

# 2018 Pony Express Days

## A 50-Year Celebration



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of entry: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organization
- \_\_\_\_\_ Club
- \_\_\_\_\_ Float
- \_\_\_\_\_ Band
- \_\_\_\_\_ Equestrian
- \_\_\_\_\_ Performing Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle/Truck
- \_\_\_\_\_ Walker/Biker

The announcer will say something about your entry as it passes in front of the stand. Please tell us about your entry. Who is taking part in your entry?

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### RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First and Last name)

fully understand that my participation in the McKinleyville Pony Express Parade (hereinafter referred to as "Event") exposes me to the risk of personal injury, death and/or property damage. I hereby acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this Event and agree to assume any such risks.

I hereby release the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce and organizers of any liability for any injury, death or damage to personal property in connection with my participation in the Event, from whatever cause, including the active or passive negligence of McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce or in connection with any participant in the Event.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Event, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, administrator, executors and assigns, that I shall indemnify and hold harmless McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce in connection with my participation in the Event.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE MCKINLEYVILLE CHAMBER AND ORGANIZERS ARE NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES OCCURRING DURING THE EVENT. I AM AWARE THAT IT IS A FULL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian if participant(s) is(are) under age 18

Mail to: McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2144, McKinleyville, CA 95519

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## Parade Rules & Etiquette

Saturday, June 2, 2018



- THE PARADE GOES ON RAIN OR SHINE! Please check in starting at 10am at the table located in front of McKinleyville High School on Murray Road. Lineup positions are final.
- All entrants are encouraged to stop at the Judge's Stand located at the corner of Gwin and Central Avenue. If you are performing, please repeat your program in front of the judges and along the parade route.
- The parade route starts on Murray Road, turns south on Central Avenue, and then exits at the Mill Creek Shopping Center parking lot via Anna Sparks Way (road between McDonalds and Rite Aid). Total distance from Murray/Central Avenue to parking lot is approximately 2.4 miles.
- **Awards will be announced at 3pm from the stage at the festival** and will be displayed on the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce's web page - [www.mckinleyvillechamber.com](http://www.mckinleyvillechamber.com).
- Should you have any questions, please call the Chamber Office at (707) 839-2449.
- The Parade starts at 11:00 am sharp. Promptness and adherence to the lineup schedule will assure the parade can start on time. Everyone else will appreciate your effort to be on time!
- All entries must be decorated. Exceptions are: mounted horse entries, antique cars, drill teams and bands (where decorations other than costumes are impractical or defeat the purpose of the entry). Commercial vehicles must be decorated over at least one-quarter of the vehicle unless part of a float participating in the Parade. Numbers must be attached to your entry. They are to be placed on the driver's side of the entry. Numbered cards will be furnished, along with painter's light sticking tape or safety pins- if this is not suitable, please be prepared to use another method to attach the number to your entry.
- **THROWING ITEMS, SUCH AS CANDY IS NOT PERMITTED!** Walkers that accompany your float are welcome to hand out items, such as flowers, candy, balloons or pamphlets to the on-lookers. Participants must remain on floats or in vehicles while the Parade is in progress. **These rules are necessary for the safety of children and observers.**
- Take & keep the place assigned to your entry until the parade reaches its termination point.
- Maintain 60 feet between entries unless otherwise instructed by Parade Officials. If the parade stops, close the gap to 30 feet. Once the Parade resumes, re-establish the 60-foot space.
- Abrupt loud noises frighten Parade animals and should be kept to a minimum level. Please be considerate of the animals and their owners.
- Each entry must have a signed waiver of liability. Please make arrangements for an authorized person to sign the waiver for the entire entry and return it to the Chamber prior to the event.
- Participants arriving late may be denied a spot in the Parade. At best they will not be judged and will be placed at the end of the parade.
- HAVE FUN!!!!

**PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES:** Best Float, Best Equestrian, Best Car, Best Walking Group, Spirit Award (entry with most enthusiasm during the parade), Best Parade Performance (entry that is the most entertaining for the crowd)