



SIMI VALLEY PARADE DAY PREPARATION AND LINE UP INFORMATION

Thank you for being a part of the **Simi Valley Days Parade**, one of Simi Valley's great traditions and a wonderful community event. The key to making this event the best it can be is **PREPARATION**. Each year we have nearly 90 organizations and 1000's of people involved in the Parade that will be converging at the Staging Area very early in the morning within the same timeframe. This can be a fairly smooth process if your group arrives on time and follows the instructions below; however, it can be a difficult process if your group arrives late and if the information below is not communicated with your entire group. We will have a small group of VOLUNTEERS on site to check in all participants and place them in their line up positions. Please be kind to our volunteers and we will do our best to make this a fun event for all!

1) **ARRIVAL TIME** - All participants need to arrive **no later than 7:15 am on Saturday, September 16, 2017**. The arrival times are very important for placement/judging. Please be sure to communicate to your entire organization to arrive on time.

2) **STAGING AREA** – The Staging Area is on 1st Street, north of Town Center Way, and behind the Best Buy, Babies R Us and Lowe's stores. Please keep in mind that all lanes of Town Center Way WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC from 1st Street to East Jefferson Way at the east end throughout the staging process and while the Parade is ongoing! You can access the Staging Area via East Jefferson Way, from Erringer Road.

3) **PARKING** – All Parade participants can park in the dirt lot behind Best Buy/Babies R Us. DO NOT park on the streets, in any of the apartment complex parking lots and in any of the adjacent shopping centers. There is limited parking in the Town Center parking lot while the Parade is in the preparation stages and while it is ongoing. Please note there is NO shuttle service

4) **LINE UP NUMBER** - Your "LINE UP" number appears to the left of your organization's name on the line up sheet. This number may change do to last minute Parade changes. Please check the website for changes (remember to refresh your browser when you get to the Parade page). The Line-Up will be posted after the 1st week of September 2017.

6) **PERFORMANCES** - Everyone loves to watch the great performances in our Parade from the trick autos to the marching bands. However, we do have a few rules that need to be followed to avoid problems with the "FLOW" of the Parade.

- Your group may sing, dance or perform any talent they wish, as long as they **DO NOT STOP**. The entire group must continue marching down the Parade route at all times; however ...

- There will be two (2) designated areas for performances clearly marked and staffed with our volunteers, where your group can stop and perform. These performances areas include one (1) in front of the Announcer's booth.

- The assigned performing groups will be allowed only **approximately two (2) minutes** to spread out and perform for the crowd in these areas.

- **MUSIC** - if your group has "recorded" music as part of its performance you may email us at SimiValleyDaysParade@gmail.com with your MP3 file and we will play your music through our sound system at the Announcer's performance area only.