

SOLVANG ROTARY PRESENTS
CITY OF SOLVANG 4TH OF JULY PARADE



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"SALUTE TO AMERICA 250"

Saturday, July 4th, 2026 – Parade Start time 10:00 am

Parade check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. at Old Mission Santa Ines, located at 1760 Mission Drive, at the entrance to the chapel.

Parade staging and line-up will also begin at 8:00 a.m. Participants should report either to Old Mission Santa Ines (1760 Mission Drive) or the Veterans Memorial Building Parking Lot (1745 Mission Drive), depending on assigned float location.

ENTRY FORM

Mail to: Solvang Rotary, Parade Entry – PO Box 636, Solvang, CA 93464 postmark no later than June 30th.

Email to: solvang4thparade@gmail.com

Questions: Call (805) 717-5781

Entry Deadline – Tuesday, June 30, 2026. There is no entry fee.

CONTACT NAME: _____

ENTRY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ENTRY TYPE: Walking ___ Auto ___ Horse ___ Carriage ___ Float ___ Tractor ___ Music ___

Other: _____ Truck (size/length): _____ Trailer (size/length): _____

Float (size/length): _____ # Of people in your entry: _____ #Of animals in your entry: _____

(Internal use: Approval _____)

Due to limitations in the parade staging area and safety issues:

- 1. Horse groups will be limited to 10 horses.**
- 2. Only entrants are allowed in the staging areas.**
- 3. No alcohol consumption is allowed.**
- 4. All entrants must leave staging area immediately after parade and clean up.**

Description of your entry for the announcer (limit 30 seconds) (attach separate sheet):

SOLVANG ROTARY 4th OF JULY PARADE RULES, REGULATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Solvang Rotary 4th of July Parade Committee (Committee) has the sole authority to approve or decline, or modify any application, at its sole discretion, for any reason. All decisions of the Committee is final.

The 4th of July Parade is a celebration of our freedom. It is attended by members of our community and visitors from around the world. Please be aware of the presence of young children and families. Parade participants must be "family friendly" appropriate to be seen by all ages.

The rules are for the safety and quality of the parade. Failure to abide by these rules may result in the entry's removal from the parade and from future participation.

At the request of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the City of Solvang, parade participants are prohibited from throwing, tossing, or propelling candy or any other items into the crowd from the float. This policy is intended to protect the safety of all spectators, especially children who may enter the parade route to retrieve items. If you wish to pass out candy along the parade route, you must have responsible individuals walking alongside your parade entry to hand out candy to spectators along the parade route.

No distribution of printed materials will be allowed.

The Parade will not be used as a platform or promotion for any special interests. No parade entries may feature any type of political campaign signage nor promote the candidacy of any political candidate running for elected office (including sitting elected officials up for re-election) or any ballot measure or proposition. Current elected officials who represent a voting district in the greater Santa Ynez Valley (Santa Ynez, Los Alamos, Lompoc) may be acknowledged in parade float signage with only their current elected position listed alongside their name.

In addition, no parade signage may promote any political slogans, policy positions or other political language whatsoever and must be free from vulgar, offensive or inappropriate language. Any signage found to be in violation of these rules will be confiscated by Parade officials, and the participant may be removed from the Parade.

Only vehicles and trailers participating in the parade are allowed in the parade staging areas in the parking lots of the Old Mission Santa Ines and the Solvang Veteran's Hall or any other location established for parade staging. The staging area must be free of parked vehicles to allow for the free movement of participants during the parade and after. Please do not bring extra vehicles into the staging area to be parked during the parade. Vehicles may enter the staging areas to drop off parade participants and immediately exit the staging areas.

Upon conclusion of the parade, all participants must immediately pack up and leave the staging areas to allow for the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club and the fireworks contractor to complete the set up for the afternoon and evening festival. Please leave your staging area free of any trash or litter.

In order to allow unobstructed access to emergency vehicles and for other safety reasons, the parking lot at the Old Mission Santa Ines must be free of all vehicles, tables, chairs, etc. following the parade. Entry in the parade is not permission to leave vehicles and personal items behind in the parking lot to save a place to watch the fireworks show. The parade contractor will have any vehicles left behind towed at the owner's expense, and personal gear will be removed.

All entries that include horses, livestock, pets, or other animals are responsible for the immediate cleanup and removal of animal waste associated with their entry. A maximum of ten (10) animals is permitted per entry. Participants are requested to keep animals as close to the center of the parade route as possible to assist with efficient street cleaning following the parade.

It is the responsibility of entries with horses, livestock, pets or other animals to be able to exercise complete control over their animals. In the event of warm weather, proper precautions to ensure the health and safety of animals must be followed, including withdrawal from participation. A veterinarian is not available, or on call before, during or after the parade.

Consumption of alcohol and drugs is not permitted in the parade staging areas or along the parade route.

Other than allowing contact of award winners by the judges, contact information for parade participants is not sold or shared with other parties.

The Committee does not monitor anyone taking photographs or videos of the parade and its participants and does not monitor the use of images for possible publication or broadcast.

Acceptance for participation in the parade does not imply endorsement of beliefs, policies or business of any participant by the Committee, the Solvang Rotary Club or the City of Solvang.

ALL ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- Check-in booth opens at 8:00 AM and closes at 9:15 AM. Roads along the parade route close at 9:30...possibly sooner at the discretion of parade officials and law enforcement.
- Parade begins promptly at 10:00 AM on Mission Drive (Hwy 246) at the entrance to the Old Mission Santa Ines. All entries should be prepared to move forward by 9:45 AM.
- Assigned identification number should be displayed on the front and right side to be seen at the reviewing stand by the announcer and judges.
- FORWARD motion must be maintained throughout the parade route.

- All participants must be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired.
- At no time is any entry allowed to throw or propel anything along the parade route.
- Submitting a completed application does not imply acceptance into the parade.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- All entries must be approved and accepted by the Solvang Rotary 4th of July Parade Committee. Notification will be sent within one week of application and no later than July 1st.
- All entries should have a positive theme and not advocate any political candidate, proposition or position.
- The Committee reserves the right to limit the size and number of participants in an entry.
- Any parade entry in violation of any parade rules will have to be reevaluated and reconsidered for future events.
- All participants will be expected to follow directions from parade staff, volunteers and law enforcement.
- All decisions made by the Committee are final.

By signing this document, the undersigned acknowledges that they have reviewed and agree to comply with the attached Parade Rules, Regulations, Terms, and Conditions, including provisions regarding the event's family-oriented nature and the prohibition of political campaigning, obscenity, and inappropriate conduct. The undersigned further acknowledges, on behalf of themselves and all participants included in the entry, that participation in the 4th of July Parade is voluntary and at their own risk, and agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Solvang Rotary Club and the City of Solvang from and against any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses, or liabilities arising from participation in the parade.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____