



104th Greeley Stampede Independence Day Parade July 4th, 2026

The Greeley Stampede produces one of the largest Independence Day Parades in the nation. Join us this year for our 104th event showcasing over 120 entrees. Floats, bands, and equestrian entries from all over Colorado and many of our neighboring states celebrate our nation's independence and our Western heritage. This year's theme will be Celebrating America 250 – Colorado 150. The parade runs north along historic 10th Ave starting amidst the beautiful University of Northern Colorado campus at 19th Street and ends on 5th Street just beyond our historic Lincoln Park (**Subject to change this year due to construction**). So, mark your calendars now and join us this July 4th as our tradition of parade excellence continues with the 14th Independence Day Parade at 9 am sharp.

Please contact Stephen Walker with any questions you may have by email, parades@greeleystampede.org, or by phone 970-590-8319.

General Information

Entrance Fee Breakdown for 2026:

Registration fee is \$80 per entry until March 31st

April 1st to June 7th is \$100

All entries after June 7th will need to be directly approved by the Parades Chairman, Stephen Walker, if approved the entry fee will be \$125 (Please email this request to parades@greeleystampede.org)

***A standard entry will be 80ft max**

Complete the application and requirements based on your type of entry, complete your payment, and then forward your insurance information and participant waivers to the Stampede and/or Stephen Walker.

Types of Entries

Marching Band

The Stampede Independence Day parade simply wouldn't be complete without the grand addition of music provided by marching bands. Although the choice of music is entirely up to the band, we would sure love to have some Patriotic or Western Heritage themed music to blend in with our overall themes! The major thing for all band entries to remember is that the judges are located throughout the parade route. You must plan your performance to be in continuing motion along the entire parade route and play as much as possible since you might walk by a judge at any point!

Float

This year's theme is "Celebrating America 250 – Colorado 150".

What's a parade without some fabulous floats –the kind that you used to wait for as a kid? This year, we will be presenting 4 categories of awards.

1. Best Marching Band - Music that enhances the theme being presented,
2. Best Overall Float - Demonstrated use of traditional float building techniques. Points will be given to floats that completely cover the sides of their floats and have an entertaining piece on the float bed.
3. The Patriot Award - Demonstration of a patriotic theme befitting Independence Day and demonstration of our Nation's Independence.
4. Ebba May Award - \$1,000 Award for best representation of youth 4-H spirit
5. UNC Community Fan Pick – Top 15 Floats will be selected and voted on by the community via Facebook following the parade

Equestrian - Group Riders

Equestrian entries are the lifeblood of the Stampede Parade. We ask that all saddle clubs, horse groups, and riders wear their respective uniforms during the parade. We would also encourage you to make additions to your normal gear that would enhance the "Celebrating our Nation's Independence" theme of the parade.

Equestrian – Horse Drawn Entry

If you are pulling a float, a hitch or some other horse drawn carriage, this section applies to you! We ask that your drivers and outriders wear like or similar colored clothing (a uniform if they have one) so that we may identify which horses belong to your group. Here are the basic guidelines that apply to you:

- For every horse-drawn unit, there must be one outrider/walker on each side.
- Outriders/walkers must be trained and able to control the horses in their entry and must be at least 18 years of age.

Walking Group

Walking parades seems like a great idea until you actually set out to do it! So, for those of you planning to have a walking entry, you should know that the parade route is 1.4 miles in length. We ask that you:

- Ensure that your walkers are all able to walk for that duration.
- Ensure they have fluids throughout the parade route to ensure proper hydration.
- Ensure that every participant in your entry is at least 10 years of age.

Vehicle Group

From vintage cars to a shiny new Corvette, America has a passion for really cool vehicles. If you'd like to show off your really cool car, we'd love to have you. Car Clubs are also welcome!

Insurance

You must provide the Greeley Independence Stampede with a current Certificate of Liability showing Liability Insurance in the amount of \$500,000 per occurrence. You must also provide evidence that you carry Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$250,000/\$500,000 in Auto Liability Insurance. The Certificate must show the Greeley Independence Stampede as an Additional Insured on your Liability Insurance. A current Certificate must be on file for each vehicle that is entered in the parade. Please submit these documents by June 1, 2025 to the Greeley Stampede at 600 North 14th Avenue Greeley, Colorado or email parades@greeleystampede.org.

General Guidelines

Here are the General Guidelines for participation in the 2025 Greeley Stampede Parade. These Guidelines apply to everyone who is participating in the parade.

- Only float units and the towing vehicle will be allowed into the lineup area. This is for safety and sheer availability of space.
- Every entry must be decorated. Entries that are undecorated will not be allowed into the parade line up.
- There are some additional requirements that MUST be followed during the Stampede Parade:
 - Parade participants WILL NOT squirt or otherwise cause WATER to land on the parade watchers.
 - Parade participants WILL NOT throw ANYTHING at the parade watchers. This includes but is not limited to candy, gum, toys, or beads. This also includes confetti cannons, streams, or the like.
 - This is an all-forward motion parade, and all parade participants are expected to keep their entry moving forward at the pace of the parade. Specifically:
 - No “Slow Cadences” are allowed.
 - No stopping of any group along the parade route is allowed.
 - Performing groups must choreograph routines to continuously maintain forward motion at the parade pace.
- Sound amplifying equipment for the amplification of a human voice, music, or any other sound must be kept at or below 120 db. This is for the enjoyment of parade goers as well as fellow parade entries.
- All entrants must conform to the description stated on their application, without exception.
- No changes to the application will be allowed after June 10.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any entry not in keeping with the dignity of the parade.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any entry containing a controversial message.
- Any entry which does not conform to the Parade Guidelines and Rules will be disqualified, and not allowed into the parade. In this instance, entry fees will not be refunded.
- There will be parade marshals throughout the parade staging and route to ensure the parade rules and guidelines are followed. If you are found disregarding a rule, you will be disqualified from awards and banned from re-entry into the 4th of July parade for a minimum of 5 years.
- All participants in the parade MUST sign a waiver prior to departure of the route. If an individual has signed a waiver, they will be given a wrist band to indicate. Wrist bands will allow single day entry into the Greeley Stampede for the 4th of July.
 - Your signature on the parade Waiver of Liability form is evidence that you agree to all rules and will abide by those rules and that you will abide by the decisions of the Stampede Committee and judges.
 - Your signature on the entry form indicates that you agree that the Stampede Committee, its associates, employees, agents, and volunteers, are released from any and all responsibility for loss, damage, or injury to any person or property relating in any way to participation in the Parade.

- If you are found to have a participant not wearing a wrist band throughout the entire route of the parade, you will be disqualified from awards, banned from re-entry into the parade for a minimum of 5 years, and a fine of \$50 per un-waivered participant will be given.

Timeline for Participants

- Applications will be open February 2nd until June 7th, 2026
- Official number of participants, float length, final changes, and all insurance information is due by June 7th, 2026
- Staging information will be sent out beginning the week of June 22nd
- Staging will begin on July 4th, 2026, at 7:00 am