

2026 Linn County Oregon Veterans Day Parade Rules

"Salute to our Heroes"

8 AM to 10:30 AM: Check in for all entries

9 AM to 10:30 AM: Parade entry judging

11:11 AM: Parade begins

A. Registration & Entry Requirements

1. Only registered parade entries will be allowed on the parade route. All entries agree to display their entry number on the front of their vehicle, float, or at the start of their parade entry. More specific direction, if needed, will be provided with staging instructions. Anyone arriving at the staging locations without registering prior to the closing date will not be allowed to participate.
2. All entries must check in at their designated check-in stations to receive their parade packet and official number. Staging location information will be emailed to the person registering the entry within one (1) week of the parade.
3. The parade fee, if applicable, must accompany the entry application. No entry will be accepted after the deadline. The committee reserves the right to close entries prior to the deadline if the maximum capacity limit has been met.
4. The Linn County Oregon Veterans Day Parade (LCOVDP) reserves the right to deny entry prior to or during the parade to any entry not adhering to the rules or following the directions of parade officials and/or law enforcement.
5. Car clubs are limited to 10 vehicles.

B. Vehicle, Float & Driver Safety

1. Each driver must hold a current driver's license and insurance for the vehicle they are driving in the parade.
2. All trailers, flatbed trailers, semi-trucks, and specialty trailers: it is your responsibility to provide walking road guards for safety purposes.
3. Vehicles must have current insurance and tags.
4. No revving of engines, fast starts, and/or racing along the parade route.
5. Vehicles used for towing MUST have the capacity to tow your entry.
6. No alcoholic, narcotic, or intoxicants of any nature are to be consumed by drivers prior to or during the parade.
7. All materials used as decorations on floats will be flame retardant. All floats must be equipped with a UL-approved fire extinguisher.

C. Conduct, Messaging & Behavior

1. To help us honor those who have served and those who continue to serve, each parade entry shall include a visible message of thanks. All civilian vehicles or units must display a note of appreciation. Vehicles that are clearly military or directly support veterans' services are already considered part of the tribute and do not need to display an additional message.
2. Participants are reminded of the U.S. Code: Title 4, Chapter 8 regarding guidelines for display of the U.S. Flag.
3. Throwing any items including flyers, candy, flags, or other materials is strictly prohibited. Hand-to-hand delivery only.
 - a. Non-compliance risks immediate removal.
 - b. First-time offenders face a two-year ban; a second violation results in a permanent ban.
4. To ensure the safety, integrity, and non-partisan nature of the parade, any entry displaying, promoting, or distributing political, socially divisive, or otherwise controversial messages through signage, attire, audio, or behavior, will be removed. Any attempt to use the parade as a platform for political advocacy, protest, or disruption will result in immediate escort from the event.
5. Santa suits are not allowed unless you're part of the Storybook Land entry.

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D. Parade Operations & Movement

1. All entrants agree to follow instructions from parade officials, parade control units, aligners, and police concerning the operation of vehicles and the maneuvering of walking units on the parade route.
2. Parade participants are asked to keep pace with the line of march.
 - a. Maintain 15–20 feet behind the entry in front.
 - b. A 30-second stop to perform for the reviewing stand is allowed.
3. To prevent injury, no one is allowed between a towing vehicle and the unit it is pulling at any time. These areas can be dangerous due to limited visibility and sudden movement. Please remain at a safe distance and use caution around all parade vehicles

E. Judging

1. Judging for all entries other than color guards, marching units, equestrian entries, and bands begins at 9:00 AM. All entries must be in place in named order to be considered for awards.
2. Judging for color guards, marching units, equestrian entries, and bands will take place during the parade.

F. Animal & Equestrian Rules

1. Equine and animal units must pick up and dispose of animal waste along the parade route. The parade committee reserves the right to assess fees up to \$250.00 if your entry does not comply.
2. All animals must always be under the control of their rider/handler. Parade officials/equine judges may disallow entry due to safety concerns. Riders/handlers under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

G. Emergency & Safety Procedures During Parade

1. When your group arrives at staging, you will be provided with instructions on how to handle medical emergencies or problems encountered during the parade.

H. Questions?

1. Prior to parade day, if you need assistance, please contact Christine at (757) 593-5094 or via email at info@linncountyveteransdayparade.org.