

4th of JULY PARADE INFO AND ENTRY FORM

2026 Sterling Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade

Saturday July 4th @ 5pm

Theme: America 250th

We are excited to invite you to join our grand celebration of the USA's Semiquincentennia at the Sterling Old Fashioned Parade! As we honor 250 years of American independence, we encourage you to showcase your floats through creative entries—consider patriotic costumes, 250 people waving Old Glory, birthday cakes or any elaborate Americana themed entries you can imagine. We can't wait to see your fun ideas.

Submission Details

To submit your entry form, please mail it to the Sterling Chamber Main Street at 114 N. Broadway, Sterling, KS 67579, or drop it off at the Chamber office inside the City of Sterling building. Electronic forms are also available at www.visitsterlingks.com. Please note that the deadline for trophy judging is July 2nd. If your entry form is not turned in by July 2nd you will only be allowed to join if room is available. All entries will be evaluated and the SCMS has the right to refuse entry of any float if deemed.

Line-Up and Check-In

- Check-In: 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM at the corner of 8th and Washington. You must check in to receive your parade number and placement.
- Location: The line-up will extend west from 8th to 11th on Washington Street.
- Parking: To respect our neighbors, please do not block driveways or park in the church lot on 9th Street. If you need space to assemble your float or pick up riders, please use the lot east of the SC football field before joining the line.
- Animals: Trailer unloading is located at 348 W. Cleveland. The Vgats House Pastures. No animals are allowed in parking lots, with the exception of service animals. The Vgats kindly provide water and shade before the parade kick off.
- Judging: Will take place between 4:20 PM and 4:40 PM by committee. Please have everyone on the float and in costume by 4:20 if you would like to be judged.

Parade Route

The parade begins promptly at 5:00 PM. The route starts at West Washington and 8th Street, travels east to Broadway, and turns south on Broadway, concluding at Broadway and Garfield

We encourage all participants to join us for a Community BBQ immediately following the parade to celebrate our shared heritage. If you have any questions, please contact us at 620-904-7002.

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cut and mail the form below _____

Parade Entry Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Float Name (individual, group, organization, club, etc.): _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Address: _____

Entry Details

Length of Entry: _____ ft. Approximate Number of Attendees on Float: _____

Circle what applies: car / truck / tractor / trailer / motorcycle / golf cart / animal / bicycle / other

Will your entry be walking? _____ Will you be unloading from a trailer? Yes _____ No _____

Trophy Categories

Most Patriotic Entry Best Military Entry Best Youth Best Representative of America
Best Antique/Classic Car Best Farm Vehicle Best Animal Entry Most Unique

Information for the Parade Emcee

Please provide 2–3 short sentences for the parade emcee to announce about your entry:

Entries to be judged for a trophy must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 2.