

SOLVANG ROTARY PRESENTS
CITY OF SOLVANG 4TH OF JULY PARADE



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4th OF JULY PARADE – “ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN AMERICA”

NEW START TIME - Friday, July 4th, 2025 – 10:00 am start - NEW START TIME
Parade Check-in & Line-up – starts 8:00 am @ Old Mission Santa Ines in Solvang

ENTRY FORM

Mail to: Solvang Rotary, Parade Entry – PO Box 636, Solvang, CA 93464

or **Email to:** solvang4thparade@gmail.com

Questions: Call (805) 717-5781

Please read and understand the attached Parade Rules, Regulations, Terms and Conditions, especially the sections about this being a community and family oriented event and no political campaigning, obscenity, or inappropriate behavior.

Entry Deadline – Monday, June 30, 2025

We encourage you to take transit to this event: Santa Ynez Valley Transit (www.syvt.com)

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 at the parade staging area and safety issues:

- 1. Horse groups will be limited to 10 horses. 2. Only entrants allowed in the staging areas. 3. No alcohol consumption 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): _____

By signing this document, the Undersigned agrees to comply with the attached parade rules, regulations, term and conditions and recognizes for both themselves and on behalf of participants in your entry and spectators, that they assume all risks associated with participating in the 4th of July Parade, and further agrees to hold harmless Solvang Rotary Club and the City of Solvang for any and all injury, damages or loss incurred.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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 are 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.

Spectators, especially children, entering the parade route to pick up candy create a dangerous situation. The Solvang Police have requested parade participants to refrain from throwing or propelling anything on to the street or into the crowd. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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. This is for the safety of the spectators and to prevent children from running into the street to pick up candy.

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, table, 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 owner's expense and personal gear will be removed.

All entries with horses, livestock, pets or other animals should be prepared to “scoop their own poop”. You are limited to 10 animals per entry. Please make your best effort to keep your animals along the center of the parade route to allow the most efficient street sweeping following the parade.

It is the responsibility of entries with horses, livestock, pets or other animals 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 to allow contact of award winners by the judges, contact information for parade participants are 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 and the City of Solvang.

ALL ENTRY GUIDELINES:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Assigned identification number should be displayed on the front and right side to be seen at the reviewing stand by the announcer and judges.
4. FORWARD motion must be maintained throughout the parade route.
5. All participants must be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired.
6. At no time is any entry allowed to throw, or propel anything along the parade route.
7. Submitting a completed application does not imply acceptance into the parade.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Parade Application Deadline is June 30 (there is no entry fee)
2. All entries must be approved and accepted by the Solvang Rotary 4th of July Parade Committee.
3. All entries should have a positive theme and not advocate any political candidate, proposition or position.
4. The Committee reserves the right to limit the size and number of participants in an entry.
4. Any parade entry in violation of any parade rules will have to be reevaluated and reconsidered for future events.
5. All participants will be expected to follow directions from parade staff, volunteers and law enforcement.
6. All decisions made by the Committee are final.

By my signature on the Entry Form, I hereby enter the Solvang Rotary 4th of July Parade at my own risk and consent to the rules and regulations of the Solvang Rotary 4th of July Parade. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Solvang Rotary 4th of July Parade, its members, other persons, or entities associated with the parade against legal proceedings for any personal injury or property damage arising, occasioned by or caused by, any employee, representative or my personal entry.