



2026 Theme:

## **A DIAMOND IN THE DESERT: CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SCOTTSDALE**

### **Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade Application and Information Packet**

Our Parade Committee is made up of 100% of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to working on keeping the 72-year-old tradition going. We are committed to doing our best to make sure our entries, community, local businesses and spectators can enjoy the event and thrive for years to come.

We are excited to have you interested in our event!

We encourage any member in our community to get involved.

We are limited in Staging space and length of our Parade and can only accommodate 125 total Entries.

What this may mean is we will be on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to be involved in our event, then get your applications in ASAP!

Staging Information will be sent the **Monday(January 26<sup>th</sup>)** before the event, Instructions on where to access the staging area will be included. Please follow parking instructions as your staging area may have changed since prior year.

**Scripts! Scripts! Scripts!**  
**Super important we keep them short and sweet 75 words max and equally important to get them in WITH the application.**

**Thank You and see you soon!**

**Contact: Parada Parade Chairman, Lonny Gibson 602.320.1483 [lgibson12@cox.net](mailto:lgibson12@cox.net)**

**More Info at [www.ScottsdaleParade.com](http://www.ScottsdaleParade.com)  
[ScottsdaleParade@cox.net](mailto:ScottsdaleParade@cox.net)**



**The 72nd Annual Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade  
Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Mail:

Please complete the application neatly. Print or type the name and address of your entry. *Return the completed form along with your entry fee, script, and photograph to:* **Parada del Sol Parade**  
**P.O. Box 13924**  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85267**

Email:

Application, Script and photograph can be emailed to [Scottsdaleparade@cox.net](mailto:Scottsdaleparade@cox.net)  
Entry fee can be paid via Phone call Kimberly 602.315.9321

**ONLINE:** [www.scottsdaleparade.com](http://www.scottsdaleparade.com)

**ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees must accompany your application. If your entry is not accepted, your check will be returned to you by February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

*We are accepting Motorized Vehicles and Tractors of 1950 or older (other vehicles and years will be considered based on appearance). One entry may include up to ten vehicles or tractors. All entries MUST be approved by the Parada del Sol Parade Committee*

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER January 17th, 2026 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**REGISTRATION –**

- \* Commercial entries are **\$500** per entry
- \* Motorized Vehicles and Tractors (year 1950 or older) are **\$150** per entry
- \* Scouts per troop/pack **\$75**
- \* **Non-Profit \$75**
- \* *ALL other entries are \$75*

**NOTE:** *All school bands are exempt from entry fees.*

**MANDATORY:**

- All applications must include a narrative announcer's script **(NO LONGER THAN 75 WORDS)** - if longer, we reserve the right to edit)
- Please attach a typed script and photo to the application. Photos will not be returned. *A photo and updated announcer's script must be submitted each year. If we do not receive the script by **January 17th, 2026**, we will only announce name of entry.*

**PARADE CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO EACH ENTRY WHEN RECEIVED.**

**Parking passes and Staging Instructions will be emailed on or before January 27th, 2026**

# 2026 Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade Application

OFFICIAL NAME OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE LIST QUANTITIES ON ALL THAT APPLY FOR YOUR ENTRY:

\_\_\_\_\_ WALKERS \_\_\_\_\_ HANDLERS \_\_\_\_\_ HORSES with Riders \_\_\_\_\_ WAGONS/CARRIAGES

\_\_\_\_\_ MOTORIZED VEHICLES

ARE THE HORSES AND/OR CARRIAGE/WAGON YOUR OWN? \_\_\_\_\_ RENTAL? \_\_\_\_\_

*All Rentals regarding Livestock, Hitches, Wagons and/or Carriage's MUST be approved by the Parade Board prior to Parade.*

(IF RENTAL) RENTAL COMPANY'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASSIFICATION OF ENTRY (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL BAND (elementary, high school, college, etc.)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ MUSICAL MARCHING GROUP (ex: Dance groups)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ NON-MUSICAL MARCHING GROUP (ex: Boy / Girl Scouts, youth groups, etc.)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ HONOR / COLOR GUARD
5. \_\_\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL FLOAT
6. \_\_\_\_\_ CIVIC "NON-COMMERCIAL" FLOAT
7. \_\_\_\_\_ COMICAL / SPECIALTY ENTRY
8. \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHENTIC WESTERN VEHICLE (ex: antique carriages, wagons, etc.)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ MOUNTED WESTERN GROUP (ex: Civic Groups, Saddle Clubs, etc.)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ MOUNTED WESTERN COSTUMED GROUP (including silver riders)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ CLEAN-UP-DETAIL
12. \_\_\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL ENTRY
13. \_\_\_\_\_ MOTORIZED VEHICLES/TRACTORS (**1950 OR OLDER**)
14. \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL ENTRY (TYPE) \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)
15. \_\_\_\_\_ NON PROFIT Group

*NOTE: The Parade Committee reserves the right to "re-classify" entries.*

NUMBER OF YEARS PARTICIPATING IN PARADA DEL SOL?: \_\_\_\_\_

Parada del Sol Parade/  
Scottsdale Charros

PO BOX 13924  
Scottsdale, AZ 85267  
scottsdaleparade@cox.net  
602.320.1483



## CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME)

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY TYPE: PLEASE CHECK ONE

☐ COMMERCIAL ENTRY

☐ SCOUT GROUP

☐ EQUINE GROUP

☐ MOTORIZED VEHICLES/  
FLOATS

☐ NON-PROFIT

☐ OTHER

DETAIL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

TO MAKE PAYMENT BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND EMAIL THIS FORM.

CARDHOLDER NAME: : \_\_\_\_\_  
Exactly As It Appears On The Credit Card Please Print

☐ AMEX

☐ DISCOVER

☐ MASTERCARD

☐ VISA

CREDIT CARD #:

EXP. DATE:

SECURITY NUMBER  
ON BACK OF CARD:

BILLING ZIP CODE:

### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATIVE #: \_\_\_\_\_

**I authorize Parada del Sol Parade/Charros to charge my credit card for parade entry fee. I agree not to contest this charge upon approval of my credit.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## *2026 Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade Script*

***Please submit your script along with the application.***

***Please, NO LONGER THAN 75 WORDS – (if longer, we reserve the right to edit)***

**\*\*\*If your name is difficult to pronounce or uncommon, we ask that you please include phonetic spelling**

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION:

- Entries/applicants are all subject to approval by Parade Organizers
- Entries are encouraged to dress Western
- All entries must be at their designated line-up areas and report to Parade Staging Committee by 7:30 am. Unless otherwise instructed by Parade Officials.
- The Parade participants must be "family friendly", appropriate to be seen by all ages.
- No entry will be entered into the parade whose purpose is to campaign for any office, promote any partisan political position or ballot proposal.
- Judging of all entries will take place during the Parade. No one will be eligible for parade awards unless properly positioned prior to the start of the parade.

## ENTRY APPLICATION FORM:

- The entry application form must be completed and signed with the understanding of the general rules and guidelines. It must include payment if applicable
- The parade organizers reserve the right to reject any application or entry at any time
- All applications must come with 75 word or less Script
- Staging instructions will be emailed on or before January 27th, 2026
- Entry numbers will be given out at check in, morning of the Parade.
- The rules and guidelines are for the safety and quality of the parade. Failure to abide by these rules and guidelines and those presented with the parade information package, may result in the entry's removal from the parade
- . Any advertising that includes the name of a business is considered a "commercial entry" and is subject to the "commercial entry fees."
- Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.

## THIS IS A FORWARD MOTION PARADE:

- All entries are required to maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade. **No stopping**

## NO TOSSING CANDY OR FAVORS:

- Nothing can be tossed from the parade route or curbside due to liability policies set forth by the parade insurance company and the City. NO handouts of food items or merchandise without prior authorization from the organizers.

## IDENTIFICATION SIGNS:

- Identification banners are encouraged for entries in the parade
- Signs must be for identification purpose only and not as a political statement

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Only a significant act of nature will cancel the parade, of which all units would be notified
- If, for some unforeseen reason, your unit is not able to participate in the parade after being accepted, you must contact the parade staff, prior to the parade date, as soon as possible
- Entries absent on parade day without proper notification may not receive future invitations
- **Entry Fees are not refundable.** If for any reason an entry is not accepted into the line-up, fees will be returned. Once accepted into the line-up, fees are not refundable

## PERFORMING GROUPS(dancing horses, dancers, baton twirlers, etc.):

- Please try and keep moving along the route. This is a forward moving parade
- Please obey Parade Officials Instructions along the route
- Entries requiring vehicles to carry sound systems must notify parade organizers on the application.
- Drill / Dance routines must be choreographed for forward motion. No stopping to perform
- All flags or colors must be rolled until the line of march has been reached (parade's starting line)
- All entries must follow De Staging Instructions that will be emailed before Parade day.

## FLOATS:

- Floats cannot exceed 50 feet in length (including tow vehicle), 13 feet in height and 10 feet wide.
- All vehicles must be properly insured and drivers must have a valid drivers license
- NO loose Balloons. Balloon arches are permitted as long as they are secured.
- Vehicle and float drivers must be able to have a clear view of the front of the vehicle
- Floats must be constructed of fire-safe materials and must carry a fire extinguisher
- Appropriate area for vehicle exhaust must be designed into the float/unit
- All Entries must follow De Staging Instructions that will be emailed before Parade Day.

## VEHICLES:

- Drivers must be able to have a clear view of the front of the vehicle
- **All vehicles must be properly insured and drivers must have a valid drivers license. (These will be checked on the day of the parade, during Staging)**

## EQUESTRIANS/ANIMALS:

- **ALL HORSES SHALL BE ATTENDED PRIOR TO AND AFTER EVENT. ABSOLUTELY NO HORSES SHALL BE LEFT UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME DURING STAGING and at PARADE AND TRAILS END FESTIVAL.**
- Any animal deemed unsafe in the parade will be removed
- All Parade entries shall exhibit proper disposition and control of all animals in a parade environment.
- Children under the age of 6 years will not be permitted to ride horseback.
- All light and heavy horse hitches shall have an assistant in the front seat of the wagon.
- Any hitches in excess of two horses shall have at least (1) assistant on the ground.
- All children ages 6 to 12 on horses, MUST wear safety helmets & MUST MEET ASTM SEI safety standards. Bike Helmets are NOT permitted.
- **ANIMALS MUST BE NOTED ON FORM:** If you are bringing animals with your unit, they must be identified on the Parade Entry Form. Horses, dogs, cows, reptiles, and any other wild or domestic animals shall not be in the parade without specific written approval by the Parade Committee. **All entrants with animals must submit proof that there is insurance in place to cover the animal's activity**
- **Arizona Equine Rescue Organization will be onsite**

## SPECIAL GUESTS / DIGNITARIES:

- **ELECTION/ISSUE CAMPAIGNING:** NO participant may advocate, oppose or depict any political, religious, social or other ballot or political issue or candidate in the parade. The Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade will not permit itself to be used as a platform or advertising vehicle for any candidate or issue. No election signs, themes, or colors may be displayed. Units discovered to have political advertising, or to be distributing political advertising along the route, will be removed from the line-up. Currently serving elected officials who represent the City of Scottsdale area will be invited to ride in the parade. They may not campaign for re-election, or for another office, nor may they display or distribute electioneering materials or election colors or shirts on the Parade Route.

## PARTICIPANT AGE RESTRICTIONS:

- There must be a least one adult escort for every six children under the age of 13 years
- Young children riding on a float must have adult supervision with and around them

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SAFE. *Breaking any of the following safety protocols will subject units to immediate removal from the Parade.*** Units removed from the parade will not be permitted into the parade line up the following year.

- **DO NOT USE AIR HORNS.** Air horns may not be used by any unit in the parade.
- **DO NOT THROW CANDY.** Throwing of any candy, merchandise or other items is prohibited. Items must be handed to spectators, **if we see you throwing items you may be removed from the parade.**
- **DO NOT HAND OUT** food items or merchandise along the parade route without prior authorization
- **DO NOT** proceed in an unsafe manner.
- **DO NOT** interfere in any way with other units.
- **Comply with ALL Parade Official** requests.
- **DO NOT** drink any alcoholic beverages in the staging area, or along the route. **ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED** in parade.
- **DO NOT** Jump on or OFF any moving float or vehicle.
- **No open flames, fireworks, pyrotechnics, etc.** are permitted in the parade without proper approvals and permits from the Fire Department.
- **Scottsdale City Ordinance does not permit the discharge of firearms within city limits. ALL GUNS MUST BE EMPTY!** Anyone violating this rule will subject themselves to arrest by the Scottsdale Police Department.

**ALL ENTRIES SHALL OBTAIN AND PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE WITHOUT DEMAND. A MINIMUM \$1,000,000.00 GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY IS REQUIRED TO COVER YOUR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE. THE CERTIFICATE SHALL INDICATE THE NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AS IT APPEARS ON THIS APPLICATION. THE CERTIFICATE SHALL ALSO LIST THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE AND THE PARADA DEL SOL HISTORIC PARADE AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED.**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I am the authorized representative of the organization, group, or individual participating in the parade entry listed below. I understand and agree that I am responsible for the actions, behavior, and safety of all participants, drivers, riders, animals, equipment, and vehicles included in our parade entry.

*I /we hereby enter the parade entry named on this application, at my/our own risk. I/we certify I/we have read and agree to ALL parade rules and guidelines. I/we hereby understand and agree to accept the risk of bodily injury and/or property damage which I/we may incur or cause a third party to incur as a result of my/our participation in the Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade. With this understanding, I/we further agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Parada Del Sol Historic Parade, Entertainment Solutions, INC., Scottsdale Charros, City of Scottsdale, its Boards, its Commissions and their respective officers, agents, contractors and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, injuries, suits and judgments arising from, or in connection with/my successors, assigns, heirs, executors and administrators, and any other persons or entities who/which may have a claim based on my/our personal injuries and/or property damage. I/we further understand and agree that this save, hold harmless and indemnification shall apply to and all facilities that the City of Scottsdale may own and/or control. I/We understand that segments of the media will be present at the parade and I/We grant an unconditional release for all rights of publications, press, radio and television present and future, along with all video and photographic rights by virtue of their appearance. Furthermore, I/we have read and agree to abide by the Parada del Sol Parade guidelines and rules, as shown in the pages provided, and those to be presented with the participants' information package if my unit is accepted.*

I certify that:

- ~All participants in our entry have been informed of and will follow all parade rules and safety requirements.
- ~All vehicles used are properly insured and operated by licensed drivers.
- ~Any animals in our entry will be safe and under control at all times.

I understand that failure to comply with parade rules or unsafe behavior may result in removal from the parade and/or exclusion from future events.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE REQUIRED:**

PLEASE PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE/POSITION \_\_\_\_\_



**Arizona Revised Statutes ARS 12-553**

**12-553. Limited liability of equine owners and owners of equine facilities**

**A. An equine owner or an agent of an equine owner who regardless of consideration allows another person to take control of an equine is not liable for an injury to or the death of the person if:**

- 1. The person has taken control of the equine from the owner or agent when the injury or death occurs.**
- 2. The person or the parent or legal guardian of the person if the person is under eighteen years of age has signed a release before taking control of the equine.**
- 3. The owner or agent has properly installed suitable tack or equipment, or the person has personally tacked the equine with tack the person owned, leased or borrowed. If the person has personally tacked the equine, the person assumes full responsibility for the suitability, installation and condition of the tack.**
- 4. The owner or agent assigns the person to a suitable equine based on a reasonable interpretation of the person's representation of his skills, health and experience with and knowledge of equines.**

**B. Subsection A does not apply to an equine owner or agent of the equine owner who is grossly negligent or commits willful, wanton or intentional acts or omissions.**

**C. An owner, lessor or agent of any riding stable, rodeo ground, training or boarding stable or other private property that is used by a rider or handler of an equine with or without the owner's permission is not liable for injury to or death of the equine or the rider or handler.**

**D. Subsection C does not apply to an owner, lessor or agent of any riding stable, rodeo ground, training or boarding stable or other private property that is used by a rider or handler of an equine if either of the following applies:**

- 1. The owner, lessor or agent knows or should know that a hazardous condition exists, and the owner, lessor or agent fails to disclose the hazardous condition to a rider or handler of an equine.**
- 2. The owner, lessor or agent is grossly negligent or commits willful, wanton or intentional acts or omissions.**

**E. As used in this section:**

- 1. "Equine" means a horse, pony, mule, donkey or ass.**
- 2. "Release" means a document that a person signs before taking control of an equine from the owner or owner's agent and that acknowledges that the person is aware of the inherent risks associated with equine activities, is willing and able to accept full responsibility for his own safety and welfare and releases the equine owner or agent from liability unless the equine owner or agent is grossly negligent or commits willful, wanton or intentional acts or omissions.**

**Please sign that party responsible for your Entry Understand and Acknowledges above ARS.**

**Please Print Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you**