

# 2024 Linn County Oregon Veterans Day Parade Rules

## "Freedom: Continental Army to Space Force"

Our goal is to honor those who have served and continue to do so. It's our wish that each entry add a statement of thanks on both sides of the vehicle you enter into the parade. Thank you for your support!

8 AM to 10:30 AM: Check in for all entries

9 AM to 10:30 AM: Parade entry judging

11 AM: Parade begins

1. All entries must check in at their designated check in stations to receive their parade packet, official number, and staging location. Main check in for community and commercial entries will be located on Industrial Way S.W. (approximately one block off Queen Ave, SW). Military entries will be staged around Eleanor Hackleman Park. Support vehicles will be allowed in the staging area for drop off only.
2. Only registered parade entries will be allowed on the parade route. All entries agree to display their entry number on the front of their vehicle, float or at the start of their parade entry.
3. Each driver must hold a current driver's license and insurance for the vehicle they are driving in the parade.
4. All trailers, flat bed trailers, semi-trucks, and specialty trailers: it is your responsibility to provide walking road guards for safety purposes.
5. Vehicles must have current insurance and tags.
6. No revving of engines, fast starts, and/or racing along the parade route.
7. Participants are reminded of the U. S. Code: Title 4: chapter 8 provides guidelines regarding the display of the U. S. Flag.
8. By state law and for safety purposes, all entries agree to refrain from throwing anything. If you desire to hand out flyers, candy, flags, or anything else it must be handed hand to hand. If you throw anything you risk being escorted from the parade.
9. All entrants agree to follow instructions and take directions from parade officials, parade control units, aligners and police officials concerning the operating of vehicles maneuvering of walking units on the parade route.
10. Parade participants are asked to keep pace with the line of march. Please keep within 30 feet of the entry in front of you. A 30 second stop to perform for the reviewing stand is allowed.
11. For safety purposes any entry advocating or depicting political or social controversial issues with the intent of disrupting the parade will be escorted off the parade route.
12. Vehicles used for towing purposes MUST have the capacity to tow your entry.
13. No alcoholic, narcotic or any intoxicants of any nature are to be consumed by drivers prior to or within the parade.
14. To maintain the important focus of the parade, Santa suits aren't allowed unless you're part of the Storybook Land entry."
15. Parade fee, if applicable, must accompany entry application. No entry will be accepted after the deadline. We also reserve the right to close entries prior to the deadline if the maximum capacity limit has been met.
16. Judging for all entries other than color guards, marching units and bands begins at 9:00 am. All entries must be in place in named order to be considered for awards.
17. Judging for color guards, marching units and bands will take place during the parade.
18. We encourage all color guard units to stay for a Massing of the Colors ceremony on the Linn County Court House steps beginning at the closing ceremony approximately 20 minutes after the end of the parade, weather permitting.
19. Equine and animal units: as a courtesy to all other parade participants, you are required to provide the pickup and disposal of your animal's waste along the parade route. In addition, the parade committee reserves the right to assess fees up to \$250.00 if your entry does not comply with this requirement.
20. All animals in the parade must always be under the control of their rider/handler. Parade officials/equine Judges can disallow entry in the parade due to safety concerns Riders/handlers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
21. All materials used as decorations on the floats will be flame retardant. All floats will be equipped with a UL approved fire extinguisher.
22. The Linn County Oregon Veterans Day Parade (LCOVDP) reserves the right, for safety reasons, to deny entry prior to or during the parade to any entry not adhering to the rules or following the directions of parade officials and/or law enforcement.

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