



4th of July Parade

Benton City Chamber of Commerce
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Parade Rules & Regulations

Driving & Participant Conduct

- Reckless, unsafe, or dangerous driving will not be tolerated.
- No participant may possess or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances during the event.
- Smoking is prohibited during parade staging and throughout the parade route.

Candy & Item Distribution

- Candy, prizes, or promotional items may not be thrown directly into the crowd or roadway.
- Items should be handed out or tossed gently toward the sidewalk area only.
- Children under the age of 14 may not distribute candy unless they are walking alongside the parade entry.
- Any group distributing items must provide adult supervision to ensure spectator safety.

Float & Child Safety

- There must be at least one (1) adult for every five (5) children under the age of sixteen (16) riding on a float.
- Supervising adults must be affiliated with the sponsoring organization.
- Participants may not board or exit moving vehicles or floats except in the case of an emergency.
- Riders may not be picked up or dropped off along the parade route.

Float Spotters

- Every float being towed must have a designated spotter in addition to the driver.
- The spotter must be able to clearly communicate with the driver if an issue arises.
- If the towing vehicle does not have an enclosed cab, the spotter must walk beside the float.

Vehicle Requirements

- All vehicles must be capable of safely completing the full parade route, including turns and clearance areas.
- Entrants are responsible for ensuring their float or vehicle clears trees, utility wires, buildings, and other obstacles.
- All vehicles must be inspected prior to the parade for oil, fuel, water, or other fluid leaks.
- Drivers must maintain a speed no greater than 5 mph and remain within two car lengths of the preceding entry.
- This is a controlled forward-motion parade. Entries experiencing mechanical or safety issues must exit the route immediately and notify a parade volunteer.

Driver Requirements

- Drivers of all motorized vehicles must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Drivers are required to present a valid driver's license and proof of liability insurance at parade check-in.
- Participants should be aware that emergency vehicles may need to exit the parade route if emergency situations arise.

Animal Regulations

- Animals must be listed on the parade application at the time of registration.
- Entrants are responsible for maintaining control of their animals at all times.
- Riders or handlers unable to safely control their animals may be removed from the parade.
- Animal contact with spectators is not permitted.
- Horses must either:
 - Wear manure collection bags or,
 - Be followed immediately by a designated cleanup crew with proper tools and containers.
- Entrants with animals must leave the staging area clean.
- Any entry with animals that does not provide proper cleanup detail may be denied participation.

Animal Staging Area

- Animal and livestock entries will be staged in the pickleball court parking area.
- Animal entries will enter the parade immediately before the fire department.

General Regulations

- Each entrant is responsible for the conduct and safety of all participants associated with their entry.
- Entrants are responsible for ensuring all participants have reviewed and understand these rules and regulations.
- The Benton City Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny or remove any entry or participant that fails to comply with parade rules, behaves in an unsafe manner, or disrupts the event.

- Businesses and organizations walking in the parade are encouraged to carry banners identifying their organization or company.

Lineup & Staging Instructions

- Non-parade vehicles are not permitted within the staging area.
- Drop off for walkers will be on the corner of 13th & Grace Ave.
- The lineup area may become congested with pedestrians, children, animals, and vehicles. All participants must use caution and yield to pedestrians when necessary.

Check-In Location

The parade lineup will begin at the Kiona-Benton Middle School bus parking lot on Grace Ave.

All entrants must:

1. Check in at the registration table upon arrival.
2. Receive lineup instructions before entering the staging area.

Parade Route

The parade route will:

- Enter staging area on 13th & Grace, 9th St entrance will be closed
- Begin on Grace Ave
- Continue down 9th Street
- End at Chris Ave
- Participants leaving town may continue on Babs Avenue.

Participants returning to the staging area should:

- Turn right onto Chris Avenue
- Continue back toward Grace Avenue

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

Check-in begins at 10:00AM

Parade begins at 11:00AM

Must Be Registered By 10:30AM

ALL DRIVER MEETING AT 10:45

4th of July Parade Registration

Organization / Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Entry: _____

- *(Float, Vehicle, Walking Group, Horse or Livestock, Band or Performance Group, Emergency Vehicle)*

Brief Description of Entry: _____

Will your entry distribute candy or promotional items? Yes _____ No _____

Will your entry include animals? Yes _____ No _____

Approximate Length of Entry: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Driver Name (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I acknowledge that participation in activities associated with the Benton City Chamber of Commerce and/or this event may involve inherent risks, including but not limited to personal injury, illness, property damage, accidents, or other unforeseen hazards. I voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation, including those that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, dangerous or defective equipment or property, or the actions or omissions of others.

I certify that I am physically able to participate in this activity and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical professional. I further certify that there are no medical conditions or health-related issues that would prevent my safe participation.

I understand that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be relied upon by the event organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and affiliated parties connected with this activity, and that it governs my participation in all related event activities.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this activity, I, on behalf of myself, my spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, agree to the following:

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I hereby waive, release, and discharge from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action related to injury, disability, death, loss, or property damage arising out of or connected with my participation in this activity, including travel to and from the event, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, against the following:

Participating Business Name and/or Legal Name

Address of Participating Business or Individual

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Benton City Chamber of Commerce, event organizers, sponsors, participating businesses, volunteers, agents, employees, contractors, representatives, and affiliated parties from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, costs, or expenses arising from my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge and agree that the Benton City Chamber of Commerce and affiliated parties are not responsible for the actions, errors, omissions, or failure to act by any individual, business, vendor, participant, or organization involved in conducting activities associated with this event.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

I authorize emergency medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of injury, accident, or illness during my participation in this activity. I understand that I am responsible for any medical expenses incurred.

PHOTO AND MEDIA RELEASE

I understand that photographs, video recordings, and other media may be taken during the event. I grant permission for my likeness, image, voice, and appearance to be used by the Benton City Chamber of Commerce, event organizers, sponsors, and affiliated parties for promotional, marketing, social media, or other lawful purposes without compensation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that this document is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under applicable laws of the State of Washington. If any portion of this agreement is found to be invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant Name (Printed): _____

Age (If Under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Required if participant is under 18 years of age)