

2025 Pony Express Days

Parade Entries Due: May 16, 2025



Name: _____

Organization/Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Length of entry: _____

____ Float
____ Equestrian
____ Performing Group
____ Vehicle
____ Band
____ Individual
____ Walker/Biker

Please tell us about your entry. Who is taking part in your entry? The announcer will share this information as your entry passes in front of the judges stand!

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 or
email to jesse@mckinleyvillechamber.com with the subject: 2024 Parade Entry

Pony Express Days 2025

Theme: McKinleyville: Where Trails Lead to Community

Parade Rules & Etiquette

Saturday, June 7, 2025

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- THE PARADE GOES ON RAIN OR SHINE!
- **Check in:** 10am at the table in front of McKinleyville High School on Murray Road.
Lineup positions are final.
- 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.
- **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!
- Numbers must be attached to your entry. They are to be placed on the passenger's side of the entry. Numbered cards will be furnished, along with painter's tape or safety pins - if this is not suitable, please be prepared to use another method to attach the number to your entry.
- Take & keep the place assigned to your entry until the parade reaches its termination point.
- The Parade starts promptly at 11:00am. Preparedness and adherence to the lineup schedule will assure the parade can start on time.
- 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.
- During the parade all entrants should stop at the Judge's Stand located in front of Coast Central Credit Union. Performances should be repeated in front of the judges and along the parade route.
- 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.
- **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.

Those who do not adhere to this rule will be disqualified and may be removed from the parade by CHP or parade officials.

- Abrupt loud noises frighten parade animals and should be kept to a minimum level. Please be considerate of animals and their owners.
- **Awards will be announced between 2-3pm from the stage at the festival** in Pierson Park and will be displayed on the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce's web page.

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PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES:

- Best Float
- Best Equestrian
- Best Car
- Best Walking Group
- Best Parade Performance (entry that is the most entertaining for the crowd)