

4th of July Parade Rules and Regulations

Safety Regulations

Reckless or dangerous driving will not be tolerated!

No participant can possess or be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances. Smoking is not allowed at any time. Bottled water and soda cans are permitted. No glass containers are allowed.

If an entrants group plans to distribute candy, prizes, or other items, the entrants group must have an adult to distribute the items. Exhibiting dangerous behaviors and/or tricks may also lead to disqualification and expulsion from future events. **When throwing candy please try to make it as close to the sidewalk as possible to ensure that children are not running out into the street. (Children under the age of 14 may not throw candy unless they are walking)** We want to keep all spectators and participants as safe as possible.

There must be at least one (1) adult for every five (5) children below the age of sixteen (16) on the float at all times. The adult must be associated with the organization sponsoring the float.

Each float being pulled must have a spotter in the vehicle that is towing the float, other than the driver, who can view and communicate with the driver if/when a problem arises. If the vehicle has no cab, the spotter must be present beside the float.

All vehicles in the parade must be able to navigate the entire parade route and make all the turns and clearances without difficulty. It is the responsibility of each driver/entrant to ensure that their float clears all obstacles (tree limbs, buildings, overhanging utility wires, ect.)

General Regulations

Each participant shall be responsible for the conduct of each and every participant and agrees to notify each participant of the Rules & Regulations. The Benton City Chamber of Commerce has the right to deny participation of any entry or person failing to comply with the Rules & Regulations.

If the entrant includes animals, you are expected to have a waste detail walking immediately behind with the appropriate shovels and buckets. **If the entrant doesn't have the appropriate cleanup detail, entry in the parade will be denied.** Animals must be listed on the application. Entrants are expected to maintain control of their animal(s) at all times; riders not exhibiting control will be removed from the parade for the safety of entrant and spectators. Entrants must not allow animal contact with spectators. Horses must be "bagged" or followed by cleanup detail. The staging area for any entrant with animals shall be left clean. Line up for entrants with animals will be in the parking lot by the Skate Park and shall enter the parade when directed by parade coordinators.

Unless there is an emergency, participants are not allowed to get on or off floats or vehicles while in motion. You may not pick up or drop off riders during the parade route.

All motorized vehicles must be driven by a driver aged eighteen (18) or older. Drivers of any vehicle must show a valid driver's license and liability insurance at the parade check-in table. Participants should be aware that emergency vehicles may need to leave during the parade if an emergency arises.

All vehicles should be thoroughly inspected for gas, water, oil, etc. leaks prior to the start of the parade.

This is a controlled, forward motion parade. If the entrant experiences problems during the parade, please exit the parade route immediately and locate a volunteer for assistance. The parade processions should not be blocked or delayed for any reason.

To reduce gaps, vehicles should be limited to the speed or pace of a slow walk and remain within two car lengths of the preceding entry. At no time may any vehicle travel more than 5 mph.

Businesses or organizations that walk in the parade are encouraged to carry a banner displaying the name of the company.

Lineup Instructions

Non-parade vehicles are not allowed in the staging area. Line up areas may become congested with vehicles, pedestrians (including young children) and all types of parade entries. Be aware of and yield to all pedestrians. Pedestrians need to pay attention to all moving vehicles in the parade lineup area.

The parade route begins at the Kiona-Benton Middle School bus parking lot on Grace Ave. **Each entrant must stop at the registration table to check in before lining up in the staging area.** The parade route will continue down 9th St to Chris Ave. **If you are leaving town you may continue down Babs. If you are returning to the staging area take a right on Chris Ave and continue back to Grace Ave.**

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

Parade begins at 11:00AM, Check-in begins at 10:00AM

Must Be Registered By 10:30AM

ALL DRIVER MEETING AT 10:45



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ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY & ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BENTON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THIS EVENT, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained for participation in this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge that the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activity in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities as said activity.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entries or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this activity, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS:

Participating Business Name and/or Legal Name

Address of Participating Business or Person

(B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE TO NOT SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.

I acknowledge and unconditionally release and forever discharge any persons, entities, and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, partners, shareholders, successors, assignees, parent or subsidiary entities, representatives, and NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party and entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this activity.

I understand while participating in this activity, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the activity holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGNED IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Participant's Name (Print) Age (if under 18) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

(If under 18 years old, parent or guardian must sign)