

KIWANIS DANVILLE JULY 4th PARADE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General Parade Questions:

Q: What time does the parade start?

A: 9:00 am on July 4th

Q: What is the parade route?

A: Hartz Avenue south from San Ramon Valley High School to Sycamore Valley Road

Q: When can I put out my chairs?

A: No earlier than 6:00 pm on July 3rd

Q: When will the downtown Danville streets close for the parade?

A: Streets feeding into the Kiwanis 4th of July parade will be closed starting at 6:00 am for the 9:00 am parade.

Q: Where do I park?

A: Please refer to the Parade Route Map link at www.kiwanis-srv.org/parade.asp

Q: Is there disabled parking?

A: Yes. Both sides of Diablo Road between Front Street and Hartz Avenue are designated as disabled parking for the parade. This area will be marked as disabled parking by the Town of Danville.

Q: How long will the parade take?

A: Approximately 2 hours as a spectator, 1 hour if you are marching or participating.

Q: How many people will be viewing the parade?

A: We anticipate between 40,000 and 50,000 spectators.

Q: Will there be event staff monitoring the parade?

A: Yes, Kiwanis Event Staff will be recognizable by their brightly colored safety vests.

Q: What are the alcohol policy for the parade?

A: Per Town of Danville ordinances, alcohol is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Q: Are dogs allowed?

A: Dogs are discouraged as there is a great deal of noise, large crowds, many small children and the ground is very hot in July. Any dog attending the parade MUST be on a leash.

Q: Will there be bathrooms available?

A: Portable restrooms are available along the parade route.

Q: Will free water be available?

A: No. Bring your own along with sunscreen and other protection from the sun.

Q: Is there going to be a pancake breakfast before the parade?

A: A local Rotary club used to organize this event and may do so in the future. Contact the local Rotary clubs (Danville, Danville/Sycamore Valley, San Ramon Valley) for more information.

Q: What restaurants or hotels are located in the area?

A: The Danville Chamber of Commerce has a directory of its members at www.danvilleareachamber.com/business-directory

Q. Why do you always have the noisy, shotgun-shooting Clampers' Devil Mountain Brigade at the end of the parade?

A: It is TRADITION (39 years). They finish the parade giving anyone with hearing concerns the opportunity to view the parade in its entirety and leave before they arrive.

Q: What happens after the parade? Are there any other events?

A: There are no events scheduled in the Town of Danville, but please join the City of San Ramon for their Star Spangled Spectacular and Fireworks in Central Park. Go to www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us for more information.

Parade Entrant Questions:

First, a note on safety:

Our concern is always for the safety of the crowd and most importantly, our children, at this event. With 40,000 to 50,000 people viewing the parade, the following safety procedures must be adhered to.

Absolutely no handing out flyers, candy or promotional items from the backs of floats.

If you wish to hand out anything, someone **MUST** walk the parade route. This eliminates the possibility of children rushing the float to get treats, which becomes a dangerous situation with small children close to the wheels of moving vehicles.

Absolutely NO throwing of candy or promotional items. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal from the parade by the police.

Q: How much does an entry cost?

A: Please go to www.kiwanis-srv.org/parade.asp for all the information.

Q: Where can I get an application?

A: Please go to www.kiwanis-srv.org/parade.asp for all the information.

Q: May I register to enter the parade on July 4th?

A: No. Pre-registration is required and no walk up registrations will be accepted.

Q: How long is the parade route?

A: It is 1.2 miles beginning at the northern intersection of Railroad Avenue and Hartz Avenue and extending south to Sycamore Valley Road.

Q: We are in the parade. What time should we arrive?

A: 7:00 – 8:30 am

Q: Where do we go for “staging”?

A: Please refer to the Parade Staging Area Map link at www.kiwanis-srv.org/parade.asp.

Q. What if we have a large trailer or float that will be hard to maneuver in the staging areas?

A. The southbound lanes of Danville Boulevard right in front of the high school are reserved for staging only those very large items that can't be staged in their assigned location.

Q: How is the order of the parade decided?

A: Our team of dedicated Kiwanis parade personnel selects and mixes the parade order to ensure a great experience for all.

Q: At the end of the parade route, where should we park our vehicles and trailers so that we can load up our floats, helicopters, tanks, etc. once the parade is over?

A: The section of San Ramon Valley Boulevard between the first Podva intersection and second Podva intersection will be available to park large trailers and the like along the curb. Please do not park large trailers or other vehicles on Podva where extensive reloading will block the return route for the buses carrying parade participants back to the start of the parade.

Q: Where is the parade reviewing stand?

A: Across the street from Danville Automotive & Tire at 535 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Q: What are the parade categories for awards?

A: We have a variety of categories including: Marching Unit, Animal, Dance, Auto, Sports Team and Parade Team. Please refer to the application for more details and a full list of categories.

Q: We are in the parade. How do we get back to the beginning of the parade route?

A: There is a shuttle bus that returns you to the start of the parade route. However, it cannot accommodate animals or bicycles.