

# THE 2025 DIXON MAY FAIR PARADE



(Artwork by Steve Dana)

**Downtown Dixon**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday, May 10, 2025**  
**[www.dixonchamber.org](http://www.dixonchamber.org)**

Presented by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dixon

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Welcome to the 2025 Dixon May Fair Parade! The Parade Committee and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to participate in the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Dixon May Fair Parade on Saturday, May 10, 2025. The Dixon May Fair Parade is the oldest state affiliated parade in California and is one of the most colorful of its kind.

This year's Parade Committee has been working diligently to provide you with the best parade around. We encourage you to incorporate this year's theme, "FLOWER POWER" into your entries. The Pacific Coast Judges Association and the California State Horsemen's Association will judge all entries... the more creative, the better!

Please read the application thoroughly to ensure that you completely understand the requirements and enjoy your parade experience. That way, you will not miss any important deadlines; you will have everything you need on parade day; and you won't have to worry about being told at the last minute that what you have prepared doesn't meet the requirements. The following rules and requirements are designed to make the parade safe, enjoyable, and entertaining for all.

## ***DON'T KNOW WHAT CATEGORY OR CLASS TO ENTER YOUR UNIT IN?***

Follow these simple guidelines...

**Senior Category** is 14 years and older (one 14-year-old in a group constitutes a senior unit).  
**Junior Category** is 13 years or younger.

**A Float** is any fully decorated structure/vehicle that depicts the parade theme. Each float must be decorated with over 90% or more of the unit, including truck cab or tow vehicles. Floats are judged on design, including balance, artistic imagination, and the effectiveness of color combinations. Materials and workmanship are considered, as well as the presentation of a theme and overall appeal. The manner of propulsion (i.e., towing vehicle, self-propelled) is regarded as part of the float's appeal, as well as the personnel and costuming that enhances its presentation. ***A MAXIMUM OF 2 VEHICLES*** (towing vehicle and float) ***ARE ALLOWED FOR EACH FLOAT ENTRY.*** (Please see below for decorated auto description as many people confuse these two categories).

**Sports Leagues** such as Little League, Softball and other groups with multiple entries or units must fill out an application for each entry or unit. The first entry (one tow vehicle and one trailer or one vehicle) shall pay full price, and any additional entries (one tow vehicle and one trailer or one vehicle) shall each pay a \$10 fee. The entries will be placed in consecutive order in the parade.

**A Decorated Auto** is a vehicle that is less than 90% decorated and does not depict the parade theme. (Please see above for float description as many confuse these two categories).

**Novelty entries** are judged for their entertainment value and appeal. Care in the entry's preparation, community involvement, consistency of theme, personnel and costuming are considered. Marching units and other units who have a category that corresponds to their unit often enter this category.

**Drum Major** is an individual performing as a leader or drum major of a marching musical group. Drum Major with a junior high, middle, or elementary school band is a Junior Drum Major.

**A Car Club or Motorcycle Club** is an organization with 3 or more vehicles that are judged as a single entry. The maximum number of vehicles allowed in the Car Club or Motorcycle Club category is 10.

If you do not want your entry to be judged, you should enter your unit in the non-judged category.

Please be sure to describe your entry in detail on your application so we know what to expect (see "describe your entry" section on the application form). ***YOU MUST INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, VEHICLES, OR HORSES IN YOUR ENTRY ON THE APPLICATION.***

***Still do not know? Contact the Parade Coordinators at  
(707) 678-2650 or send an email to [info@dixonchamber.org](mailto:info@dixonchamber.org)***

### **PARADE ROUTE**

The parade will move out of East C Street onto North First Street heading South towards the May Fair. The route will turn left onto East Chestnut to the disbanding area at Hall Park. Each entry must complete the entire route before disbanding.

### **SELECTION OF ENTRIES**

Entries are selected to provide a varied, entertaining, colorful, and exciting parade. The Parade Committee will give priority to fully decorated floats, marching bands, costumed/performing novelty or specialty groups, and equestrian units. In the event more entries are received than can be presented in the parade, selections will be based on information provided in your application form. Please be as descriptive as possible when you are filling out this form.

### **PARADE LINE-UP**

Due to a high volume of special requests (for example: to be placed at the beginning of line-up, splitting entries so children can be involved with both entries, etc.) we will take applications on a ***first-come, first-served basis after receipt of payment*** and will place entries accordingly.

***All requests should be noted on the applications – no verbal requests will be considered.***

The Parade Committee will attempt to accommodate as many requests as possible. Please keep in mind that the first several spaces are always reserved for our dignitaries, and special guests. Also, note that we try to rotate units around each year so that they are not in the same place every year. Please see "Confirmations" section for more details on receiving your line-up number and staging location.

## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES

- All entrants must follow directions from authorized parade officials.
- All entrants must be decorated or costumed and relate to the Parade Theme: **“FLOWER POWER ”**.
- All entrants should travel at a constant speed of 3-5 mph. and should keep a distance of 15 feet between their unit and the unit ahead of them.
- This is an all-forward-motion parade. Performing groups should choreograph routines to maintain forward motion at the parade pace. No slow cadences allowed. Any unit that stalls or holds up the parade will be given penalty points or disqualified. (This includes stopping at the start of the Judging area).
- **PASSING OUT OF ITEMS OR THROWING ITEMS FROM YOUR ENTRY ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** YOUR PARTICIPATION IN NEXT YEAR'S PARADE WILL BE DENIED IF YOUR GROUP IS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING IGNORED THIS REQUEST.
- Parade goes on rain or shine. All units must prepare for rain or cold as well as sun and heat. Unless the parade is cancelled by the Parade Committee, all units will be expected to perform, and no entry fees will be refunded.
- All entrants must conform to the description stated on their application. The Parade Committee reserves the right to re-classify applicants. If you have changed the makeup of your entry, please call, and let us know.  
For example, if you are going to have a group of marchers in place of a float, we need to know this in order to allocate enough space in the staging areas as well as reclassify your entry so there is no confusion for the judges or officials. This should be done at least two weeks prior to parade day.
- Units with sound or unusual noise must indicate so on the entry form. No offensive music may be played during the parade.
- Judging will be done by the Pacific Coast Judges Association and the California State Horsemen's Association. The CSHA rules will apply to the entire parade session. Parade units can only compete in one category. Each unit will be judged on its overall presentation and the judges' decision will be final. The distance for competition is 100 feet, with the judges' stand on the left side of the line of march. The judging area will be clearly marked with start and finish lines.
- All entrants will be checked before entering the parade line. Any entry that does not conform to its application, or all rules outlined in this application, may be disqualified, may not be allowed into the parade and entry fees will not be refunded. Entries depicting violence, drugs, illegal activities, or otherwise deemed inappropriate on parade day will not be allowed into the line-up and entry fees will not be refunded.
- Parade participants may not jump onto or off any unit and may not interfere with any other unit in the parade.
- Drivers of automobiles in the parade must have a valid driver's license.
- Alcohol beverages or anything containing alcohol are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the line of march.
- Points may be lost for the following infractions: throwing or passing out items from unit, delay of parade, not observing all forward motions.
- **Floats** are recommended to have handholds or barriers to ensure riders in the event of sudden stops or starts. Seating on floats should be attached to the float bed. **All floats must carry a fire extinguisher to be ready for emergencies.**

- **Autos** may not “stall out: in front of the judges stand to show off their car; they must keep forward motion at parade pace throughout the entire parade. Penalty points will be given for any group that stops or stalls out. **NO BURNOUTS ARE ALLOWED AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND BE BANNED FROM FUTURE PARADES.**
- **All musical groups** are required to play through the entire parade route. Penalty points will be applied for insufficient playing time. All bands should choreograph their performances for all forward motion even at judges’ stand.
- **Mounted Units limited to 10 horses per entry.** All horse units are asked to provide their own clean-up crews or that the horses be bagged.

### **CONFIRMATIONS**

Confirmation will be emailed **ONE TO TWO WEEKS** prior to the parade. You will be sent maps, last-minute instructions, reminders and check in time. You will be given your line-up number when you check in the morning of the parade at City Hall. No information will be given out prior to parade day concerning your line-up number or placing. **No changes will be made to the line-up after it has been printed and sent to the judges.**

### **APPLICATION FEES & DEADLINES**

Deadline for all applications is **THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025, AT 4:00 PM. ABSOULUTLY NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted after April 17. **EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL ACCEPTED BUT NOT ENTERED TILL PAID IN FULL.** All entries must be mailed with payment, or the application will be considered incomplete.

Entry fees are not refundable. If for any reason an entry is not accepted by the April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline, your fees will be refunded. Unless the parade is cancelled by the Parade Committee, all units will be expected to perform, and no entry fee will be refunded. An application is considered completed once payment has been received and all information, including the announcer’s script, has been filled in.

All applications are considered first for their entertainment value, then by date of application.

If you have any questions as to what category your unit should enter, please see the guidelines listed on page 2 “Don’t Know What Class or Category to Enter Your Unit In?” For more information call (707) 678-2650 or email [info@dixonchamber.org](mailto:info@dixonchamber.org).

**PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:**

DIXON MAY FAIR PARADE  
C/O Dixon Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 159  
220 N. Jefferson Street  
Dixon, CA 95620

***ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO: Dixon Chamber of Commerce***

## CATEGORIES AND FEES

Commercial Auto is any auto or truck advertising the company that owns it.

Decorated Auto is the same fee as Commercial Auto.

Auto & Motorcycle Clubs pay the same fee. There is a maximum of 10 autos, trucks, or motorcycles per entry. \$20 per additional auto, truck, or motorcycle.

\*\* If entering a Marching Band, there is a \$20 fee for other units (i.e., tall flags, drum major, majorettes, etc.) that are affiliated with your band. Please call (707) 678-2650 for questions.

\*\*\* Maximum of 3 tractors per \$45 entry fee - \$20 each additional tractor.

CATEGORY	FEE
Single Auto - not decorated	\$40.00
Commercial or Decorated Auto ( <i>limit Of 4 vehicles per entry</i> )	\$60.00
Auto Clubs ( <i>limit of 10 autos per entry</i> )	\$70.00
Color Guard	\$45.00
Drill Team/Dance Team	\$45.00
Drum Major	\$40.00
Float ( <i>limited to one tow vehicle and one trailer or one vehicle per entry</i> )	\$70.00
Musical Unit	\$45.00
Majorettes	\$40.00
Motorcycle - Single - Custom	\$40.00
Motorcycle - Commercial or Decorated	\$60.00
Motorcycle Club	\$70.00
Mounted Unit ( <i>limit of 10 horses per entry</i> )	\$45.00
Non-Judged	\$50.00
Novelty/Comic	\$45.00
Political	\$70.00
Tall Flags	\$45.00
Tractor	\$45.00

## CATEGORIES & CLASS

Best in Show - \$250 & Trophy (Musical Units and Floats)  
Mounted Sweepstakes - \$250 & Trophy

### FLOATS

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Local Adults	Certificate + \$100	Ribbon + \$75	Ribbon + \$50
Local Youth	Certificate + \$100	Ribbon + \$75	Ribbon + \$50
Commercial	Certificate + \$75	Ribbon + \$50	Ribbon + \$25
Out-of-Town	Certificate + \$75	Ribbon + \$50	Ribbon + \$25
Antique	Certificate + \$75	Ribbon + \$50	Ribbon + \$25

### MUSICAL UNITS

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
College	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
High School	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Intermediate School	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Drum/Pipe	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Open	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

### MOUNTED UNITS

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Color Guard, Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Color Guard, Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Fancy Dressed Western	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Horse-Pony Drawn Vehicle	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Mounted Group, Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Mounted Group, Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Novelty Costume, Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Novelty Costume, Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Plain Western, Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Plain Western, Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Silver Mounted	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Working Western	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Matching Pairs	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Future Horsemen - Western 8 & Under	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Future Horsemen - Costume 8 & Under	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Junior Equestrian - (9 through 17)	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Charro/Charra Costume - Open	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Charro/Charra Costume - Mounted Group	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
El Vaquero, Original Cowboy, Single Rider	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Working Vaquero - Mounted Group	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

### DRILL TEAM/DANCE TEAM

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Open, Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Open, Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Dance/Specialty, Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Dance/Specialty, Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Military	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**COLOR GUARD**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Open	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Military	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**TALL FLAGS**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Open	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Military	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**MAJORETTES**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Group	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Solo	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**DRUM MAJOR**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**AUTOS**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Horseless Carriage (pre-1915)	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Antique (1916-1929)	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Classic (1930-1948)	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Milestone (1949-1969)	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Custom Build	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Commercial Auto	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Decorated Auto	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Auto Club	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**MOTORCYCLES**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Custom Motorcycle	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Decorated Motorcycle	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Motorcycle Club	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**TRACTORS**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Open	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**COMIC**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**NOVELTY**

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
Junior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Senior	Certificate + Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

**POLITICAL**

*Not Judged*