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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Michigan City, IN (January 27, 2004) – The Michigan City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is still accepting entries for the parade which will be held on March 13, 2004, at 1:00 p.m.

The parade is shaping up nicely, but there's room for a few more floats, bands, precision groups, and groups from schools, churches, neighborhoods, and scouts. There is no cost for parade entries.

Johnny Stimley, committee chairman, said, "We hope that businesses and organizations – Irish or not! – will build floats for the 2004 St. Patrick's Day parade. The judges will award "Traveling Trophies" for floats in three categories: "Best Use O' The Green," "Funniest Irish Theme," and "Most Authentic Irish Entry." The trophy winners will be able to proudly display the trophy for one year, until the 2005 St. Patrick's Day parade."

Meyers' School of Irish Dance, the Lake County Sheriff Department's bagpipe and crew, the Northwest Indiana bagpipe and crew, the South Bend Police and Fire bagpipers, the Silverhawks' mascot, the Hammond Bagpipers and the South Bend Football Hall of Fame will be joined by Miss Indiana and others in the 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade lineup begins at 11:45 on Washington Street. Children are invited to create chalk drawings in front of the Mayor's Review Stand, located in front of the Michigan City Public Library at 4th and Franklin Streets from 12:30 until the parade begins at 1 p.m. Chalk will be provided.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is sponsored by Ryan's Irish Pub, City Flowers, and O'Brien's Restaurant and O'Brien's/Whittaker Woods.

Entry forms and rules are available on the Michigan City website (www.emichigancity.com), at Ryan's Irish Pub, City Flowers, and at the information table at the center of City Hall. Applications must be received by March 6, 2004.

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