



We will stage **floats at 7:30 AM** along **Highlands Ranch Parkway** west of Hepburn and east of Lucent. Highlands Ranch Parkway will be closed at 5:30 that morning from Lucent to Broadway. If you are unsure of where you are to go, the **Information Tent** will be on the East side of Kaiser Parking lot, in the lot. **Please enter Highlands Ranch Parkway via Lucent Blvd.** (The turning lane will be coned off but still use it.) You can refer to [this map](#). Please have all participants for your float park in the **Target parking lot** and then join the float in the staging area. Parking in the Target lot will make it more convenient for float riders to reach their cars when the float comes back from the parade and disburses in the Target parking lot. Also, **if your entry has a horse**, please park your horse trailer in the designated horse trailer parking within the Target Parking lot (see map and look for orange cones) and bring your horse to your designated entry location. Please refer to [this map](#) for parking and horse trailer information.

Please have your group meet at a designated location. Please look for volunteers wearing white Event Staff t-shirts to direct you. If you have questions, you may inquire at the Information Tent mentioned above.

A printed entry number will be provided for you the morning of the parade. Please place your entry number on the passenger side so it is visible to the announcing booth on the south side of the route. If the announcer cannot see your number as you pass by, no announcement will be made. Please bring something to attach your entry number onto your float, such as tape or magnets. **You must be in line no later than 8:30 AM.** Please note you are solely responsible for any decorations and signage you want on your float other than your entry number. **Note: Please stay in your designated spot and do not move into someone else's space. If you do this and are out of order, you will not be announced and your announcement will not be read.**

HRCA reserves the right to place or change entry location at its discretion. We wish we could put everyone at the front of the parade, but please be understanding of our efforts to mix entries.

If you have horses or other animals, please have a helper who can be the pooper scooper. Everyone who is walking in the parade will appreciate it!

It could be a very warm day — please bring water and other fluids, sunscreen, protective eyewear, and snacks for everyone in your unit. Port-o-lets will be located in the southeast corner of the Kaiser Permanente parking lot at Hepburn and Highlands Ranch Parkway. Please plan accordingly for your needs! The parade will not be canceled due to inclement weather and no refunds will be made.

It is important that maneuvers do not slow/stop or impede the forward movement of the parade. You must stay with the flow of traffic and not stop during the parade. IF YOU ARE HANDING OUT CANDY, FLYERS, MARKETING MATERIAL, COUPONS, ETC. please know you **CANNOT** throw or toss the candy. Due to safety concerns, we need EVERYTHING HANDED out to keep the spectators out of the streets.

Everyone who is participating in the parade will have to sign a waiver form which we will provide the morning of the parade. Children will need to have a parent, guardian, or chaperone signature. Please allow time for this as part of your staging process.

Please note if a parade entry breaks down, go around it, do not stop, and continue along the parade route. At the end of the parade all floats need to go as far as possible into the Target parking lot to dismantle. Do NOT stop on Hepburn to unload your float. Floats that do not need to be dismantled still need to proceed on Hepburn, take a right on Sgt. Jon Stiles, then a left on Town Center Dr. to Lucent Blvd. You may NOT exit off of Highlands Ranch Parkway and Lucent, that intersection will be closed.

The parade will start **promptly** at 9 AM. Make sure to allow plenty of time to arrive, park, and get placed in the line-up – we would hate to have to leave you behind! Please also be aware that the Family Bike and Pet Parade precedes the parade at 8:45 AM.

As our point of contact for your entry, please take the time to send along this information to all the people involved with your entry so they are informed of the procedure for the day. It is vital that they know what to do before they arrive so they aren't wondering where to go, blocking traffic, and becoming frustrated.

****IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PULL OVER TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND STOP, SO EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN HAVE A CLEAR PATH TO GET THROUGH****
DO NOT MOVE UNTIL GIVEN FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a line at july4parade@hrcaonline.org