

2017 Parade Participant Information

Saturday, November 11th | 11 am until approximately 1 pm

Parade Check-in & Staging: Opens at 8 am and concludes at 10:30 am. **NO entries will be allowed after 10:30 am. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Parade Route: **NEW ROUTE FOR 2017.** Please note the enclosed map of the parade route, which is 1.3 miles long (the same length as in previous years, even with the new route). The parade will start at Evergreen and Reserve, do a small loop in downtown Vancouver, and end past at the Providence Academy.

Check-In/Registration: Designate one adult from your unit to check in at the registration booth located on the east side of the Crosley Lanes Bowling Alley parking lot (2400 E. Evergreen Blvd.). This adult will need to display their "Parade Participant" vehicle pass on their dashboard to enter the parade staging area. They will pick up an information packet including a map of your line-up location, your official parade unit number and your certificate of parade participation.

Parking: The parade staging area is for parade show vehicles ONLY. Do NOT park a vehicle in the staging area unless it will accompany you in the parade. Non-parade vehicles will need to park on street parking north of 9th Street or in the Keller Williams Realty parking lots (9th and W St). **Do not parking in the staging area or at Crosley Lanes Bowling Alley** (registration area). Please see the route map for details.

Parade Line-up: All units should enter from east of Fort Vancouver—from Grand Boulevard and Evergreen Boulevard. Parade directors in orange vests will assist you in finding your line-up location. **Each person in your group must know your parade unit number.** Units with extra-long vehicles must arrive before 9 a.m. and line up on Evergreen Blvd. or a side street.

Do not block traffic in the staging area. One lane must be kept open on all streets as an emergency fire lane at all times.

Unit Number Display Sign: At registration, you will receive your unit number display sign. Designate someone in the front of your unit to carry this number or to display it in your parade vehicle's front window. This number is essential for parade announcers to read your unit's information for parade viewers and the CVTV audience.

Equestrian/Animal Units: You must provide a pooper-scooper. No exceptions. **You must clean up after your animals for the entire day, and keep the staging area and parking lots clean!** Units violating this rule will not be allowed to participate in the parade this year or future years.

Marching Bands: Meet south of Mill Plain on Reserve by the soccer fields; parents/buses can unload and load musicians in gravel parking lot on the west side of Reserve St.

Parade performances, routines or displays: You may pause in front of each of the announcer stands. Routines must be 60 seconds or less to keep the parade moving. Announcer stand locations: (1) Marshall House, (2) Fort Vancouver Way traffic circle, (3) Providence Academy, (4) Main St and Evergreen Blvd.

Prepare for inclement weather: Although we hope for a sunny day, please be prepared for inclement weather. The parade will go on rain or shine.

Boy and Girl Scouts: Scouts should be dropped off at the intersection of 5th and S Streets and walk to their staging location on 6th Street. Each scout should know his/her parade unit number. See route map for details.

Religious or political statements, signs or literature: No controversial religious or political statements will be allowed in the parade or distributed along the parade route. Religious and/or political statements and materials may only be displayed in the designated free-speech areas at Fort Vancouver (Please contact the National Park Service for details 360-816-6230).

Throwing candy: DO NOT throw candy or other objects from vehicles. It is a safety hazard when children rush into the street to pick up candy. **You may hand out candy, but may NOT throw it.**

Questions: Call the Fort Vancouver National Trust, 360-992-1804. Please do not call requesting to change the position of your unit in the line-up.



Thank you for honoring our veterans at the 2017 Veterans Parade at Fort Vancouver!