

# COLMO DEL RODEO PARADE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

**PARADE DATE:** Saturday, July 13, 2013

**START TIME:** 8:00 p.m. (parade step-off time from staging area.)

**LOCATION:** Downtown Salinas

**REPORTING TIMES:** Begin at 6:00 p.m. (Please refer to your cover letter for your entry number, report time and staging location)

**PARADE ROUTE:** Starts at South Main and W. Acacia Streets. Proceed north on South Main Street and onto Main Street in Old Town Salinas, ending on Salinas Street at Alisal Street.

**REPORTING LOCATION:** Staging will take place on West Acacia Street and the Park Row parking lot on West Acacia. Unit numbers will be posted in the staging areas. Please form your unit at the number assigned to you in this packet. Parade personnel will be in the staging area to assist you to your location. Upon arrival, **unload your unit and equipment immediately!** Once your unit is unloaded, vehicles must leave the staging area. Only vehicles authorized to be in the parade will remain at their entry number. Please stay in order to facilitate easy placement in the parade. Once the unit in front of you moves up, please move your unit forward. There will be **NO PARKING** in the staging areas. Participants arriving in private vehicles should unload outside the area and walk into the staging area. Any unauthorized private vehicles parked in the staging areas will be towed prior to the start of the parade

**VEHICLE PARTICIPANT PASS:** **ONLY vehicles with a Vehicle Participant Pass displayed in the windshield will be allowed into the staging and de-staging areas. This is not a parking pass.** The number of passes is given based on the size of units. It allows vehicle to unload in the staging area. This is mainly used for buses or vehicles transporting equipment or props to be used in the parade.

**PARTICIPANT PARKING:** Participant parking is located in parking lots and streets outside of the Park Row and W. Acacia Street staging areas. Parking may be found at the lot behind Quadrangle building located on the south side of Romie Lane or the lot on the north side of W. Acacia Street between the School District office and the Bagel Corner. Streets behind Park Row buildings may have parking available. (see maps provided). Parking is also available at the end of the parade route.

**STAGING AREAS:** **FLOATS, LARGE VEHICLES:** West Acacia Street between South Main Street and Bautista Drive. Vehicles will park curbside facing South Main Street. Please enter area via the west, Riker Street, Bautista Drive or further west. To avoid U-turns, do not enter from Main Street.

**MARCHING BANDS, SPECIALTY UNITS, VEHICLES and SPECIAL GUESTS:** Park Row parking lot. Enter lot the at Romie Lane entrance or at entrances on the west end of the lot, nearest the Park Row retailers. Parade units will exit into lineup at parking lot exit nearest Flowerland Florist building.

**EQUESTRIANS:** Unload in the Park Row parking lot on the Romie Lane side (near 22 West Romie Lane). Vehicles will then need to proceed to the City Police Department parking lots located on Lincoln Avenue between Central Avenue and W. Gabilan Street (across from the transit station – nearest address is 119 Capitol Street, Salinas).

**PARADE  
PERSONNEL:**

Parade personnel will be identified. If there are any questions or problems, please contact parade personnel.

**PARADE  
INFORMATION:**

A "Parade Information" canopy will be located in the Park Row parking lot nearest the Park Row sign and next to the Police van. General parade information is available at this location. **Entries must pick up their entry number card, at this location, which is carried with your entry in the parade.**

**RESTROOM  
FACILITIES:**

Portable restroom facilities will be located in the staging and de-staging areas.

**PARADE PACE:**

Parade staff will set pace. **THIS IS A FORWARD MOTION PARADE. No entries are allowed to stop and perform at anytime during the parade. Any performance routines must be done while moving forward.** Ideal spacing is approximately 20 feet between units, which should be maintained during the entire parade. The parade must move at a steady pace for the convenience of all involved. If a parade marshal asks you to speed up or slow down, please cooperate. ALL units are requested to perform, while moving, along the entire parade route.

**EMERGENCY  
NEEDS:**

Emergency vehicles and staff, tow trucks, and police will be available to report to the parade route as needed. There will be a Fire Department medical team stationed near the staging area.

**REVIEW  
STAGE:**

The main stage will be located on South Main Street at the North East corner of East Alisal and Main Streets. Judges for entries will be located at this stage. Other announcer stages will be located along the parade route. **NOTE: Any parade entry that stops to perform for judges will be disqualified. This is a forward motion parade.**

**DE-STAGING:**

Parade will officially end on Salinas Street at West Alisal Street. Floats should proceed to the County parking lots located on the corners of West Alisal Street and Capitol Street and disembark riders. Walking units and marchers must disband and walk on the sidewalks beginning at West Alisal Street and Salinas Street. Vehicles may continue on and return to their place of origin.

Equestrians will turn right onto Central Avenue and left onto Lincoln Street to the Police Department parking lot (across from the transit station)

**CONTACTS:**

Ray Pulver - Parade Coordinator: 408-410-6255 (day of parade)  
408-629-2520 (office)

## COLMO DEL RODEO PARADE IMPORTANT RULES AND GUIDELINES

The following is a list of rules and guidelines that have been set forth for the smooth operation of the Colmo del Rodeo Parades. Although this parade is an evening of celebration and fun for all we want to insure the safety of all participants, volunteers and spectators. All participants **MUST** follow the rules and guidelines. If a participant does not adhere any of these rules and guidelines to, the entry will be removed from the parade line of march. Parade personnel will be stationed along the parade route.

**LIGHTS ARE MAGIC:** This is a night parade that will feature a lot of lights. We encourage all parade entries to have things that light somewhere on the entry.

**NO THROWING OR PASSING OUT OF FAVORS OR HANDOUTS OF ANY KIND FROM PARADE ROUTE.** This is **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS** as spectators, particularly children, will run out into the road to retrieve favors and could be struck by a moving vehicle. **Those entries not abiding this rule will be stopped by parade staff or Police and possibly pull from the parade lineup.**

**NO OPEN FLAMES.** This is a serious liability factor, one that could result in personal injury or property damage. Salinas Fire Department strictly prohibits open flames in public events.

**NO PERSONS OR ARTICLES HANGING OVER THE SIDES OF FLOATS OR VEHICLES.** This is **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!** If a unit is in violation of this rule, it will be removed from the parade immediately.

**NO ADVOCATING, OPPOSING, DEPICTING OR ENDORSING OF ANY POLITICAL OR SOCIAL ISSUES OR PERSONS.** This includes signs, banners and audio.

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.** Participants consuming or carrying alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the line of march.

**NO BLOWING OF VEHICLE HORNS, SIRENS OR REVING OF ENGINES IN THE PARADE.** This is a safety precaution and noise control issue requested by the City. It can be distracting to other performing units in the parade as well as spectators.

**FORWARD MOTION PARADE:** The parade must continue in a forward motion, meaning no stopping to perform anywhere along the parade route. All performance routine must be choreographed with keeping the unit moving. Any entry that stops to perform for the judges will be penalized or disqualified. A forward motion parade is to keep the parade within our specific timelines

**ENTRIES ARE BY INVITATION ONLY:** Participants must be approved in writing by the parade staff to participate. No unit will be accepted into the parade on parade day.

**ENTRY APPEARANCE:** All participants should appear in a uniform or costume. Staff or assistants accompanying staff must be properly attired. Any authorized vehicles accompanying the entry must be clean and decorated.

**ENTRIES ABSENT ON PARADE DAY:** If any accepted unit does not appear on parade day, without prior notification to the parade staff, they may not receive future invitations to participate in the parade.

**EQUESTRIAN/ANIMAL UNITS:** Any rider or handler showing inability to control their animal will be deemed unsafe by police or parade officials and will be removed from the parade. This is a safety precaution for the riders, handlers, parade participants and spectators. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12. **All equestrian entries must provide a cleanup crew for before, during and after the parade. There is an award for the best cleanup crew!**

**FLOATS / VEHICLES:** All decorated vehicles must carry a current dated 2A10BC fire extinguisher. No persons will be allowed to ride on the outside of a vehicle or over the edge of a float. Float riders must be secure on the float with handholds or chairs. All decorations must be no flammable. ALL vehicles must be properly registered and insured. Vehicles should be clean. See float guidelines. **Floats and decorated vehicles will be inspected by the Fire Department.**

**PARTICIPANT AGE RESTRICTIONS:** Walking participants must be at least six years old or older. There must be at least one adult escort for every six children under the age of 13 years. Young children riding on a float must have adult supervision on and around the float. Equestrian riders must be at least 8 years old, able to control the horse in crowded situations and have adult supervision.

**KEEP IN MIND:** A representative of your organization has signed the original entry application understanding all parade rules and guidelines presented.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION

## **Colmo Del Rodeo Parade Awards**

### **INDEPENDENT MARCHING BAND/DRUM CORPS**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **SCHOLASTIC MARCHING BAND**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **NON- COMMERCIAL FLOAT**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **COMMERCIAL FLOAT**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **DRILL/DANCE**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **NOVELTY/SPECIALTY UNIT**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **VEHICLE (ANTIQUE/CLASSIC)**

*First Place - Plaque*  
*Second Place – Plaque*

### **EQUESTRIAN CATEGORY**

*Color Guard*  
*Equestrian Group*  
*Horse-Drawn Wagon or Carriage*  
*Pooper Scoopers*

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

*Most Rodeo Spirit*  
*People's Choice Award*