

# COLMO DEL RODEO PARADE

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

(Please read the rules and guidelines carefully before signing application)

**THE COLMO DEL RODEO PARADE:** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the California Rodeo Salinas with a parade that provides entertainment, community spirit, and is a community gift for all to enjoy.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION:** All entries are subject to approval by Parade Organizers. All entries are selected on their entertainment value, uniqueness, size, and appearance. The parade is a “family fun” celebration and parade participants must be appropriate to be seen by all ages. All units should adapt to the celebration or parade theme in their entry while incorporating lights. The Colmo del Rodeo Parade **will not** be used as a platform for special interests.

### •• TYPES OF ENTRIES CONSIDERED FOR THE CALIFORNIA RODEO PARADE ••

- **MARCHING MUSICAL UNITS** • School Bands, Drum Corps, Independent Bands, etc. •
- **FLOATS** • Creatively built and decorated moving vehicles. Professional and amateur built floats accepted. •
- **SPECIALTY UNITS** • Drill and Dance Teams, Clowns, Antique/Specialty Vehicles. •
- **SPECIAL GUESTS** • Invited Guests, Dignitaries, Celebrities. •

**MARCHING MUSICAL UNITS:** Marching musical units are requested to perform the one-mile parade route. Unit members are required to be in uniform or summer attire.

**FLOATS:** Decorated vehicles, trailers, or push floats. It is required that floats be lighted. A description of the float design with size dimensions must be submitted with the parade application. Floats should not exceed 50 feet in length or more than 14 feet in height and 10 feet in wide. Any float over these size requirements must receive written permission from the parade staff. Float applicants must follow the Parade Float Guidelines that will be mailed following receipt of entry application. A portable 2A10BC fire extinguisher, current dated, must accompany the float. Young children riding on or walking with a float must have adult supervision on and around the float.

**SPECIALTY UNITS:** Drill, Dance or Baton teams should consist of 10 members or more to be considered. Units will be considered on their entertainment value. Entries requiring vehicles to carry sound systems must notify parade organizers on the application. Carts or vehicles accompanying the entry must be decorated and lighted.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Special Guests are by invitation only. They may consist of local representatives currently in office or local, regional, national celebrities or notables.

**VEHICLES:** Vehicles considered for entry must be antique or unique. Commercial business vehicles such as tankers, farm machinery, tractor-trailers and other large vehicles are not recommended due to liability and safety concerns. Vehicles permitted in the parade will be restricted in numbers. **No** commercial or private vehicles are allowed in the parade without prior written approval by the parade staff. No blowing of sirens or horns in the parade. Car clubs will be limited to no more than 10 vehicles.

**PARTICIPANT AGE RESTRICTIONS:** **Walking** participants must be at least six years old or older. There must be at least one adult escort for every six children under the age of 13 years. Young children riding on a float must have adult supervision on and around the float.

**FORWARD MOTION PARADE:** All entries are required to maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade. No stopping to perform for review stands. Any entry that stops the parade to perform will be subject to judging disqualification. Parade officials may change pace or stop forward motion to maintain suitable space between entries. All marching units must remain in a uniform formation throughout the parade.

**COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS ENTRIES:** Must be a sponsor of the parade. There is a minimum fee of \$100.00 for commercial/business entries. A commercial business entry cannot be used as a “major” advertisement for the sponsoring business. Parade sponsors will receive various incentives based on the level of participation.

**IDENTIFICATION SIGNS:** Identification banners are encouraged for entries in the parade. Only the name of the entry will be allowed. Please, no phone numbers, addresses, or websites listed.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Only a significant act of nature will cancel the parade, of which all units would be notified. If, for some unforeseen reason, your unit is not able to participate in the parade after being accepted, you must contact the parade staff, at least two weeks prior to the parade date.

**ENTRY APPLICATION FORM:** The entry application form must be completed and signed with the understanding of the general rules and guidelines. Entry forms that are improperly completed will be contacted for clarification. The parade organizers reserve the right to reject any entry at any time and all decisions are final. Applicants will receive notification of acceptance. Staging instructions will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the parade. The general rules and guidelines listed are for the safety and quality of the parade. Failure to abide by these rules and guidelines and those presented with the parade information packages, may result in the unit's removal from the parade.

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