

PARADE ENTRY – 2026 CHOWCHILLA SPRING FESTIVAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 (Entries close April 24, 2026)

\$10.00 ENTRY FEE PER PARADE ENTRY

Div. _____
No. _____
Class _____
OFFICE USE ONLY

CLASS NUMBER _____ TYPE OF ENTRY _____

PARTICIPANT GROUP/NAME _____

NUMBER PARTICIPATING _____ PERSON IN CHARGE _____ Telephone () _____

ADDRESS _____ Entry has sound? Yes _____ No _____

MAIL TO: CHOWCHILLA SPRING FESTIVAL P.O. BOX 457, CHOWCHILLA, CA 93610

Your signature certifies to the category of your entry and will be judged as such, in entering this event. I agree to accept the decision of the duly appointed judges as final and to abide by all the rules and regulations of this event. I further agree to release the Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade Committee and its Association from all and any responsibility for loss, damage or injury to any person or property from my participation in this event.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

PLEASE DETACH & SAVE RULES

HORSE ENTRIES ONLY
Judged by California State Horsemen's Association
Points can be earned toward High Point Championship

PRE-JUDGE
All Equestrian entries must be pre-judged
Starting time: 8:00 a.m. Location: Orange Ave and Tenth Street (2 blocks south of Robertson Blvd.)

AWARDS
High Point Equestrian
\$100 plus Trophy

High Point Jr. Equestrian
\$50 plus Trophy
1st Trophy, 2nd Ribbon, 3rd Ribbon (in each class)
(Judged by California State Horsemen's Association)

SENIOR MOUNTED DIVISION (Open Classes)

- 601 Sheriff's Posse
- 602 Family Group
- 603 Future Horseman (1-8) Western & Costume
- 604 Junior Equestrian (9-17)
- 605 Horse &/or Pony Drawn Vehicle
- 606 Mini Horse Drawn Vehicle
(Must have 2 or more vehicles in entry)
- 607 Mounted Group
- 608 Color Guard
- 609 Sets of four
- 610 Drill Team
- 611 Charro/Charra Mounted Group
- 612 Novelty Fiesta Mounted Group
- 613 Family Mounted Group
- 614 El Vaquero (original cowboy)
- 615 Working Vaquero
- 616 Parade Horse
- 617 Fancy Parade Horse
- 618 Working Western
- 619 Fancy Dressed Western
- 620 Plain Western
- 621 Arabian Costume
- 622 Charro/Charra Costume
- 623 Indian Costume Native American
- 624 Early California Spanish Costume
- 625 Side Saddle Costume
- 626 Novelty Fiesta Costume
- 627 Authentic Novelty Fiesta Costume
- 628 Mule - Female Rider
- 629 Mule - Male Rider

MILITARY VEHICLES

1st Place Trophy, 2nd Place Ribbon, 3rd Place Ribbon (in each class)

- 801. Command Class (3/4 ton or below)
- 802. Transport Class (sofskin over 3/4 ton)
- 803. Armor Class (all variations)
- 804. Combat Class
- 805. Other

MILITARY VEHICLE SWEEPSTAKES
(High Point Military Vehicle)
\$100 plus Trophy
(Sweepstakes winner cannot place in its class)

PARADE SWEEPSTAKES (Trophy & \$400)
2026 Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade
This award is for the Most Outstanding Parade Entry in the opinion of the judges
(Open to all entries)

BAND SWEEPSTAKES (Trophy & \$400)
Presented each year to the Most Outstanding Band.
In Honor Of: Chowchilla High School Redskin Band Director Larry Hobson

**ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 24, 2026
LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED**

PARADE CATEGORIES AND AWARDS
FLOATS (FLOAT SWEEPSTAKES Award \$400)
(Sweepstakes winner cannot place in its class)

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| Class | Awards |
| 110 Amateur (Local Entries Only) | 1 st Place - \$200 |
| 120 Amateur - see rules 6 & 7 | 2 nd Place - \$100 |
| 130 Professional - see rules 6 & 7 | 3 rd Place - \$50 |
| 140 Commercial - see rules 6 & 7 | 1 st 2 nd 3 rd |
| 150 Mini (Open) | \$75 \$50 \$25 |

SCHOOL BANDS
BAND SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY & \$400
(Sweepstakes winner cannot place in its class)

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| Class | Awards |
| 210 Junior (0-200 enrollment) | 1 st place - Trophy |
| 220 Junior 201-400 enrollment | 2 nd place - Trophy |
| 230 Junior 401+ enrollment | 3 rd place - Ribbon |
| 240 Senior 0-750 enrollment | (in each class) |
| 250 Senior 751+ enrollment | |

Under band entries there will be awards in each class.
The categories are:

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| Class | Awards |
| 10 Carriers, Banners or Letters | 1 st place - Trophy |
| Majorities, Solo | 2 nd place - Trophy |
| Majorities, Group | 3 rd place - Ribbon |
| Drum Major | (in each class) |
| Flag Carriers | |
| Rifles | |

MARCHING UNITS

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| Class | Awards |
| 310 Drum and Bugle Corps | 1 st place - Trophy |
| 320 Color Guard | 2 nd place - Trophy |
| 330 Senior Drill Team | 3 rd place - Ribbon |
| 340 Junior Drill Team | (in each class) |

MAJORETTES WITHOUT BAND

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| Class | Awards |
| 410 Senior Group | 1 st place - Trophy |
| 420 Junior Group | 2 nd place - Trophy |
| 430 Senior Solo | 3 rd place - Ribbon |
| 440 Junior Solo | (in each class) |
| Senior Entries, 9 th grade and above | |
| Junior Entries, 8 th grade and below | |

AUTOMOBILES

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| Class | Awards |
| 510 Restored Automobile (thru 1932) | 1 st place - Trophy |
| 520 Restored Automobile (1933-1948) | 2 nd place - Ribbon |
| 530 Restored Automobile (1949-1979) | 3 rd place - Ribbon |
| 540 Decorated Car (more than streamers) | (in each class) |
| 550 Modified Car (open) | |
| 560 Modified Pickup (open) | |
| 570 Derby Car (novelty) | |
| 580 Car Club or Vehicle Group | |
| 590 Antique Tractor | |

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES

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| Class | Awards |
| 700 Commercial (open) | 1 st place - Trophy |
| 710 Novelty (open) | 2 nd place - Ribbon |
| 720 Comic (open) | 3 rd place - Ribbon |
| 730 Dance Group (open) | (in each class) |
| 740 Community Band | |

We would like to give your entry proper recognition in the press and over the public address system when you pass. Please give us a brief history of your entry, i.e., prizes won, etc. **FOR FLOAT ENTRIES:** Please describe the theme of float and style of the float decorations.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED
\$10.00 ENTRY FEE PER ENTRY

PARADE RULES

1. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. SHARP. Units not in position will be placed in the last division.
2. FORWARD MOTION: A continuously forward moving parade from start to finish. NO stopping allowed in judges' area.
3. The American Legion Competitive Flag Code will apply to all mounted entries.
4. The California State Horsemen's Association rules apply to all mounted entries.
5. Horses will be prejudged at 8:00 a.m. 2 blocks south of Robertson Blvd at Orange Ave and Tenth Street.
6. **Floats:**
Professional - Built by commercial companies.
Amateur - Built by free labor with own design.
Commercial - Advertising a product.
 Minis- Maximum size 10 ft. by 6 ft.
 Float entries must remain in the same category as originally entered throughout the parade season.
7. NO entry may enter the parade route more than one time for competition, regardless of change in name or appearance.
8. Entries involving vehicles or animals must maintain control of them. **NO ONE** under six (6) years of age may appear as an entry unless accompanied by an adult.
9. The judging stand shall be located on the right side of the line of march between Third and Fourth Streets.
10. The competition area will consist of 100 feet, clearly marked with white lines and/or signs for a distance of 50 feet in each direction from the center of the judging area. An information table will be provided at the corner of Eleventh Street and Robertson Boulevard.
11. Entrants must complete the entire parade route or be disqualified.
12. Units with sound or unusual noise must so indicate on the entry form. Failure to do so will result in being penalized/disqualified.
13. For safety reasons, there will be **NO** throwing of objects into the spectator area. Also no climbing on other vehicles. Failure to comply may result in being disqualified.
14. Parade Awards will be presented in the Little Theater at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds at 3:30 p.m. Those not present may contact Chairman to make arrangements for pickup of their award within the next 30 days. Cash awards will be mailed.
15. Only participants in the parade will be permitted free admission into the Fairgrounds. A parking area will be next to the Fairgrounds on Third Street for parade participants only.
16. Band, Marching & Float Entrants who would like a score sheet should contact the chairman after all awards are given out. PLEASE only one person representing each entry. Horse entries: Contact Horse Judge. By mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Chowchilla Spring Festival, PO Box 457, Chowchilla, CA 93610. Please give class number and name of unit. Allow 30 days for return.

Chowchilla Spring Festival
 Invites You to Our

80th Anniversary

ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE
 WESTERN STYLE BARBECUE
 QUEEN CORONATION



Robertson Blvd



PARADE DATE

Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:00 AM

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Please fill out and return to:

CHOWCHILLA SPRING FESTIVAL
MADERA COUNTY FAIR PARADE
P.O. Box 457, Chowchilla, CA 93610
(559) 665-4501 (please leave a message)

Thank You,

Kevin Pettit
 559-479-2753
 krpettit@gmail.com
 Parade Chairperson

Sanctioned by:
 Parade Sponsors Association of
 Northern California

Judged by:
 Pacific Coast Judges Association
 and
 California State Horsemen's Association

PARADE COURTESY DISCOUNT PASS
 Prior to the parade, each participant will receive a "Courtesy Discount Pass." This pass will enable the holder to enter the Fairgrounds free and enjoy our famous barbecue for \$7.00.