



Parade Entry Guidelines - Rules and Expectations – Please read.

For questions, send an email to Events@ChanhassenRotary.org. You need to register *by June 15* to secure your spot in the parade lineup. Register online at our Parade Cloud Database.



Or type this text into your browser:

<https://app.paradecloud.com/registration/1505/6c46cda7d6232a7ccda53c3f34acd113>

Entry fees to be in the parade:

- \$200 for Partisan Political groups or politicians. Each candidate or incumbent Politician must register separately from their political party.
- \$100 advertising for businesses.
- There is no entry fee for current 2025/26 Rotary Club of Chanhassen Sponsors or 501(c3) Non-Profit charitable organizations either serving our community or receiving Rotary Grants. youth or school groups, military, veterans, or non-political neighborhood groups.
- **Key Information needed in the registration form:**
 - Name of your entry and its sponsoring organization
 - Mode of Travel: Type and number of vehicle (s) or if marching only
 - Number of people in your entry. No more than 100 please.
 - Length of entire entry: How much space will your entry need when staging before the parade?
 - Type of sound or noise:
 - Description of your entry: The description you provided in your application when you registered will be read by the announcers. It needs to be at least 50 – 100 words but may be longer. Typical info might include who you are, what you do, history of your organization or group, or how you contribute to the community. Please email us at events@ChanhassenRotary.org, if you need to modify your description later.
 - Unit Mode notes: Indicate if you will need a spot to park a horse trailer or float trailer during the parade.
 - Contact name, email and phone number that can be reached on the day of the parade. You can also change this later if needed.

Once your registration application is accepted, you will receive further instructions, including instructions for payment, if payment is required. You will receive your line-up number during the week before the parade – by June 29. General updates will also be posted on our website: www.ChanhassenRotary.org

Timing of Parade: Line up starts at 1:00 p.m. with parade route streets to begin closing at 1:30 pm. The parade begins at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday July 4.

Line up Information: The lineup / staging area and Parade route will the same as last year. The parade route begins along Kerber Blvd, turns east on W 78th St and ends at Great Plains Blvd. Lineup numbers will be posted on wooden markers in orange safety cones, and volunteers will be available to help find your space. Please be respectful of residents' property and stay on the public street, making sure to keep a traffic lane clear for emergency vehicles. Stay tuned for more information regarding the lineup and parade route, as changes might affect you and some items below.



Other Parade Rules:

1. **Adult Supervision:** All entries that include children must have adequate adult supervision (1 adult to 6 children).
2. **Alcoholic Beverages:** Alcohol is strictly prohibited in the staging area and during the parade.
3. **Animals:** All entries with animals must provide their own cleanup. Dogs and other small animals must be on a leash. Don't forget to provide water for your animals.
4. **Bikes.** All riders must be at least 6 years old. and wear helmets throughout the parade route.
5. **Candy & Giveaways:** For the safety of everyone and to keep the parade flowing smoothly, these rules will be strictly enforced: Candy and other giveaways must be distributed by at least two walkers (one along the curb on each side of the street at the front of the parade unit). **Candy/giveaways must be handed or gently tossed behind the curb line so kids will not run into the street. We cannot emphasize this enough.**
6. **Changing Facilities:** Sorry, there are no changing facilities available.
7. **Child Drop-Off:** Please arrange to have children dropped off/picked up before and after the parade. Vehicles that are not in the parade will not be permitted in the lineup / staging area.
8. **Drivers:** All motorized vehicles must be operated by properly licensed individuals. Ensure everyone is seated or in a secure position before moving. The weather is typically hot, and the parade pace is slow. Make sure your vehicle can tolerate these conditions.
9. **Floats, Vehicles & Trailers:** Drivers and riders may NOT be concealed inside the float. Exhaust pipes must extend a minimum of 8" beyond decorations. Everyone must be seated or stand next to a secure post and can exit without having to use tools or keys. Decorations must not interfere with the driver's view of the route. Height maximum is 13'6" (to clear low-hanging power lines, lights, etc.). **Please limit entries to no more than 2 vehicles, unless prior approval is granted.** All vehicles and trailers must be decorated or exhibit significant novelty or entertainment value.
10. **Walkers:** To keep up with the pace of the parade, be sure to bring strollers or wagons for younger children.
11. **Groups:** Large groups should plan to walk or ride on a single flat-bed truck/float, not in individual cars.
12. **Signs:** Please identify your entry so that onlookers will know who you are. When you check in, you will be provided with a placard displaying your lineup number. Please ensure that your number can be displayed on your unit vehicle or held by a walker and visible to the announcers on the Judges Stand. **DO NOT** change your lineup number and please enter the procession in your assigned order.
13. **Open Flame:** No open flame or smoking allowed on or near floats.
14. **Parking:** Specific locations for participant parking will be announced closer to the event. Please use appropriate sidewalks and obey traffic laws. Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed in the staging area. When filling out the registration form, please use the field "unit mode notes," to let us know if you will need a spot to park a horse trailer or float trailer during the parade.
15. **Toilets & Trash:** Satellite toilets are provided near Parade Headquarters. Trash cans are provided in the line-up area.
16. **Traffic Lights:** Ignore red lights along the route during the parade.
17. **Water:** Coolers with limited amounts of cold water are provided at parade headquarters. Please bring water bottles or dishes (especially for young children and pets) to use during the parade. Water guns and water balloons are prohibited.

Please feel free to contact us at email (events@chanhasenrotary.org) with any questions.



--- Purpose of Chanhassen's Fourth of July Parade ---

This year, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation! Americans think of July 4, 1776, as the day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. Thousands of communities around the nation celebrate this special day every year with parades, fireworks and a day of relaxation to commemorate the people who worked so hard and sacrificed so much to create and preserve our independence and the freedoms we cherish so dearly.

The beauty of a democracy is that we as Americans can express our ideas and differences and work out the necessary compromises in the public domain. On July Fourth however, we put our differences aside and simply become Americans.

The goal of Chanhassen's parade is to have a fun, family-oriented event, and celebrate our country's innumerable achievements and our freedoms as one people. We celebrate our leaders, our businesspeople, our public servants, our military, our police, our medical workers, and the thousands of volunteers who provide help to those in need, asking nothing in return.

While we welcome all - including politicians and political parties - to participate in this event, we do not invite organizations who desire to express a particular political message that divides us on this special day. We ask that your organization be clear on how you would enhance the family-focus entertainment value of our parade, and respect our decision not to include you if we believe your participation would run counter to our purpose.