

# General Rules & Information

Remember, all entry fees are needed to support the costs of the Parade. The Vintage Festival Parade is run by an all volunteer, non-profit organization

**Acceptance of entries:** Acceptance of entries is based on entertainment value. This is a family event and all entries will be screened for appropriate content: The Vintage Festival reserves the right to remove entrants upon application and the day of the parade. If entry at the day of the parade or at any time during the parade is judged not to reflect the Vintage Festival's guidelines, entrant will be removed without refund of the fees.

**NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING and/or DEMONSTRATING:** This is a non-political parade and is permitted as such by the County; no political entries will be accepted. No entries displaying political advertising will be permitted to enter the parade line-up. Entries discovered to have political advertising, demonstrating against/for political issues, or to be distributing political advertising, will be removed from the parade immediately without refund of fees. Currently serving elected officials may be part of an entry, but may not identify themselves by the office they currently hold. For example: They may not campaign for re-election, or for another office, nor may they display any electioneering materials, or state what office they currently or previously held/hold.

**Parade Orders:** NO PARADE ORDERS WILL BE SENT OUT. Please communicate this to ALL members of your group. Check in begins at 8 am. You will be given your Parade Number, Staging Position, and a Map of the area upon arrival. Check in: **First Street West Veterans Parking lot only. DO NOT check in on First street East. NO CHECK IN (without prior approval) will be allowed on First Street East-you will be turned around! This could cause you much delay.** Someone from your group should be present in your staging position at all times after your arrival. Drivers must stay with their vehicles/floats. Do not Park Personal Vehicles in the Staging Area. Only Parade Units may park there. Plan on parking in a public parking area nearby. The Parade Number, which you will attach to your entry, will be handed to you in the staging area. Equestrian & large animals will have a separate parking area; unrelated vehicles parked in delegated areas will be towed at vehicle owner's expense.

**Entry Description:** All entries must conform to the description provided on the Parade Application Form. Changes to your form must be submitted in writing prior to September 22, 2010 with a copy of your original form.

**Sound:** Amplified sound units must be identified on the application form to allow the Parade Committee to arrange the parade line up in an order which insures each entry can be fully enjoyed as well as heard

**Judging:** Judging will be done by judges selected by the Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival's Board. Parade entries can compete in only one category. Each entry will be judged on its overall presentation, and the judges' decision will be final. In the case where there is only one entrant in a category, the entry may be reclassified at the judge's discretion.

**Go Forward!!!:** Due to time limitations, this parade only goes in one direction, and that's forward. Performing groups should choreograph routines to maintain forward motion at all times.

**Waiver, Release, and Indemnification Agreement:** All entries must return the application with a signature accepting the Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement.

**Animals in the Parade:** All parade units with animals are responsible for clean up of animal waste in the staging area, and along the parade route. Please bring your own bags and shovels. Garbage cans will be available. The Vintage Festival Board reserves the right to remove from the Parade any animal which appears to be uncomfortable, unruly, or in any way presenting an immediate or potential danger to other units or to spectators. Horses, dogs, cows, reptiles and any other wild or domestic animals in the parade must be identified as well as the number must be noted on the Parade Entry Form.

**Drivers of all Motorized Vehicles:** All drivers must have valid drivers licenses and be covered by current auto insurance policy. A copy of license as well as a copy of driver's insurance is required to be turned in at the staging area. Drivers for entrant without these proofs are to be disqualified for entry to parade, without refund of fees.

**No Alcohol:** No alcoholic beverage drinking is allowed in the parade and the staging area. Entries may not have open alcohol containers on floats. Any alcohol container(s) on/in wine-themed entries must remain closed. If container(s) do not remain closed during the parade, the entrant will be asked to leave the parade without refund of fees.

**Floats:** A float is any fully decorated (covered 90% or more) structure or vehicle (car, truck, golf cart, rolling cart). Size: Floats cannot be taller than 13 feet to get under overhead wires, and cannot be wider than 8 feet to move through traffic lanes. Appendages up to 18 feet may be folded out. Floats must be able to make a 90-degree corner within two traffic lanes. Length of a float including the tow vehicle cannot exceed 60' without prior approval of the Vintage Festival Board. Please be aware low hanging trees line portions of the staging area and route. If your unit exceeds 10' in height, please make a note on your application so that we can stage you away from low trees.

**Car/Motorcycle Clubs:** Club entries are limited to 30 vehicles. Clubs with more than two vehicles must travel two abreast along the parade route. Only registered and recognized clubs qualify for entry with multiple vehicles. Each vehicle must submit an entry form, driver's insurance, driver's license, and a fee. The per-vehicle fee for Clubs is \$15. All motorcycle riders need to comply with the California helmet law.

**Walking Groups:** Walking units must be defined prior to parade line-up. No pick-up walkers may join en-route.

**Children:** Groups of more than 25 must have a minimum of one adult per 10 youth less than 14 years of age. Groups with children under 6-years of age must provide for carrying children in wagons or strollers. Any minors riding bikes, skateboards, roller blades/skates, or mounted animals must wear helmets, and when applicable, elbow and knee pads.

**Academic Schools (K-12):** Academic Schools may submit as many entries as they wish for a single entry as long as they are mailed and march together. Academic Schools and youth bands pay no entry fee.

## SAFETY

**No Throwing of Objects or Candy:** Do not throw anything from your parade entry, doing so causes instant removal from parade without refund of entry fees. If you wish to distribute items to the spectators, please have walkers approach the crowd, at the curb and HAND the items to the WILLING spectators. Entries who create a litter problem will be charged sizeable clean-up fee, and denied entry in further parades.

**No Jumping On or Off Moving Entries:** Parade participants may not jump, dance, ride, bike, roller skate, roller-blade, skateboard, or move in any way onto or off any moving float or vehicle. If Entrant is viewed practicing thus, they will be removed from parade without refund of entry fees.

**All Entries Must be Safe:** Vehicle and float drivers must be able to have a clear view of the front of the vehicles. Floats must be constructed of fire-safe materials, and must carry a fire extinguisher. Appropriate area for vehicle exhaust must be designed out of the float/unit.

## Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement:

In consideration of the privilege of participating in the event, I assume all risks associated with participating in the parade and hereby release and hold harmless all of the following, which are hereinafter called the indemnified parties, namely the Valley of Moon Vintage Festival, their respective officials, managers, directors, agents, successors, assigns, members and volunteer workers from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees, arising out of my participation in the parade, including without limitation, any personal injuries or damage to my property which I may incur as a result of participation in the parade. I also agree to and shall indemnify and hold harmless all of the indemnified parties from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits and liability of every kind including all expenses of litigation court costs and attorney's fees for injury to or death of any person or for damage to any property arising out of or in connection with the event, whether such injury, death, negligence of the indemnified parties and any other person or entity. I agree the laws of the State of California shall govern this Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement and that the venue for any litigation involving the indemnified parties shall be in the a court of competent jurisdiction in Sonoma County, California.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules set forth in the Parade Guidelines and information, as set forth on both sides of this form.

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Participant Signature

Date

If the participant is not of legal age, a parent/guardian must also sign and date this document. I represent that I am the parent/legal guardian of the participant named above, that I am of legal age and that I have read and fully understand the foregoing Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement and that I do agree to be bound by the term set out above, individually and as participant's parent or legal guardian on behalf of participant, and our respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

## Office Use Only: