

# 2026 Forest Fall Fair Parade

## Registration & Participation Policy

**Date:** September 26, 2026


**Start time:** 12:00 sharp

**Theme:** *Harvest Cheer and Country Gear*

The Forest Fall Fair Parade is a community event organized to promote safe, inclusive, and well-coordinated participation for all entrants and spectators.

Participation is free; however, all entries must complete and submit a registration form in advance of parade day. **NEW FOR 2026:** Online registration is required.

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/DAc5Y1As3uoVmCBs5>

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## ENTRY TYPES

Eligible entry categories include:

- Parade Float
  - Walking Group
  - Commercial Vehicle
  - Antique Vehicle
  - Farm Equipment
  - Bicycle Entry
  - School or Sports Team
  - Band or Musical Group
  - Other approved entry types (subject to organizer approval)
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## PARADE INFORMATION

- **Staging Location:** 6276 Townsend Line
- **Parade Start Time:** 12:00 p.m. (sharp)
- **Arrival Requirement:** All participants must arrive no later than 11:00 a.m.

All entries must be fully staged and prepared for participation and judging by 11:00 a.m. Parade officials retain full authority over staging assignments and placement.

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## PARADE ROUTE

The parade will depart 6276 Townsend Line and proceed south on Albert Street, turn right onto King Street, continue through the downtown core, then turn right onto Union Street. The route continues to Jefferson Street, turns left, and proceeds into the fairgrounds.

Total parade duration is approximately one hour from start to finish.



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## ACCESS, PARKING & VEHICLE CONTROL

To ensure public safety and efficient staging operations:

- Only registered parade entry vehicles are permitted in staging areas.
- Personal and non-participating vehicles are not permitted in staging or designated operational zones.
- A designated drop-off area will be provided for participants.
- All staging assignments will be directed by parade officials upon arrival.

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## PARADE DISTRIBUTION ITEMS (CANDY POLICY)

For public safety:

- Candy, promotional materials, or any objects must **not be thrown** from any parade entry, including floats, bicycles, or vehicles.
- All items intended for distribution must be **hand-delivered directly to spectators** by designated walkers only.

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## VEHICLE & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All motorized and large entries must comply with the following:

- Commercial vehicles, trucks, tractors, and equipment with restricted visibility must be accompanied by at least one designated safety walker/spotter.
- Spotters must maintain continuous visual communication with the operator.
- All vehicles must operate at a safe, controlled parade speed.
- All riders and passengers must remain securely seated or positioned while in motion.
- Mounting or dismounting moving vehicles is strictly prohibited.

Parade officials reserve the right to remove any entry deemed unsafe or non-compliant.

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## GENERAL CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

All participants must adhere to the following:

- Instructions from parade officials, volunteers, and emergency services must be followed at all times.
  - Alcohol, cannabis, smoking, and vaping are strictly prohibited during staging and parade participation.
  - All entries must maintain safe spacing and continuous forward movement unless otherwise directed.
  - Animals, where included, must be properly controlled and appropriate for public settings.
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## JUDGING CATEGORIES

Entries may be considered for the following awards:

### Judging Categories & Prizes

Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Best Float – Theme	\$100	\$75	\$50
Best Float – Non-Theme	\$100	\$75	\$50
Best Decorated Bicycle (Costumed Rider)	\$25	\$20	\$15
Best School or Sports Team Spirit	\$50	—	—
Most Unique Classic Vehicle	\$50	—	—

Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Most Unique Parade Vehicle	\$50	—	—
Judge's Choice Award	\$50	—	—

All judging decisions are final.

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## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must provide:

- Organization or Group Name
  - Primary Contact Information
  - Entry Description
  - Number of Participants
  - Number of Children Participating
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## PARADE DAY ANNOUNCEMENT FORM (REQUIRED)

On the day of the parade, all entries will be provided with an **Announcement Form** upon staging.

This form must be completed prior to reaching the entrance of the fairgrounds and submitted to parade officials for announcer use.

The purpose of this form is to ensure accurate and timely recognition of entries as they enter the fairgrounds.

### Required Information Includes:

- Name of organization, business, or group being represented
- Description of entry (including any unique or special features)
- For vehicles:
  - Owner's name
  - Year, make, and model of vehicle
- For dignitaries:
  - Name of dignitary
  - Identification of the vehicle carrying the dignitary
- Prize winners or award recipients (if applicable), for special acknowledgement

Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, completed forms will be collected and provided directly to the parade announcer to facilitate live announcements as each entry enters the property.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Submission of a registration form constitutes acknowledgement and agreement to comply with all parade policies, safety requirements, and instructions issued by parade officials.

Participation is voluntary and at the entrant's own risk.