

Draper Days 2026

PARADE APPLICATION, RULES, & RELEASE

Draper Days is Draper City's annual, non-political, family-friendly celebration held each July. The event honors the City's pioneer heritage and celebrates the strong sense of community that defines our city.

The Parade is one of the signature events of the celebration and takes place on City streets.

The purpose of these Parade Rules is to help create a safe, organized, and enjoyable event for everyone involved — including participants, volunteers, staff, and spectators. All parade entrants are expected to carefully review and follow these guidelines so we can ensure a successful and safe community celebration.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED

Parade entries may not:

- Advocate for or against the election or reelection of any candidate for public office;
- Advocate for or against any political party;
- Advocate for or against any political issue or ballot proposition; or
- Distribute campaign materials, collect signatures for political petitions, or engage in political fundraising.

This restriction applies to all entries equally regardless of viewpoint and is intended to maintain the Parade's non-political purpose. Violation will result in removal from the parade.

LINEUP

- Entries must be in their assigned staging location no later than 8:00 am (one hour prior to the parade start time).

- Each entry must clearly display its official entry name on an 8½" x 11" sign at the front of the entry. The sign must be legible and visible to parade officials.
- Parade lineup order and placement are determined solely by Draper City.
- Entries that are unsafe, incomplete, or materially inconsistent with the approved application may be disqualified.

NO THROWING FROM FLOATS OR VEHICLES

No items may be thrown, tossed, dropped, or handed out from any float or vehicle. Items such as candy or toys may only be handed directly to spectators by designated walkers who:

- Walk along the curbside next to their float or vehicle
- Remain outside of the travel lane at all times
- Hand items directly to spectators (no tossing)
- Do not approach or return to the float or vehicle during the parade

Walkers must carry the items they distribute. An additional walker may assist with supplies, or a non-motorized wagon may be used.

PARTICIPANT SAFETY

Riding on a Float or Trailer

- No one may sit in the bed of a truck that is pulling a float or trailer.
- Participants may not get on or off any vehicle, float, or trailer during the parade — whether the vehicle is moving or stopped.
- Participants must remain safely inside the perimeter of the float or vehicle and may not sit, stand, or ride on the edge.
- Anyone standing on a float or apparatus must have a firm and secure support, such as a handhold, rail, barrier, or rope.

Age Requirements

- Participants who are marching or walking in the parade must be 13 years of age or older.
- Riders under the age of 13 must remain seated at all times and under direct adult supervision.

Waiver Requirement

- All participants (or a parent/legal guardian for minors) must sign the required Release & Waiver form.

Adult Spotters

- Entries that include a motorized vehicle and participants under the age of 18 must provide at least two (2) adult spotters — one walking on each side of the vehicle or float — for the full parade route.

DRIVER SAFETY

- Drivers must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and carry current vehicle insurance.
- Seat belts are required at all times.
- All traffic laws apply. No cell phone use or texting while driving.
- Drivers may not reverse course, swerve, engage in stunt driving, or operate a vehicle in an unsafe manner.
- A distance of approximately 25 feet must be maintained between parade entries. Large gaps or tailgating are not permitted.
- The maximum vehicle speed during the parade is 5 miles per hour (mph).

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in removal from the parade.

VEHICLE AND FLOAT SAFETY

Size & Clearance Limits

- Maximum height of any parade entry: 13 feet from the ground
- Maximum width: 10 feet
- Minimum ground clearance for all vehicles, floats, and trailers: 10 inches

Fire & Electrical Safety

- All decorations must be flame retardant.
- Open flames are prohibited.
- All parade entries (excluding unmodified vehicles with no trailer) must have a readily accessible, properly charged fire extinguisher.
- Portable generators must be:
 - Securely mounted

- Located away from combustible materials
- Positioned so exhaust is directed away from participants and spectators

Driver Visibility

- Drivers must have an unobstructed 180-degree field of view to the front and sides.
- If sight-lines are obstructed, the entry must provide trained safety personnel to walk alongside the vehicle and maintain communication with the driver.
- Each entry is responsible for ensuring that drivers and safety personnel are properly trained and capable of safely performing their duties.

Vehicle Condition

- All vehicles must be fully operational and have a current registration.

ANIMAL AND EQUESTRIAN SAFETY

- Animals must be accompanied by handlers who are capable of safely and reasonably controlling them at all times.
- Horseback riders must be 13 years of age or older to participate in the parade.
- Equestrian entries are responsible for providing their own waste removal personnel to promptly clean up animal waste along the parade route and within staging and disbanding areas.

ENFORCEMENT

Draper City reserves the right to remove any entry or participant that violates these rules or poses a safety concern.

RELEASE & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I acknowledge that participation in the Draper Days Parade involves inherent risks, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, and other losses.

On behalf of myself and the Applicant organization, I voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation in the Draper Days Parade.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release and discharge Draper City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from any claims, demands, causes

of action, damages, or liabilities arising out of or related to participation in the parade, including claims based on ordinary negligence.

This release does not apply to gross negligence or willful misconduct.

INDEMNIFICATION

The Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Draper City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees) arising out of or related to the Applicant’s participation in the Draper Days Parade, including the acts or omissions of the Applicant and its participants, volunteers, agents, or representatives.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that:

1. I will provide a copy of the Draper Days Parade Application, Rules, and Safety Requirements to all individuals participating on behalf of the Applicant, including drivers, walkers, riders, performers, and volunteers. I will ensure that all participants read, understand, and agree to comply with these rules prior to participating in the parade.
2. I agree to obtain a signed Release & Waiver form from each participant (or a parent/legal guardian for minors) and to submit all required waivers to Draper City no later than the day of the parade. Failure to provide completed waivers will result in removal from the parade lineup.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By:_____

Date signed:_____

Name & Title:_____

