

2011 SIMI VALLEY PARADE DAY PREPARATION AND LINE UP INFORMATION

Thank you for being a part of the Simi Valley Parade, one of Simi Valley's great traditions and a wonderful community event. The key to making this event the best it can be is PREPARATION. This year we have nearly 70 organizations and 1000's of people involved in the parade that will be converging at a couple locations very early in the morning at nearly the same time. This can be a fairly smooth process if your group arrives on time and follows the instructions below, however it can be a difficult process if your group arrives late and if the information below is not communicated with your entire group. We will have a small group of VOLUNTEERS on site to check in all participants and place them in their line up positions. Please be kind to our volunteers and we will do our best to make this a fun event for all!

- 1) ARRIVAL TIME - The arrival times are very important for placement and judging, please be sure to communicate to your entire organization to arrive at the time posted on the line up sheet. Please understand that you may be waiting for a period of time until you actually start down the parade route, this is especially important for groups with kids.
- 2) STAGING AREA - Each group is assigned at least one staging area and some will be in two staging areas. Although your group may have to arrive and stage at two different areas, your group will be reunited as they are sent down the parade route. The staging areas are different for safety reasons and it is important that you line up in the assigned area.
- 3) STAGING ACCESS - For those assigned to the AUTO, EQUESTRIAN and FLOAT areas, you will be lining up on Los Angeles Avenue, East of Erringer and on Bridget Avenue, south of Los Angeles. To reach these locations you can enter Los Angeles Avenue at Sycamore Drive or on Heywood street from either Sycamore Drive or Erringer Road. For those assigned to the COMMUNITY, MARCHING / BAND or DIGNITARY areas you will be lining up on Erringer Road near Los Angeles Avenue. Please access Erringer Road from Royal Avenue and go north to wards Los Angeles Avenue.
- 4) LINE UP NUMBER - Your "LINE UP" number appears to the left of your organization's name on the line up sheet. This number may change do to last minute parade corrections that are beyond our control. Please check the website for changes (remember to refresh your browser when you get to the parade page) If you have multiple staging areas you will have additional "LINE UP" numbers. Each organization will be given at least 2 number badges to be worn by the first and last persons in your group to help our volunteers identify you.
- 5) DOCUMENTS - Even if your organization is on our LINE UP list you may still not be able to participate in the parade if all of your documentation is not complete. If this is the case you will receive an email or phone call to complete the documentation.
- 6) PERFORMANCES - Everyone loves to watch the great performances in our parade from the trick autos to the marching bands, however, we do have a few rules this year that need to be followed to avoid problems with the "FLOW" of the parade.
 - 1) Your group may sing, dance or perform any talent they wish as long as they DO NOT STOP. The entire group must continue marching down the parade route at all times, however...
 - 2) This year there will be 4 designated areas for performances. The first three are at the intersections of Los Angeles Avenue and Duncan, Executive Way and First Street. The final area is in front of our new reviewing area near the end of the parade route.
 - 3) The assigned performing groups will be allowed approximately 2 minutes to spread out and perform for the crowd in these areas.
 - 4) These performance areas will be marked with signs and our Volunteer staff will be there to assist you.
 - 5) MUSIC - if your group has "recorded" music as part of its performance you may email us at parade@simivalleydays.org with your MP3 file or iTunes file and we will play your music through our sound system at the performance / reviewing area near the end. There are no sound systems available at the first three performance areas.
- 7) JUDGING AND AWARDS -Another change for this year is our judging process. We have a new panel of judges this year, from local citizens to dignitaries from our community. The Judging process will begin around 7:30am so please be ready for them. The judges will review each of the following categories, then they will return to the reviewing area to tally their votes. The winners in each category will be notified in front of the crowd at the reviewing area and presented there trophy at that time.