

# Parade Participant Guidelines

We're excited to have you join us! Please review the following information to help ensure a fun, safe, and successful parade for everyone.

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## BASICS

- All entries should be in **good taste** and promote **community spirit and pride**. Offensive entries are not permitted.
- Please **abide by all state and local laws**.
- The Parade begins promptly at **11:00 a.m.** and concludes around **noon**.
- **All entries must be decorated**, including commercial vehicles.
- If possible, bring a **mobile phone on Parade Day** so we can contact you if needed. Please ensure we have your number.
- If you have questions on Parade Day, stop by the **Parade Control Station**. The **Parade Control Station** is located at the corner of **Jefferson and Washington in front of Willamette Valley Fiber**.

## NOTE:

- Dispersal will take place on **Main Street south of Clay St.**. Continue past Clay St to avoid back ups in the parade entries behind you. If you need to pull over to organize your group, please do so after passing Clay St.
  - Plan ahead for where your group will meet up after if needed, especially if you have participants who will be picked up by parents or other parties.
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## LINEUP INFORMATION

- **NEW:** Arrive and get directly in line. There will be volunteers to help you and get you checked in. Check-in will take place from your vehicle on the **driver's side**.
- Lineup is generally **first come, first served**, with some exceptions (color guard, dignitaries, emergency vehicles, etc.).
- Parade staff will help **space out musical, noisy, and animal entries** appropriately.
- Please **do not park non-entry vehicles** along Washington and Mill Streets.

- If you would like to be grouped with another entry, **please arrive together**.
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## PARADE GUIDELINES

- If your entry breaks down, please **move safely to the side** and allow others to pass. You may rejoin when ready.
  - If an entry ahead of you stops, **carefully move around them** to keep the parade flowing.
  - Maintain a **steady distance of about 40 feet** between entries.
    - Focus on the **entry behind you**, not the one ahead.
    - If they slow down, you should slow down as well.
  - All entries must be in place for judging by **10:00 a.m.**
    - Judging: **10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**
    - Awards will be presented prior to the parade start.
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## SAFETY & COURTESY

- **No alcohol or controlled substances** are allowed. Participants must not be under the influence.
  - Please do not use **water sprayers, hoses, or loud noise devices**, as they may create safety concerns or frighten animals.
  - **Do not throw items**, including candy, from your entry. You are welcome to **hand out items safely** along the route.
  - Vehicle operators must follow all laws—**no burnouts, stunts, or unsafe driving**.
  - Be mindful of **noise levels**, especially near animals.
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## FINAL REMINDER

Please share these guidelines with everyone in your group so we can ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all.

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**Have a wonderful time—we're glad you're part of the parade!** 🎉