

Aloha!

The 58th Annual Makawao Parade will be on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Line up will begin at 7 am and the parade begins at 9 am sharp.

This year's theme will be in celebration of the 250th year of the United States of America. On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

The parade is the beginning of a week-long celebration from June 28 to July 2, 2026, featuring a variety of events and activities suitable for all ages. The Parade will start on Baldwin Avenue, near the Veterans cemetery, turn right onto Makawao Avenue and end at the Makani Road/Makawao Avenue intersection.

MANDATORY MEETING: A mandatory meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Oskie Rice Event Center Club House.

No Show, No Go, No Refund!

- All entries are required to have Hae Hawai'i and the American Flag.
- FLOATS are encouraged!
- No entry is confirmed until the Parade Application form, list of rules and waiver documents are signed by participants and confirmed by the parade committee.
- Parade Participant parking is FREE with Parade Placard at Oskie Rice Event Center.
- \$5 ** CASH ONLY ** Parking is available at the Oskie Rice Event Center for NON Participants.
- **Cooperation:** All parade participants must follow the directions of parade officials, volunteers, and public safety personnel at all times. Our goal is to create a safe, positive, and enjoyable event for the entire community. Participants who do not follow instructions or who disrupt the parade may be asked to leave the event immediately. Future participation may be subject to review and approval by the Makawao Parade Committee.

JUDGING PARADE CATEGORIES:

1. Best 250th Patriotic Float/Group
2. Best Paniolo
3. Most Hawaiian
4. Best Float
5. Best Commercial

OVERALL PARADE WINNER

- The entry with the highest total points will receive the Akamai Broadcasting Perpetual Trophy for one year. The trophy must be returned to the Makawao Parade Committee before the end of the year to allow time for refurbishment and preparation for the following year's parade.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Friday, June 19, 2026

REGISTRATION FEES: Pay online at: makawaoparade.com

Political Entry: \$500

Floats/Motorized Unit: \$150

Individual Unit (Mounted or Walker): \$150

Schools: No Charge

Submit completed Packets to:

info@makawaoparade.com

ALL CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO:

Makawao Parade

Please mail check to:

973 Makawao Ave.

Makawao, HI 96768

QUESTIONS TO:

Michael Du Pont (Chair): ONE VISION - CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

(808)385-2934

Nichol Veincent (Operations)

(808)264-5504

ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING IN TOWN OR STAGING AREAS.

PARTICIPANTS MUST PARK AT OSKIE RICE EVENT CENTER.

SHUTTLES PROVIDED TO ASSIGNED STAGING AREAS.

Makawao Parade – Rules, Regulations & Liability Acknowledgment

Aloha Parade Participants,

Our community has enjoyed the Makawao Parade for many years as a way to celebrate democracy, freedom, and especially honor our veterans. This event remains successful because of its commitment to community values and traditions. To continue this legacy and ensure the safety of all participants and spectators, the following rules and regulations must be followed. These guidelines are based on years of experience and are intended to support a safe, fun, and family-friendly event.

General Parade Guidelines

- **Parade Committee Authority:**
The Makawao Parade Committee reserves the right to determine which entries may participate. Entries promoting controversial or negative messages, or that are not appropriate for keiki/family audiences, will not be accepted.
 - **Hae Hawai'i and American Flag Requirement:**
Each parade unit must display a minimum of one Hae Hawai'i (Hawaiian Flag) and one American flag. More is encouraged.
 - **Participant Conduct:**
All participants must conduct themselves respectfully and appropriately at all times, on and off the parade route.
 - **Distribution of Items:**
Throwing candy, flyers, or objects into the crowd is strictly prohibited for safety reasons. Instead, designated walkers may hand out items directly.
 - **Animals in Parade:**
If your entry includes animals, bring adequate water and shade. All animal waste must be cleaned up by the participant.
 - **Spacing & Staging:**
Street marshals' directions must be followed to maintain flow and spacing. No lineup substitutions are allowed. Performance stops along the parade route are discouraged to avoid delays.
 - **Float & Vehicle Size Limits:**
Float height may not exceed **12 feet**, and width must remain within **10 feet** for public safety and route clearance.
 - **Entertainment for Children:**
Entries are encouraged to include visual or performance elements to entertain keiki and families.
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Logistics & Safety

- **Crowd Control:**
Event marshals and volunteers will be stationed throughout the route. They are authorized to respond to safety concerns and enforce rules.
- **Breakdowns:**
Vehicles that break down will be removed to the side so the parade may continue.
- **Awards:**
Parade results will be announced at the Rodeo and printed in *The Maui News*.
- **Parking:**
Free parking is available at Oskie Rice Arena with a shuttle for all participants. Spectators require **\$5 CASH** for parking.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Makawao Parade (the “Event”) hosted by the Makawao Parade Committee (“Makawao”) and its nonprofit sponsor (collectively, the “Released Parties”), I the undersigned participant, acknowledge, understand, and agree as follows:

1. ASSUMPTION OF INHERENT RISKS

1.1 Acknowledgment of Risks: I acknowledge that participation in the Event involves numerous inherent risks. These include, but are not limited to, risks associated with the use or presence of horses, other animals, motor vehicles, floats, machinery, adverse weather, uneven terrain, crowded environments, and other hazards which may be known or unknown, foreseeable or unforeseeable. Such risks include the possibility of serious injury, illness, permanent disability, or death.

1.2 Responsibility for Provided Equipment and Horses: If participating as an organization supplying its own horses, equipment, and personnel, I further acknowledge that the organization is solely responsible for ensuring that all horses, equipment, and participating individuals (including riders, handlers, drivers, volunteers, and other staff) are adequately prepared and meet all safety standards. My organization assumes all risks related to the operation and handling of its horses and equipment during the Event.

2. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

2.1 Release and Waiver: In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Event, I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, and forever DISCHARGE Makawao, its nonprofit sponsor, and all of their respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and other affiliated persons

(collectively, the “Released Parties”) from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, or liabilities of any kind (including, without limitation, those arising out of or related to negligence), whether known or unknown, arising from or in any way connected with my participation in the Event or the use of any equipment or animals provided by my organization.

2.2 Covenant Not to Sue: I agree that I shall not institute any legal action or bring any claim against the Released Parties for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in connection with the Event, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct on the part of the Released Parties.

3. INDEMNIFICATION

3.1 Indemnity Obligation: I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs) arising out of, related to, or resulting from my participation in the Event. This includes any claims brought by third parties, whether arising directly or indirectly from the acts or omissions (whether negligent or otherwise) of myself or any participant associated with my organization.

3.2 Scope of Indemnity: This indemnification obligation applies regardless of whether the claim arises in whole or in part from any negligence of the Released Parties, except where such claims result solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of a Released Party.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 Health and Safety: I represent that I (and, if applicable, the individuals under my organization’s responsibility) am in sufficiently good physical condition to participate in the Parade and will abide by all safety rules and instructions provided by the Event organizers. If I (or any participant) will be responsible for handling animals, operating vehicles, or using any equipment, I warrant that such persons have the necessary experience and training to do so safely. I represent that I have sufficient experience, fitness, and ability to safely manage the horse(s) under my control.

4.2 Compliance with Applicable Rules: I agree to abide strictly by all safety instructions, Event rules, and organizer directives provided to me prior to or during the Event. I understand that my participation may be revoked at the sole discretion of Makawao if I fail to comply with safety guidelines or exhibit conduct deemed unsafe.

Hawai’i Equine Activity Law – Act 249 (1994):

Pursuant to Hawaii State Law [HRS §663B-1 through §663B-3], individuals and organizations involved in equine activities are not liable for injury or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activity. These risks include, but are not limited to:

1. The behavior or unpredictability of horses and similar animals;
2. Reactions to sound, movement, objects, or people;
3. Uneven or hazardous terrain;
4. Collisions with other animals or objects;
5. Potential negligence of another participant.

Insurance Notice:

The Makawao Parade does **not** carry insurance coverage for individual participants or entries. All participants are strongly encouraged to consult with their insurance provider to determine if their homeowners, renters, or business policy provides appropriate coverage for participation in this event.

Acknowledgment & Signature

By signing below, I certify that:

- I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the rules, responsibilities, and safety requirements stated above.
- I acknowledge the inherent risks involved in participating in a public parade.
- I understand that participation is voluntary and at my own risk.
- I agree to the terms outlined under Hawai'i's Equine Activity Law and the Hold Harmless clause above.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

(If under 18, parent/legal guardian must sign)

Date	Signature	Age	Signature of Legal Guardian
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58th Annual Makawao Parade Participation

Application Packet

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 9:00AM

Return this page and waiver page(s). Please make payment online at Makawaoparade.com/Shop (pick your judged category)

Entries are due by Friday, June 19, 2026. Space is Limited

Name: (print clearly): _____

Parade day cell phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Entry: Judged Category (Limited to two (2) Categories)

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1. Best 250th Patriotic Float/Group
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Describe entry for parade emcee:
