

## INVITATION TO JOIN THE BANDON CRANBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE

The Bandon Oregon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host the Bandon Cranberry Festival the second weekend in September.

The Bandon Cranberry Festival Committee cordially invites you to participate in the Annual Cranberry Festival Parade, held on Saturday, beginning 10:00 a.m.

Our annual harvest festival is the longest-running festival on the Oregon Coast, started in 1947 and produced by the Bandon Chamber since 1997. The festival draws the largest attendance of any Bandon community event, with approximately 12,000 residents and visitors in town through the weekend.

We hope you will participate in our parade and join us throughout the weekend for the festivities.

Please find enclosed the parade guidelines and a parade route map. A parade registration form is attached separately. The parade entry deadline is Monday, before the festival.

Parade entries should be appropriate to each year's festival theme. Additional signs or messages must be limited to the business/organization name and general contact information. Advertising agendas or display messages not pertaining to the Cranberry Festival are not allowed. For example, a political party may have an entry, theme oriented, but may not distribute or display signs indicating anything with a specific agenda, other than their name.

Entry forms may be hand delivered to the Bandon Visitors Center, 300 2nd St. SE, Bandon; or, mail your completed parade entry registration to:

Bandon Cranberry Festival Att: Parade Committee PO Box 348 Bandon, Oregon 97411

We look forward to your participation in this year's Cranberry Festival parade.

Sincerely, Julie Miller, Executive Director Bandon Chamber of Commerce



The Bandon Cranberry Festival is organized by the Bandon, Oregon, Chamber of Commerce.

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## BANDON CRANBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE INFORMATION & ROUTH

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Saturday Parade Registration time: 7 a.m. Bandon High School 550 9th St. SW, Bandon

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Parade Route: Hwy 101 N; Delaware Ave.; First St. SE; Edison Ave.

**1. APPLICATIONS & REGISTRATION:** Parade applications will be accepted until the MONDAY preceding the festival for those who wish to be judged for an award, or just want to be preregistered. All entries are to choose the category that best describes their entry.

- Last minute parade entries will be accepted the day of the parade, but they will not be eligible for an award. Last minute parade entries must fill out a parade entry form to be in the parade.
- Parade registration begins at 7:00 a.m. in front of Bandon High School on 9th Street SW.
- Parade entry numbers will be handed out when you register at the receiving area. Entry numbers shall be placed on RIGHT arm of shoulder of each rider or group leader and/or affixed to RIGHT side of their float.
- Entries that produce sound or music of any kind PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY FORM and briefly describe. It is necessary to place these entries away from any large animals for safety purposes and other conflicting musical entries.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The Parade Chairperson will have final approval on all entries for the parade. This parade is sponsored by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, which has the purpose "to sustain, promote and improve Bandon economically, aesthetically and culturally as a unique and preferred place to live and work; to attract new business and foster development of existing enterprise; and to attract greater number of visitors and increase the length of their stay." As a result, the Chamber may reject any parade application that it believes, in its sole and absolute discretion, does not comport with the purpose of the Chamber or the spirit of the Festival.

- Participants are requested to be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired in keeping with the parade theme. All entrants under the age of twelve (12) are to be accompanied by an adult.
- If entrants have a breakdown, please pull to one side, if possible.
- Please do not use a public address system.
- Any person showing signs of alcohol consumption will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

**3. JUDGING & AWARDS**: The judges will make every effort to select winners from registered entrants by 10:00 a.m. Judging will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Awards are handed out at the beginning of the parade. Music acts will be judged throughout the parade.

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- Awards are given as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ribbon placing in each category and special ribbons for high point division winners. There are no cash prizes.
- Judging will be based on the execution of the theme, originality of design, use of color, special effects, spectator appeal, and use of cranberries or their likeness.
- The identity of the judges will be announced at registration.

**4. FLOAT & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**: Floats may be selfpropelled or towed by a decorated vehicle that is consistent with the parade theme.

- Entries please have the mechanical operation, lighting, and sound in good working order and passengers aboard 15 minutes before the start of the parade (9:45 a.m.).
- All passengers are requested to remain aboard their entry until the entry of float has RETURNED TO THE STAGING AREA which is also a DISBANDING AREA. Failure to do so will create a traffic hazard for pedestrians and parade floats/ entrants. (*Refer to map for parade route.*) Your cooperation with this part of the plan will help us immensely.
- You should be aware that people will be expecting the parade to continue back up the hill on Edison. DO NOT DISBAND YOUR FLOAT/ENTRY UNTIL YOU REACH THE SCHOOL AGAIN.
- Entries are prohibited from throwing any objects from floats, vehicles, or other entries in the parade. If desired, we will allow walking parade participants to hand out safe objects.
- **5. EQUESTRIAN ENTRIES:** <u>Please provide your own pooper</u> <u>scoopers</u>. Scoopers are a required part of the entry; failure to comply will negate any prior approval for parade participation.

**6. INSURANCE WAIVER/RELEASE**: Please read and sign the insurance release form found on the Parade Entry form before returning. Any questions regarding insurance on groups or vehicles should be referred to you local insurance agent.