

BANDON CRANBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE INFORMATION, September 12, 2026

PARADE ROUTE

Start at 9th St SW, turn left on HWY 101, go downhill and turn left on Delaware Ave, turn left on First St, turn left on Edison Ave, turn right on 8th St SW, turn left on Franklin Ave, turn left on 9th St SW.

APPLICATIONS and CHECK IN

- Preregistering is highly recommended. Applications accepted until September 9, 2026.
- Complete one application for each entry into the parade.
- All applications must include a choice of judging category that best fits entry and a description of entry. Entries producing sound or music of any kind must describe this on the application, even if judging choice is other than "#1. Band/Music." These entries will be placed away from other sound or music entries to avoid conflict, and must be placed away from large animals for safety purposes. **NOTE: THIS IS A FAMILY FESTIVAL, SO PLEASE CHOOSE APPROPRIATE MUSIC.**
- Parade day entries only accepted after completion of a parade application and before 9:15 a.m.
- Check in for all entries begins at 8:00 a.m. at parade check in location. (See entry application for location.)
- Entry numbers are handed out after check-in.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- The Parade Chairperson has final approval on all entries. The parade is sponsored by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber may reject any parade application that it believes, in its sole and absolute discretion, does not adhere to the spirit of the Bandon Cranberry Festival.
- Entries shall be appropriate to the Cranberry Festival. Additional signs or messages with the entry or contained on/in the entry must be limited to the business/organization name and general contact information. Specific messages not pertaining to the Cranberry Festival are not allowed. For example, a political party may have a festival-oriented entry, but may not distribute information or display signs indicating anything with a specific agenda, other than their name.
- Participants are requested to be uniformed, costumed, or appropriately attired in keeping with the Cranberry Festival.
- All participants under the age of twelve (12) should be accompanied by an adult.
- If the entry has a breakdown, pull to one side of the road, if possible.
- Do not use a public address system. No laying on or blasting of horns. Only short beeps of horns are acceptable.
- Any participant showing signs of alcohol consumption will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

JUDGING and AWARDS

- **Judging begins at 9:15 am**, before the parade. Entrants please be in place for judging.
- Awards are given at the beginning of the parade Saturday, September 13.
- Awards are given as follows: 1st and 2nd ribbon placing in each category, as well as a Grand Marshal award. There are no cash prizes.
- Judging is based on the execution of originality of design, use of color, special effects, spectator appeal, and the use of cranberries or their likeness.

FLOATS and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Floats may be self-propelled or towed by a decorated vehicle that is consistent with the Cranberry Festival.
- **Entries must have mechanical, lighting, and sound operation in good working order, and all passengers riding on and/or participants walking with the float ready by 9:30 a.m.**
- All float passengers and/or participants walking with the float must remain aboard or with their entry until it has reached the end of the parade. Not staying with the entry can create traffic hazards for vehicles, pedestrians, floats, and other participants.
- Participants are prohibited from throwing objects from floats, vehicles, or other parade entries. We will allow walking participants to hand out safe objects. If there are no walking participants, candy only may be gently tossed to land as close to the curb as possible.

EQUESTRIAN ENTRIES

- You must provide your own "pooper scoopers" and/or manure bags to follow your entry and clean up after your animals. These are a required part of the equestrian entry. **ALL ENTRIES WITH HORSES MUST HAVE A POOPER SCOOPER OR WON'T BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE. ALL MINOR RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET FOR SAFETY.**

PARTICIPANT INSURANCE

- All participants are responsible for their own appropriate insurance. Any questions regarding insurance on groups or vehicles should be referred to your insurance agent.

PARTICIPANT HOLD HARMLESS and RELEASE

- To participate in the parade, all participants must check in upon arrival at the parade check in location and present a signed copy of the "Hold Harmless and Release" form for each entry. (Form available on-line with parade application form.)

TO REGISTER GO TO: bandon.com/cranberry-festival-parade