



**LARIMER COUNTY**  
**FAIR & PRCA RODEO**

*Welcome*

# Confirmation Packet



Greetings, participants from the Larimer County Fair and PRCA Rodeo!

This is a confirmation packet regarding the booking we have contracted with you and your parade team for the upcoming Larimer County Fair Parade on July 25th, 2026. We look forward to your team's participation and hope the 143rd year of our County Fair will be the best yet!

Our county's fair board works extremely hard to put on a quality parade, and we would like to thank you for all your participation, hard work, and professionalism. Here's to another great summer.

This packet includes the schedule, essential information, indemnification, rules and regulations, and the parade route/map.

## **Schedule**

You will receive your entry number at check-in.

Parade: July 25th, 2026

Downtown Loveland, Colorado

7:00 am Staging Area Available

Roosevelt Ave., west of Fairgrounds Park

***\*All entries should plan their arrival to the Staging Area early enough to be set up and be in their correct line-up location by 9:00 am with participants on board\****

9:30 am Parade Begins

## **Important Information:**

### **Unloading**

If you need to complete setup before taking your line-up spot, you may use the east end of Barnes parking lot entered from SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Equestrian unloading and staging will be available at the north end of Old Fairgrounds Park next to the Farmer's Ditch.



### **Line-Up**

Line-up positions will be assigned at check-in, and entries will be notified by email no later than July 23rd. If you arrive and are unsure of your line-up position, parade staff will be able to assist. You may proceed directly to your designated position upon arrival.

Floats and vehicles should enter Roosevelt Ave. from 402 and proceed to their line-up positions. 2nd and 3rd streets will be closed to all traffic. The staging area should be along Roosevelt Ave. from the dirt lot west of Barnes Fields to the Milner Schwarz House. Limited parking will be available in Barnes Park, so carpooling is encouraged. The parade line-up will be on Roosevelt Ave., west of Railroad Park.

*\*Parade Marshals and staff will be available after 7:00 a.m. to assist and have unit line-up positions. \**

Please do not stop unloading or disbanding until the parade route ends. The first parking section will be reserved for float and entry unloading after the parade and passenger drop-offs before the parade. All people must get off at Barnes Park and walk to their vehicles. Horses can walk through the park to reach the equestrian parking area. No vehicles can leave Barnes Park until the entire parade has completed the route to help ensure the safety of all participants and the audience.

*\*Please remember it is your responsibility to clean up after your lovely animals\**

*\*A \$200 fine shall be assessed for any entry failing to clean up after their animal in the staging area\**

**Parade Theme: "Colorado and Country"**

If your float or team is participating in the contest, this theme will be a major part of your judging criteria. Other judging criteria are found in the parade Rules and Regulations. Participants in the contest, please find enclosed your parade number.

Parade numbers MUST be worn or displayed on the right-hand/front-quarter side of the person or vehicle. Numbers are used for identification by Parade Staff.



***\*Please review the enclosed parade rules and communicate appropriately to your team members.\****

This year, the Commercial, Nonprofit, and Specialty Divisions will receive Awards. Barring communications issues, the winning entries can be picked up at the Information Tent in Fairgrounds Park once the parade has ended. The most outstanding entry will be awarded the Commissioners Award. Good luck!

## **Insurance**

If you have not forwarded your insurance information and [liability release waivers](#) to the Ranch Office, please remember to have them signed and ready for collection at the park. Parade staff will collect them there. You may also mail them to The Ranch Administration Office, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538. Email to [ranchadmin@co.larimer.co.us](mailto:ranchadmin@co.larimer.co.us).

## **Payment**

If you have not paid your entry fee, please submit your payment by credit card or check. Go to [treventscomplex.com](http://treventscomplex.com) for credit card payments. Please make checks payable to Larimer County, The Ranch and mail them to 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538. We hope everything is clear as day, but please let us know if you have any questions! If not, we shall see you all on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

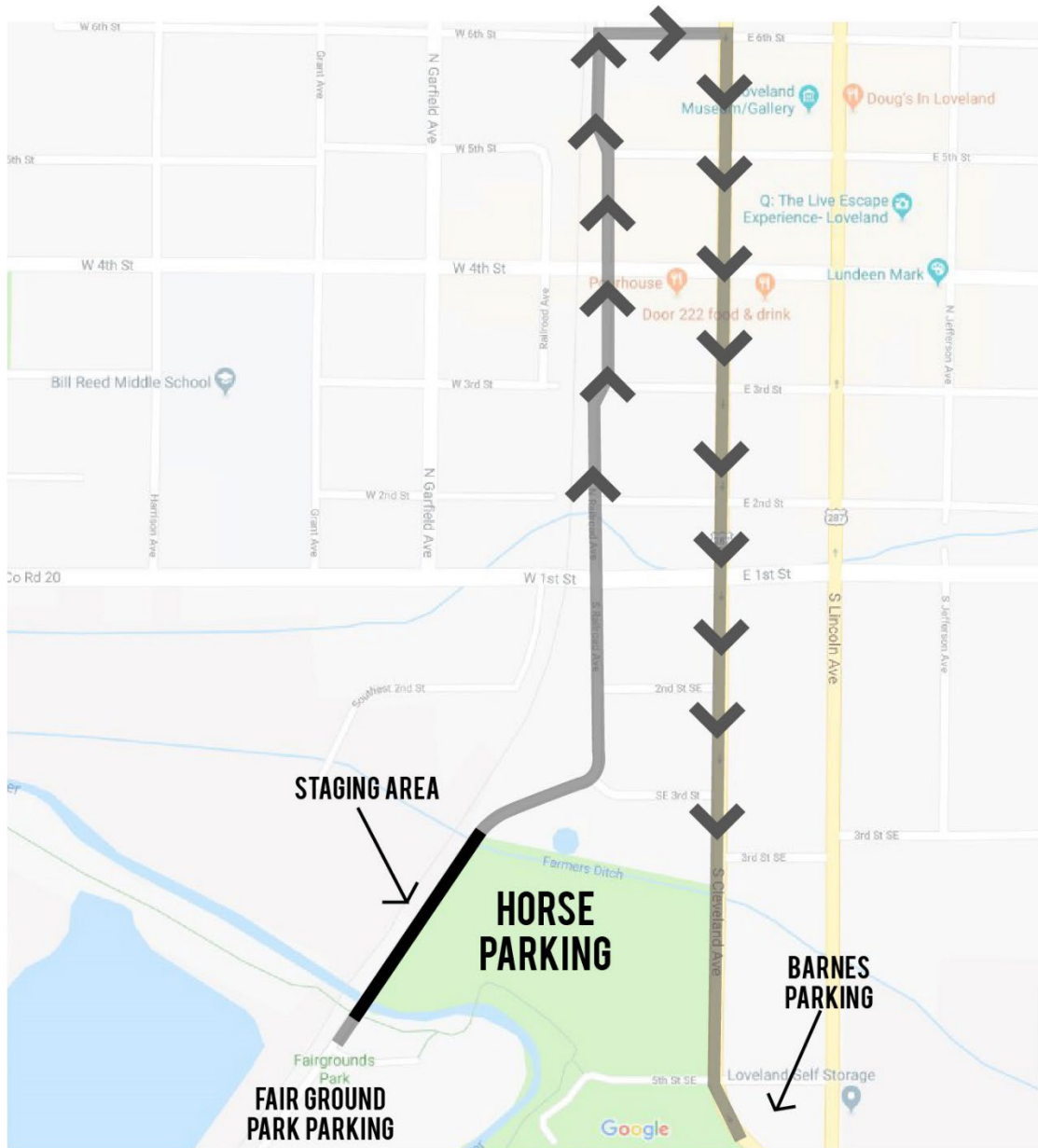
**Have a great summer!**

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## **2026 LARIMER COUNTY FAIR & RODEO PARADE**

### **REGISTRATION**

1. Registration for entrants competing for prizes closes July 17th at 10:00 a.m. Late entries will be placed at the end of the lineup.
2. Parade numbers **MUST** be worn or displayed on the person or vehicle's right-hand or front right-quarter side for judging purposes.
3. Accepted applications may not be transferred to other individuals or organizations.

4. All participants must bring to the parade a signed "Parade Liability Release" form for everyone participating in your group.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Representatives must check in before lining up to confirm participation.
2. **DO NOT THROW** items into the crowd or street. Items may be handed out but not thrown. The Loveland Police Department supports this policy.
3. Loud noises, weapons discharging, or engine revving near or around livestock is not permitted. The only exceptions will be the Fire Department and the Police Department when leading the parade.
4. All parade entries are subject to review and approval by the Fair Parade Committee, which reserves the right to change the classification entered or to refuse entry if deemed necessary.
5. Bands are described as groups formulated to provide musical entertainment. They include wind and percussion instruments, and they are established and directed under proper training ideals.
6. A fee will be charged for ALL COMMERCIAL and POLITICAL CAMPAIGN entries. Commercial entries (Floats and others) are limited to two large units or four small units only. Queen, Jr Livestock, Parade, and Ranch Volunteer Sponsors are given credit towards their fee as part of their sponsorship. Ranch/Blue Arena sponsors are also given credit towards their fee when included in the sponsor contract.
7. Participation in this event is done so at your own risk. Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Board Members, their families, and any volunteers helping with the event are NOT liable or responsible for any injuries or damage that may occur. We are also NOT liable or responsible for any theft or damage of property owned by any participant.
8. Do not stop to unload or disband until the end of the parade route and are back in the staging area at Barnes Park. All people must get off the float at Barnes Park and walk to their respective cars. Horses can walk through the ballpark and over the bridge along with the walkers. No vehicles can leave Barnes Park until the entire parade has completed the route to help ensure the safety of all participants and the audience.
9. NO motorized vehicles or animals are allowed in the Barnes Park turf area.
10. Participants will not accost parade route spectators, and no water guns or water balloons will be used to spray or throw at the spectators.
11. Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or in the person of any participant. Participants who consume alcohol before or during the parade will be removed.
12. No unit may impede the continuous flow of the parade.

13. Units must stay within approximately one float length of the entry in front of theirs, or their entry could be disqualified from judging.
14. If a gap of greater than 20' is created, units must close the gap. Stopping or reversing motion on the parade route will be grounds for disqualification. This may also result in removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation invitations.

#### **FLOAT REQUIREMENTS**

1. Floats are encouraged and welcomed.
2. Use live or recorded music when possible. If music or sound is to be used, please note this on the application as a placement consideration.
3. Floats may not exceed 13½ feet in height or 16 feet in width. The maximum length is 60 feet per unit.
4. No additional vehicles (including, but not limited to, cars, vans, scooters, and marchers) will be allowed to accompany units unless pre-approved by the Parade Committee.
5. **ATTENTION DRIVERS:** The maximum parade speed is 5 miles per hour. The drivers must pay close attention to the float/band/group in front of them and maintain a minimum space of 20 feet between them.
6. Drivers must always remain with floats and be appropriately dressed.
7. All floats and vehicles must provide proof of insurance (necessary insurance: combined bodily injury and property damage with limits of \$100,000). Evidence of insurance must be received **ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION** to be eligible for participation in the parade.
8. All floats and royalty must be in place at their designated time at the designated staging area.
9. All floats must carry a fire extinguisher, and a second driver located in the front seat is required for safety purposes.

## JUDGING

1. An impartial panel of judge(s) will judge entries in the competition. All decisions of the judge(s) are final.
2. The judge(s) may consider all the following: conformity to the theme appearance, performance, imagination, creativity, formation, and uniqueness.
3. The judges' reviewing stand will be located on the West side of Cleveland between 4th and 5th Street.

## FLOAT JUDGING CRITERIA

The following is a list of the standard categories and general criteria to govern the selection of the recipients. The panel of judges will base their decision on the following:

- A. TITLE AND THEME: 25%** This is the basic idea of the float. Making the basic idea and title conform to the parade theme or fair "atmosphere" will add to the unity of the parade. The other judging criteria measure how well this basic idea is developed.
- B. INGENUITY: 15%**
- C. PUBLIC APPEAL: 15%** Public appeal is the enjoyment of the float by the audience. People in our audience are of different age groups and different backgrounds. Quality in all the first seven criteria will affect their enjoyment.
- D. CRAFTSMANSHIP: 15%** The design with all its ideas is one part of quality; the other part is craftsmanship. The craftsmanship score will depend on neatness, solid construction, the proper working of mechanical parts, and attention to detail.
- E. PROPORTIONS; BALANCE AND SPACE: 10%** Proportion is the size relationships among the features of the float. However, the basic idea of the float may call for an intentional lack of proportion. Balance and space involve two questions: Is the overall design graceful or clumsy? Is the space of the float used to support the basic idea, or is it wasted?
- F. COLOR: 10%** Color raises two questions: Are the colors and their combinations pleasing? How well do they contribute to the desired effect?
- G. ANIMATION AND SOUND EFFECTS: 10%** These criteria deal with anything on the float that adds to its total effect. Motion and sound are examples of special effects.

## **SPECIALTY UNITS**

A specialty unit is any other parade unit that is not a float, equestrian, or queen. This can include, but is not limited to, specialty vehicles, synchronized walking units, and entertainers. The number of walkers accompanying any Specialty Unit will be limited, with the exact number determined by the committee.

1. **CAR CLUBS:** A 10-car limit per car club constitutes an entry unit.
2. All judging for specialty units will be completed during the procession down the Parade route.
3. **JUDGING CRITERIA:** The panel of judges will base their decision on the following:
  - A. **THEME: 25%** Conformity with parade theme.
  - B. **COLOR: 25%** Costumes props and eye appeal.
  - C. **INGENUITY: 25%** Creativity and originality.
  - D. **PUBLIC APPEAL: 25%** Enjoyment by the audience.

## **PRIZES**

1. Prize winners will be notified by mail when and where to pick up their prizes.
2. Parade results will be published in the local newspapers, space available.

## **AWARDS**

- **COMMISSIONER'S SWEEPSTAKES AWARD** for the most outstanding entry—Trophy
- **NON-COMMERCIAL**
  - 1st –Grand Marshal's Award.
  - 2nd –Fair Board Award
  - 3rd—Larimer County Award
- **COMMERCIAL**
  - 1st – Grand Marshal's Award
  - 2nd –Fair Board Award
  - 3rd—Larimer County Award
- **4-H AND FFA**
  - 1st – Grand Marshal's Award
  - 2nd –Fair Board Award
  - 3rd—Larimer County Award
- **SPECIALTY UNITS**
  - 1st – Grand Marshal's Award
  - 2nd –Fair Board Award
  - 3rd—Larimer County Award

## **EQUESTRIAN ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. OUT-RIDERS (walkers) ARE TO BE PROVIDED FOR ALL HORSE TEAMS AND ALL OTHER EQUINE ENTRIES.**
2. Riders under twelve (12) years of age must have an adult walking with them.
3. Any rider unable to control their animal will be deemed unsafe and removed from the parade.
4. Only one rider per horse.
5. Each rider (or group) must provide their clean-up unit. Any entry without a clean-up unit will not be allowed on the parade route. A \$200 fine shall be assessed for any entry failing to clean up their animal waste in the staging area.

## **VENDORS**

Any vendors participating in the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade (i.e., balloons, souvenirs, etc.) will be subject to all rules and regulations required by the City of Loveland, CO, and will not be the responsibility of the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo Parade Committee.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Law enforcement officers and parade officials are in authority concerning parade matters.