



Under the umbrella of Shafter Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

"SHAFTER CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION & PARADE ~ YEAR 2026"

Dear Participant:

*The Shafter Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Cinco de Mayo Committee is proud to announce our annual ~ "Shafter Cinco de Mayo Parade." The parade will take place in Downtown Shafter on **Saturday, May 2, 2026.** **PARADE LINE-UP HAS CHANGED!***

The parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. Sharp! The beginning of the parade line up has changed this year. Line up begins at Richland and Shafter Avenues. Registration check-in will be from 8:00 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M. at the Richland Junior High South Parking Lot at 331 Shafter Ave. It is essential that all participants are registered during this time to receive their number in the parade line-up, and be directed to their position.

Attached is the application form that must be completed, including description of your entry, signed, and returned no later than Friday, April 26th in order to be judged.

The parade will begin lineup on Richland Ave. and proceed on to Shafter Ave. Turn left on Munzer Ave. to Central, turn left on James and proceed North-West on James Street and continue to California Avenue, turning right on California Avenue to the North Kern Courts parking lot where the parade will disband.

*Following the parade, there will be a festival at Mannel Park and awards presentations at 12:30. We will be presenting trophies to parade entries who win first and second place. Please be present to receive your trophy.*** Also:*

TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE DURING THE PARADE WE ARE ASKING ALL PARTICIPANTS TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

- 1) Five (5) miles per mile maximum speed for parade route.**
- 2) All decorations must be securely fastened to the entry.**
- 3) Maintain a three (3) car interval between all parade entrants.**
- 4) There will be no throwing of candy or objects from any parade entrants.**

******* 5) The invited equestrian entries must have a cleanup crew following horses as required by law, or be fined. Each entry must show a clean up crew at registration with suitable equipment or they will not be permitted to ride.**

******* 6) Only parade entries with a pass from registration may display their car at Mannel Park. Group entries may display up to 10 vehicles.**

ONLY classic low rider-bikes, low rider cars, and antique vehicles will be permitted due to room and safety factors. No other motorized vehicles will be permitted on the premises.

This is a family event. All music must be played at a reasonable volume, clean, and family friendly. Anyone not abiding by this rule will be escorted out of the park.

The Shafter Cinco de Mayo Committee appreciates your participation in this year's event and hopes you will be with us again next year.

Respectfully,

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