

THE HILLSBORO ROTARY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

PARADE PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS & RULES

Welcome to the Hillsboro Rotary 4th of July Parade. Please read this document carefully and refer to the map and staging area directions. **The theme this year is “United We Thrive”.**

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & EXPECTATIONS

- Please refer to the Parade Route Map on the Hillsboro Rotary website for locations of staging areas.
- Please be respectful of neighbors, their lawns, yards and driveways. Since the parade will be staged in several different areas throughout our downtown neighborhoods, it is important that we keep the noise level in the early morning to a minimum. Please do not leave behind any trash or items. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **No Squirt guns are allowed – No Exceptions. They will be confiscated.**
- Band's will stage and depart from Third Street.
- Horse units stage and depart onto the Parade Route from Hare Field. **(PLEASE BE PREPARED TO LEAVE WELL IN ADVANCE OF PARADE START).**
- On parade day, portable toilets will be provided around the various staging areas, but there are no facilities for changing clothes.
- All antique vehicles should have signs on each side of the vehicle indicating your name, and the make and year of your vehicle.
- Candy may be distributed by people **WALKING CURBSIDE**. Candy tossed from vehicles **MUST LAND AT THE CURB**. Excited children (and adults) running into the street for candy during a parade can be hazardous.
- All units should hold proper intervals in the procession (approximately 20 feet)—**DO NOT CROWD OR ALLOW LARGE GAPS**. There will be Parade Marshals along the route that can help, as necessary.
- All entries will be directed to disband at **HARE FIELD**. Please let parents know that they can pick up their children at **HARE FIELD** at the end of the Parade.
- **DUE TO SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS STALLIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE.**

STAGING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m. **EVERYONE MUST CHECK-IN AT YOUR ASSIGNED STAGING AREA BY 8:00 AM. GROUPS MUST CHECK INTO STAGING AREAS TOGETHER; NO PARTIAL ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER STAGING AREAS.**
2. Check-in's will not be allowed after 8:00 a.m.
3. After checking-in, take your position behind the last entry in line in your designated staging area. 4. Staging Captains at each staging area will direct you when it is time for your staging area to enter the parade route.
5. The horse staging area is at Hare Field. At the East end of the parking lots, follow the signs which will direct your vehicles and trailers along a narrow grassed alley to a back field. This area will open at 7:00 a.m. No additional vehicles will be allowed on the field.
6. Draft Horses and entries with wagons will also stage at Hare Field. You may unload and hitch up at this location.
7. Horse entries will begin leaving Hare Field well in advance of the parade start time. Please be prepared! Entries will proceed West on Grant Street and feed into the parade line-up in the appropriate order as the parade leaves the staging area. See map for route information.
8. Horses must remain under control at all times. Unruly horses will be removed from the staging area or parade at the discretion of the horse judge or any Parade Marshall.

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