

MURPHYS IRISH DAY PARADE 2026
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 11:00 A.M.

murphysirishdayparade@gmail.com

PARADE ENTRY FORM

NOTE: It is impossible to accommodate everyone who would like to be part of the parade, special consideration will be given to entries with an Irish theme. Priority will also be afforded to musical groups, truly classic cars, and one-of-a-kind crowd pleasers. Because of limited formation space, a completed entry form is not assurance that you will be included in this year's event. Commercial entries may be limited to major Irish Day sponsors.

If you would like to be considered for entry in the 2026 Murphys Irish Day Parade, please read and initial the accompanying Instructions and Regulations, fill out this form and return it via email or drop it off to the Murphys Information Center at 202 Main Street, open Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm. Please print clearly. Forms must be received by March 1 to allow sufficient time to create a parade line-up and send out confirmation notices. If you have questions, please contact Jody Garcia 209-743-7492, Carrie Nelson 209-484-2340, or murphysirishdayparade@gmail.com

There is no entry fee and there will be no judging of entries. Your reward will be participating in an important Gold Country event and receiving the appreciation of the parade watchers.

Please Print Clearly

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of People in Entry: _____ Number of Vehicles: _____

Types & Dimensions (width & length) for non-standard sized vehicles and trailers:

Music on Entry: Y / N _____ Walking/Riding: _____

Complete description of entry: (This will be used to select entries and to create a script for the parade announcers.)

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS

The success of Murphys Irish Day Parade is due to the creativity of its participants and the detailed Instructions and Regulations that have been developed over the decades. To ensure everyone enjoys the event safely, it is vital that all participants follow these rules. **Please ensure every member of your group understands and abides by them.** The rules are designed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for participants, spectators, and our dedicated volunteers.

General Restrictions

- The information submitted on your entry form is essential for organizing the parade. Please do not add additional people or vehicles beyond what you originally entered.
- Only experienced horses, ridden or driven by skilled equestrians will be accepted. You must clean up after horses in the equestrian staging area and walk to the parade staging area. The Sanitation Society will be provided for Parade route only.
- Classic car clubs are limited to seven (7) vehicles due to space constraints in the formation area.
- Partisan political entries are not permitted.

Specific instructions will be provided for certain groups, such as equestrians and preschools, as parade details are finalized. Even if you have participated before, carefully review these instructions, as procedures may have changed. **Please read and initial all sections and sign bottom.** For any questions, contact parade chairs Jody Garcia at 209-743-7492 or Carrie Nelson at 209-484-2340.

Parade Day Information

Assembly Location and Timing

Participants will gather at the Black Bart/Murphys Creek Theatre parking lot on Algiers Street, across from the Library and Murphys Community Park.

- **Registration:** Have a group representative sign in at the registration table near the entrance to receive your entry number.
- **Arrival Time:** The lot opens at 8:30am for float decorating, with all participants expected by 9:30am to ensure the parade begins promptly at 11:00am. The parade lineup will start being organized no later than 10:15am.

Parking and Access

- The parking lot is reserved for parade vehicles and participants only. Non-parade vehicles and drop-offs must park elsewhere. Carpooling or walking to the assembly area is highly recommended. If you have special needs or require additional vehicles for float decoration or equipment, please indicate this on your entry form and obtain prior approval.
- Access the lot from Highway 4 to Jones Street (in front of the fire station), then Scott Street, turning onto Algiers Street. Entry from the center of town is not allowed as Main Street will be closed to vehicles.

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Parade Rules and Guidelines

1. **Identification:** Use signs, banners, or placards to identify your group and add to the parade's festive atmosphere. Announcers will provide descriptions based on prepared scripts.

2. **Animal Entries:** Non-equestrian animal groups must clean up after their animals in the assembly area and on the parade route. Sanitation Society members will assist with horse units. Equestrian entries must clean up after horses in the equestrian staging area and walk to the parade staging area.
3. **Theme:** Participants are encouraged to incorporate the Irish Day theme into their entries.
4. **Pacing:** Maintain a steady pace to prevent gaps in the parade. Avoid unnecessary stops, racing ahead, or lagging behind.
5. **End of Route:** Do not stop at the Main and Scott intersection for photos or unloading. Entries must clear the area and return to the assembly location.
6. **Walking Units:** Walking groups cannot return to the assembly area via Scott Street during the parade. They may gather in the lot behind the Arbors or join spectators on Main Street.
7. **Candy and Handouts:** Do not throw candy or items into the crowd, as this poses a safety hazard. Handing items out is also discouraged as it can slow the parade.
8. **Weather:** The parade will proceed rain or shine, though significant snow may cause cancellation. Be prepared for variable weather conditions.

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Important Notes

The parade starts promptly at 11:00am. If your entry is not ready on time, it will be moved further back in the lineup, which may disrupt announcer descriptions.

If you need to withdraw or update your entry, contact us at, murphysirishdayparade@gmail.com, 209-743-7492 or 209-484-2340 as soon as possible. Let's work together to make this a fun and memorable event for everyone!

Jody Garcia and Carrie Nelson
Parade Co-chairs

By submitting this application, I, on behalf of myself and any participating organizations, groups, or individuals, hereby agree to waive all claims for injury or damage arising from participation in this parade. I understand that participation in this event involves inherent risks, and I agree to assume full responsibility for my own safety and the safety of any group or individual under my supervision.

Name of Entry

Contact Person (Please Print)

Signature

Date