

Parade Date - Sunday JULY 13, 2025

Thanks for your interest in this year's Parade!!

2025 Parade

The parade start time is 1:00 pm.

Check in starts at 11:00 am for all units.

Refer to the Parade Rules section for additional check-in information.

Parade disbursement will be at the ShoWare Center.

1. Check-in time:
The **start time for the Grand Parade is 1:00 pm.**
Check-in time starts at 10:30 am for floats and 11:00 am for all other units.
Each unit must have a representative at check-in to be assigned your parade number.
2. Check-in location:
The check-in location is at 5th Ave. & Gowe. As you reach the assembly area, check-in will be immediately on your right.
 - a. **Floats:** Unit representative only will proceed to the check-in area. Unit will be directed by the Seafair Marshals to their assembly area.
All float support vehicles should move as quickly as possible out of the assembly area as directed by the Seafair Marshals.
Float drivers must remain with float at all times.
 - b. **Equestrian units:** Unit representative only will proceed to the check-in area.
Units will be directed by the Seafair Marshals to their assembly area.
Animal trailers should proceed to dispersal unless there is equipment on-board needed for animal care.
Each equestrian unit must provide its own clean-up crew for that assembly area, on the parade route, and at the parade completion point.
Units without adequate clean-up crews will be removed from the parade.
Any rider showing inability to control their animals will be removed from the line of march. This will be done for the safety of the rider as well as the spectators.
 - c. **All other units:** Units will proceed to the check-in area, be directed by the Seafair Marshals to their assembly area, then all buses or non-parade vehicles will proceed to dispersal area ASAP.
3. Assembly placement: Seafair Parade Marshals will direct units to their parade assembly position from check-in. Unless support vehicle is to be used in the parade, it cannot remain in the assembly area past 1:00 pm.
4. Performance during parade: Any maneuvering, counter-marching and other actions that delay progress to the parade or create large gaps along the parade route are prohibited. Performance time at the **main announcer / TV stand is limited to 45 seconds.** Units exceeding this time will be interrupted by the Seafair Marshals.
5. The Kent Fire Department reserves the right to check parade entry vehicles on the afternoon of the parade for fire hazards in and about crowds of people.

General Parade Instructions and Regulations

Parade identification number must be posted on the right-hand side of each entry for viewing. Numbers will be issued at the check-in point.

The Seafair Marshals in accordance with the Parade Committee will manage spacing and placement of units. The Parade Committee must approve any changes of the placement shown in the official parade line-up. Unauthorized changes have caused extraordinary confusion in the announcing procedures.

Late entries not listed in the official parade line-up will be entered only on the approval of the Parade Committee and/or Seafair Marshals.

All entries must maintain spacing of 30 feet behind the preceding unit. Parade Marshals, positioned along the parade route have the authority to regulate spacing.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the size of all entries.

Participants are defined as anyone in the parade. Solicitation of parade observers is not allowed and is strictly prohibited as your unit proceeds down the parade route. Solicitation is defined as distribution of materials (gifts, merchandise, candy, brochures, cards, leaflets, pamphlets, etc.).

Throwing of any objects, the use of water or other material spraying devices, by any participant, is **strictly prohibited** for the safety of the observers.

Consumption or possessions of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances by participants is prohibited.

Any motorized unit must have a driver or a competent substitute with the unit at all times until the parade is completed except for units parked in the dispersal area. This is a safety issue. We need a copy of the vehicle's proof of insurance and a valid copy of the driver's license of the person driving the vehicle.

In case of emergency which may require police or fire vehicles, all entries are required to move as far to the right as possible.

Parade entries are by invitation only and must be approved by the Parade Committee. The Parade and the Festival Committee reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume, performance, or appearance does not conform to the standards or reasonable public taste.

The Parade and Festival Committee reserves the right to limit the number of participants/vehicles in each entry, the total number of units in the parade and the number of each entry classification.

Commercial and political candidates must pay an entry fee. Sitting office holders of the City of Kent, King County, Washington State or US Congress do not need to pay the entry fee if just riding in a vehicle with signage that states their position. Any political signage, the usage of volunteers or any other manner to promote election or re-election will require payment of entry fee and are subject to approval by the Parade Committee.

There will be no units or groups advocating, opposing or depicting political or social issues, only individual political candidates. There will be no multiple candidates or signage tapping onto another candidates entry.

Only entries which have paid a Commercial, Sponsor or Political entry fee may carry or display commercial or political signage. All signage subject to approval of the Parade and Festival Committee.

Additional rules and fees may apply to political units and will be advised prior to the start of our parade.

All floats, motorized vehicles and equestrian applicants must provide a "Certificate of Insurance" that must name all of the following as additional insured: Kent Cornucopia Days, Kent Lions Club and Foundation and City of Kent. We already have forms from the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H and Campfire Boys and Girls Clubs.

Your entry may be removed from the parade for violation of these rules, or instructions given to you by the Seafair Parade Marshals.

Your cooperation is appreciated and required.