Area from the South. While in the Line Up Area along Willson Road, ***please keep your unit and all vehicles in the Northbound lane***, leaving the Southbound lane open for access between Edina City Hall and Edina Community Center. Vehicles will be moving through the line up area using the Southbound lane! If an emergency vehicle needs to reach someone in the line up area, the Southbound lane must be open. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION: The watch word this year is ***Plan To Arrive Early***! 50th Street along the North side of Edina City Hall is closed. The 50th Street/Vernon Avenue bridge across Highway 100 was removed and is being replaced. Please plan your route, allow extra time to get to the parade area.

CLEAN UP: Please be sure to pick up your refuse. We appreciate it!

BIFFS: Portable restrooms will be available at various locations along the parade staging area: at the Edina Executive Office Building, Edina City Hall and the South end of the staging area.

RETURN FOLLOWING THE PARADE: Plan your return route at the end of the parade. You may wish to leave a vehicle in a parking structure at 50th & France. Or you may wish to return to the Line Up area via the neighborhood. Use the attached map or your own navigation map to determine the best route for you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: We will hold the parade rain or shine unless we have lightning (as happened in 2023).

In the event of inclement weather, we will be posting announcements on the parade website www.edinaparade.org and on the City of Edina website www.edinamn.gov. If technology cooperates, I will issue a message to the phone number listed on your registration form. (Scroll down for more info. If that fails (as it did last year when my phone was wet), we will come around on a golf cart with updates for you. The parade will step off eventually, and if you wait for the weather to clear, we would greatly appreciate it. And we understand that is not possible for everyone.

If we have inclement weather and delay the parade, you may stay in the staging area or return to your car to wait. Return to the line up area when the weather begins to clear.