



Dear Participants,

The Nations Birthday is right around the corner, so now is the time to plan your entry for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Fourth of July Parade. Please join us for this year's event. The theme this year will be:

## "Proud to be an American"

The scheduled parade start time is Approx 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot behind Seafood City Supermarket Center on Mira Mesa Blvd. at Greenford. You will receive a confirmation phone call when your application has been processed. **Registration is at 9:45AM July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009. You must send an adult representative to register at your appointed time or participation may be forfeited.** Children and other participants in your group may arrive anytime before 11:00AM. The registration table will again be at the east end of the shopping center at the entrance to the staging area.

For your convenience portable toilets will be available in the staging area. As it is generally a hot and sunny day, remember to bring water and sunscreen. You are asked to leave the area in a neat and clean condition so that we may continue to have the cooperation of the shopping center.

Once again, we will have parade commentators along the parade route and near the judges viewing stand, located in front of the Senior Citizens center. Entries may NOT stop at the judge's area to perform! Be sure to fill out all application materials completely. Feel free to include information for the commentators to use. Please keep information to approximately 25 words.

The entry fee is \$20.00 for parade applications postmarked by May 31, 2009. Applications Postmarked after May 31<sup>st</sup> and before June 5th will be charged a \$45.00 entry fee. Unfortunately this year we cannot accept any applications after June 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 but look forward to your participation in 2010.

**THE RULES:** Per Fire Marshal's instructions **NO SMOKING** will be permitted in the staging area. **NO ITEMS** may be tossed or thrown from any vehicle during the parade per City Ordinance. **ALL items handed out along the Parade route MUST be Pre-approved by the Parade committee.** Failure to follow these instructions could result a citation. The Mira Mesa Fourth of July Committee reserves the right to refuse participation at its discretion.

As it requires many volunteers and hours to stage a complete event, your participation is encouraged! If you or your group can donate time, convertibles or manpower please contact Maria Pankau at (858) 271-1572 or Sandy Smith at (858) 361-5229.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

Maria Pankau  
Mira Mesa 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Parade Chair

Mira Mesa Community 4th of July Committee  P.O. Box 261264  San Diego, CA 92196

# PARADE APPLICATION

**DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2009**

Return completed application to:  
Mira Mesa 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee  
c/o Maria Pankau, Parade Coordinator  
P.O. Box 261264  
San Diego CA 92196

Direct Questions to:  
Phone (858) 271-1572  
Fax (858) 695-2866  
e-mail: mgpankau@hotmail.com

ORGANIZATION NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT/LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT PERSON FOR PARADE \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER (DAY \_\_\_\_\_ (EVENING) \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORIES (Please Check one)

Decorated Float\*                       Marching Team                       Car Club  
 Decorated Vehicle\* (car, truck)       Marching Band                       Non-Marching Band

Will your group have:

Live Music                                       Recorded Music                       No Music

Will you be participating in another Parade on July 4th 2009?       Yes       No

If yes, please provide the following: LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

I herby certify that the above is eligible to be entered into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. I further release and hold harmless any member, agent, owners or managers of the grounds and location where this event is to be held, for any loss, damage, or injury resulting from participation of the above entry in this event.

Applicant's:

printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parents signature if under 18 years of age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* *Please see* attached **Contest Application** and **Fire Marshal Regulations for 2009**

The **Commentary Form** must be returned along with this **application** in order to be added to the parade line-up.

# Mira Mesa 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Commentary/ Judges Form

ORGANIZATION NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT/LEADER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON DRIVING/LEADING \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION (commentators reserve the right to edit to 25 words)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS IN MIRA MESA PARADE \_\_\_\_\_

Judging is done in one of eight categories. Please choose the one category, from A-H that best describes your group. *You may select category I if you do not wish to be judged and considered for an award*

A    B    C    D    E    F    G    H    I (not judged)

The theme for the 35th Annual Parade will be:

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Entries for each of the categories will be judged on the basis of originality, theme and overall appearance.

A	COMMERCIAL	The best commercial business entry portraying what they are, what they do and the service they provide
B	MARCHING TEAM	Any drill team, equestrian, neighborhood group or any group marching with some sort of precision.
C	MARCHING BAND	Any marching bands from military, schools etc.
D	NON-MARCHING BAND	Any live band that is stationary on a float, truck etc.
E	CAR CLUBS	Car Clubs are judged on cleanliness, variety, uniqueness, and enthusiasm
F	DECORATED FLOAT	Floats are judged on artistry, creativity, materials used and use of theme. Large or small get your organization involved
G	DECORATED VEHICLE	Individually decorated vehicles, bikes wagons etc.
H	COMIC ENTRY	A special category of clowns, funny costumes or kazoo bands.

*Keep in mind that the judges will be using the above guidelines in the voting process.*

**Happy Planning...see you on the 4th!**

JUDGES CHOICE TROPHY	The Mira Mesa 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Perpetual Trophy (1), along with an engraved commemorative plaque for your group to keep, will be awarded to the best group overall
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