

ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR ~ ROCKY FORD, COLORADO

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 149th ANNUAL ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR PARADE AND CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, **AUGUST 21, 2026** AT 10:00 AM.

THEME THIS YEAR IS **“Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights!”**

A PANEL OF JUDGES WILL JUDGE ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: CONFORMITY OF THEME, APPEARANCE, CREATIVENESS, PERFORMANCE, FORMATIONS AND UNIQUENESS PRIZES AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

SPONSORED BY THE ROCKY FORD LIONS CLUB

CASH PRIZES

Youth
Non Profit
Commercial
Riding Club

AWARDS

Lions Club Choice
Parade Marshall's Choice
Judges Choice
Mayor's Choice
“Sweepstakes Winners”

PLEASE READ.....OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

NO Entry Fee~Entries will NOT receive a confirmation or a line-up number
LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU PARTICIPATE.

- 1) For the safety of parade spectators, we request **(A) DO NOT THROW** candy or any other item from your parade entry. Please distribute these by a person walking the sideline area. **(B) DO NOT DISCHARGE** firearms from your parade entry. Your entry will be disqualified from judging and removed from lineup.
- 2) **EACH ENTRY** shall exercise all precautions for the safety of others and shall be responsible for their own animal, float, vehicle, etc., keeping entry in order, under control and responsible **for cleanup** after your animal in your staging and unloading areas.
- 3) The driver of the entry must be available **AT ALL TIMES** to move the unit in the event of an emergency or relocation.
- 4) **ALL ENTRIES**-Marching Groups, Horses, **Shrine**, Commercial Entries, Buses, Machinery, etc. are to report to their staging area **NO LATER THAN** 9:00 a.m. And report to the parade officials. Motorized vehicles without floats and Politicians meet at the south end toward Washington Ave.
- 5) *****RIDING GROUPS & ANIMAL ENTRIES** are to meet at west Washington Ave. at 9:00 a.m. and report to their staging area at 9:30 a.m. **DO NOT PARK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR ANIMALS. PLEASE DO NOT GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY!**
- 6) *****ALL MARCHING BANDS** Please report to the south end of Main Street just west of the Water Treatment Plant. **(Best to unload students at the Rocky Ford High School on West Washington Ave.)**
- 7) Parade will start at the south end of Main Street at 10:00 a.m. All entries will be expected to keep their proper position throughout the parade and follow the designated route, **please keep up and no gaps.**
- 8) **CASH AWARDS AND TROPHY WINNERS** will be announced during the opening of the Ranch Rodeo /Open Bronc Riding event at **1:00 p.m.** and will be posted at the fair and ticket office. Awards may be picked up at the **FAIR OFFICE until Saturday, August 22.** **AWARDS** that are not picked up will be mailed to the address listed on the entry form.

AVF PARADE DIRECTOR / E-Mail avf@arkvalleyfair.com

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ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR PARADE

ENTRY FORM

FRIDAY * AUGUST 21, 2026 * 10:00 AM

THEME

“Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights!”

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ E-MAIL _____

TITLE OF ENTRY
(IF APPROPRIATE) _____

_____ FLOAT _____ VEHICLE _____ HORSES

_____ BICYCLES _____ MARCHING GROUP _____ OTHER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR ORGANIZATION _____

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CLASS:

_____ YOUTH DIVISION _____ COMMERCIAL

_____ NON-PROFIT _____ RIDING CLUB

DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM YOUR ENTRY,
YOU MAY WALK ALONG THE SIDELINE AREA OF THE STREET AND HAND IT OUT

**I UNDERSTAND THE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR PARADE AND HEREBY AGREE TO COMPLY WITH
THEM. PLEASE REPLY BY ~ AUGUST 17, 2026**

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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RETURN THIS FORM: avf@arkvalleyfair.com * AVF PARADE DIRECTOR
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Map of Parade Route

