

Parade Judging and Awards

The San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association invites you to participate in The 54th annual Swallows' Day Parade.

Please complete this application and entry form no later than March 1, 2012. **All entries select a Competitive Class Classification.** The parade order and staging information will be sent to accepted entries ten (10) days prior to the parade.

Submission of this application does not constitute acceptance into the parade. We will accept applications, as needed, to properly balance the parade and stay within the acceptable length of the parade.

This parade is one of the nation's largest "Non-Motorized" parades. Parade participants are prohibited from the use or inclusion of motorized vehicles or motorized devices (generators / golf carts / scooters, etc.) excluding medically approved electric wheelchairs.

- ENTRY FEES -

- **Non-profit / school entries:** \$0
- **Entries (1-4 people):** \$0
- **Commercial (Business) Entries:** \$100.00
- **Entries (5 or more people):** \$25.00

Commercial entries may carry the **NAME ONLY** of the sponsoring firm or organization. The Entry fee is required with submission of the application. Please make check payable to: **SJC Fiesta Association.** Banners and banner carriers are the responsibility of the participant.

- JUDGING -

This is an adjudicated parade. Decisions of the Judges will be final. With the exception of the equestrian units, all competitive units adjudicated by SCSBOA must maintain a pace of 220' per minute through the competition area. **Competitive units must not stop in front of the SCSBOA adjudication stand.**

Bands Judging: Will be by the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA). Bands, Drum Majors, Auxiliary Units, Solo Majorettes, Majorettes, Percussion, Marching Units will be judged in line of march.

Equestrian Judging: Will be by a Profession Equestrian Parade Judge with the California Show Horse Association (CSHA). Equestrians will be pre-judged at 8:00 a.m. on Buchheim field. You must be pre-judged to qualify for an award. Pre-judging will end promptly at 10:00 a.m.

- AWARD PRESENTATION -

All band and equine awards will be presented at Historic Town Center Park (across from the Mercado) approximately 30 minutes following the parade. You do not want to miss the excitement of these presentations and winners. You must be present to receive an Award. We do not mail out trophies, plaques, or buckles.

- AWARDS -

Bands: Trophies are awarded for 1st, and 2nd place in categories A, B, and C. The prestigious Swallows' Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded for best band unit.

Equine: Equestrian horse drawn, and hand drawn float categories will receive plaques for 1st and 2nd. Categories marked with an asterisk (*) will receive belt buckles for 1st place with the famed "Swallows Logo and Lettering", 2nd place will receive plaques.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

The Fiesta Association - P.O. Box 532 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693

Phone: 949-493-1976 Website: www.swallowsparade.com

Parade Rules and Fees
The San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association
54th annual Swallows' Day Parade – March 24, 2012

1. **Failure to follow Parade Officials instructions shall be cause for disqualification and no awards will be issued.**
2. **At no time is any person or unit allowed to handout or throw anything along the parade route. This creates a potentially dangerous situation between spectators and horses.**
3. All parade participants must be checked in by **10:00 a.m.** **The Parade will start promptly at 11:00 a.m.** Late check-in will be subject to disqualification and may not participate.
4. Forward motion must be maintained throughout the parade route. Entries must remain in assigned position throughout the entirety of the parade.
5. Prior to entering the line up the Parade Application and Liability release form must be signed by each individual participant and turned in at Check In.
6. Bands directors must have in their possession parent release liability forms. The Parade committee must approve all entries.
7. Any participant causing the delay of the parade or interfering with the orderly management of the Parade is subject to disqualification.
8. **Individuals under the influence or have possession of Alcoholic** beverages and/or illegal substances are strictly **prohibited**. Violators will be removed immediately from the parade.
9. Decorations must be fireproof.
10. Balloons and noisemakers are **prohibited**.
11. Political or controversial entries are **prohibited**, as is handing out political information.
12. Participants are prohibited from discharging firearms, sirens, or creating loud noises, along the parade route.
13. All participants must be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired.
14. There is a limit of 50 people of each group, except for marching bands. Children will be permitted to march ONLY if accompanied by one adult for every 10 children.
15. For the safety of the parade, the Parade Committee shall remove any animal or entry deemed unfit.
16. The Parade Committee accepts no responsibility for false statements made by applicants or entrants.
17. Distribution or throwing of merchandise or articles by any participant is **not permitted** along the parade route. This includes candy, trinkets etc... Any such activity will result in **immediate** disqualification.
18. **Parade participants are prohibited from the use or inclusion of motorized vehicles or motorized devices (generators / golf carts / scooters, etc.) excluding medically approved electric wheelchairs.**

The Swallows' Day Parade is intended to be a day of fun and celebration. Please observe safety issues and signs when around wagons and horses. We welcome back our traditional groups and look forward to meeting new participants. Have a great parade day and thank you for being a part of the celebration!

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Keep this page of parade facts for your reference. Please inform everyone in your group of all parade rules.