**Rotary Club Homecoming Gouge**

Updated 10/24

There are three parts to planning for the parade: Preparing Kettle Corn baggies, Participating in the Parade and concurrently staffing and operating normal Kettle Corn sales at the Moscow Farmers Market.

**Kettle Corn Pre-Pop**

* Earlier in University of Idaho’s Homecoming week, members of the club meet at a pre-determined location that offers a hard space, like a driveway, and protection from adverse weather. There, popcorn for the parade is put into baggie handouts.  Recent experience says enough corn needs to be popped to fill 800 “sandwich” sized bags (200 bags per block).  Some left over bags might be in our storage unit.  5-6 Rotarians are all we need for this event.
	+ This goes fast but plan on two hours; start to finish.
	+ 800 Sandwich sized ZipLock bags are needed. No Rotary stickers need be applied.
	+ 8-30 Gallon sized trash bags will hold 100 baggies each to help monitor the dispensing of KC to the crowd on the parade route.
* King Corn will oversee this operation and a Sign-Up-Genius for helpers may be needed .

**Homecoming Parade**:

* This requires close planning regarding the use of our members.  Recently, the parade. The HC Parade can start as early as 10AM or as late as 12:30 due to whenever the Homecoming game is scheduled.  There will likely be an overlap of kettle corn operations at the Farmers Market along with the parade. A 12:30 start made it easier to move some Kettle Corn volunteers to the parade truck.  A 10AM start requires staffing for both events simultaneously (MFM KC operation and Parade). Here are the elements leading up to the Parade.
* Parade Staffing should have its own Signup Genous.
	+ UI Alumni Office will send out an invitation to register for the parade about 6 weeks out. A confirmation message needs to be sent to complete registration. Don’t expect any more correspondence until the week of the parade.
	+ UI will tell issue instructions of when and where to arrive for
	pre-parade parking.  In 2023 & ‘24 it was near the (now closed) Rants & Raves Brewery (308 North Jackson) parking lot. The Rotary trailer can be initially parked anywhere in that area but will likely have to move once final instructions are given at the Parade Information Desk in the R&R Parking lot. We normally have the truck/trailer in position on time but do not show up to the trailer until closer to launch time
	+ The trailer is pulled by a Pickup truck.  There are two options depending on the size of truck.
		- ¾ Ton: The truck has two Rotarians in the bed (seated on chairs)
			* All 8 trash bags will be loaded in the truck bed. 8-12 Shopping Bags should be preloaded with baggies for fast distribution to the Parade Walkers. The loaded shopping bags of corn are handed down to the two walkers, one on each side of the truck, one trash bag per walker per block.
			* One Rotarian will keep filling shopping bags as they are emptied by the parade walkers.
			* There are 6 city blocks so care should be given to using 200 baggies per side (400 baggies) halfway through the parade (Third Street).
		- ½ Ton: Preloaded shopping bags and Trash bags with baggies of corn are accessible to the street walkers in the truck bed.
	+ Two or more MHS’s students precede the PU truck carrying our street banner
	+ We also have banners for the side of the trailer in storage
	+ All Parade walkers should wear the club’s bright yellow safety vests for safety and public notification.

* Normal Saturday KC Pop at the Farmers Market (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
	+ Held in the Jackson Street parking lot between 4th and 6th street off Jackson St.  Can be rainy and/or cold, seldom sunny.

Staffing is the long pole in the tent as they say.  Preparing early for this busy but fun day is needed! The Parade requires a minimum of 8 people; 2 on each side of the truck, 2 carrying the banner plus a driver and passenger; driver and passenger riding shotgun assisting the driver for safety purposes. If Kettle Corn is stressed for volunteers, resources between the two events needs to be managed carefully, but it does work.