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# 2026

## 55th St. Patrick's Day Parade

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### FLOAT AND TROOP APPLICATION

### Saturday, March 14, 2026

Brought to you by: **St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

Float contact information:

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Website: <http://www.stxstpats.org>

Theme: **GREEN FANTA-SEA!**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Thank you for your interest in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We appreciate your time in properly completing the application below with **all required** information.

We are looking forward to another great parade made possible by your participation!!!

Sincerely,

The St. Patrick's Day Committee

Completed *Entry and Liability Waiver Form* can be dropped off at Nauti Bar after 4 pm, or emailed to: [info@stxstpats.org](mailto:info@stxstpats.org); [stanfordjoines@hotmail.com](mailto:stanfordjoines@hotmail.com)

***Note: Incomplete submissions will not be accepted for entry in the parade.***

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### **ENTRY AND LIABILITY WAIVER FORM**

#### **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION:**

Organization/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Unit:** (Circle all that apply)

Float      Marching Band      Walking Troop      Walking Troop with Music  
Live Music      DJ Music      Youth Group      Adult Group      Dispensing alcohol  
Motorized Vehicle      Musical Truck Troop      Equestrian (Horses)      Other Animals

#### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the above signed, as the person authorized to act on behalf of the organization listed above, hereby release, remise and forever discharge The St. Croix St. Patrick's Day Committee, Celtic Crucians, it's board members, officers, employees, agents, sponsors of and from any and all liability, claims, actions and possible causes of action which may accrue to any member of the group from every and any loss, damages and injury (including death) that may be sustained while participating in the parade.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have received and agreed to all the terms set forth in the St. Croix St. Patrick's Day Application, Rules and Procedures.

Applicant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL ENTRIES

##### 1. DISRUPTIVE PARTICIPANTS:

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee reserves the right to bar or remove from the parade any entry which refuses to follow all instructions from parade pacers, parade officials, The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee staff and/or police.

##### 2. SPECTATOR SAFETY:

No solicitation, literature, toy guns or other materials may be handed out or thrown along the parade route. **Please do not encourage spectators to enter the street for any reason! We encourage candy, beads, etc. to be handed out or tossed by WALKERS beside the float, aiming away from the street.**

##### 3. EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS:

Consumption or possession of illegal substances is forbidden by anyone anywhere throughout the parade, on any float or vehicle, or on the person of any participant. No alcohol can be **thrown** from floats, though it can be **handed** out by adults to adults.

##### 4. PACING:

**Spacing between each unit will be enforced by parade officials.**

A unit will be required to close the gap between itself and the preceding unit when directed by parade officials. **Each unit must appoint a unit captain (to be named on the application) to pace the unit and work with the St. Patrick's Day Parade Pacers.**

##### 5. SIGNAGE:

Use of political signs or other political material on any entry is prohibited on or around the parade route. In addition, any controversial statements or pictures on your unit will be reviewed for acceptance before the parade.

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### 6. MARSHALLING TIMES:

*Participants must arrive at their designated marshalling spot at the specified time (per acceptance letter instructions), or they will not be allowed to participate.*

### 7. IDENTIFICATION:

Must be a part of the unit or appear on a tasteful banner preceding the unit. A carried banner should be weighted at the bottom and contain slashes to permit the flow of air.

### 8. PARADE NUMBERS:

Will be supplied by The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and are to be placed on the front left corner of the entry. This includes walking units. The numbers **must** be visible.

### 9. GIVING ALCOHOL:

Alcohol cannot -repeat, **cannot**- be thrown into the crowd or sprayed into the crowd. It can be passed off the floats into adult hands, **only**.

### 10. MINORS ON FLOATS WITH ALCOHOL:

Minors cannot be on a float that has alcohol without a legal parent or guardian present. No minors may be served alcohol on a float. Police will be present, and adults not in compliance may be held responsible under local ordinances.

### 11. LOCAL ORDINANCES:

Local ordinances for attire will be enforced; costumes are welcomed, indecent exposure -i.e., guys with bikinis- is not! Our partners, the police will be on site making sure all local ordinances are enforced, so that everyone can have a fun and safe time!

### 12. AIR HORNS:

Please use truck air horns sparingly to allow bands to share in the parade atmosphere.

### 13. ANIMALS:

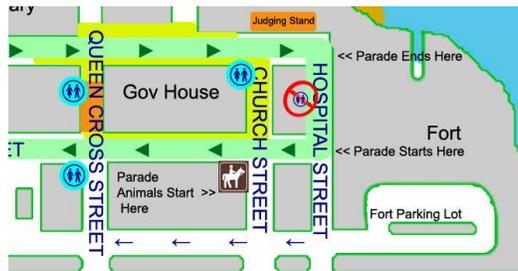
Horses and donkeys must be equipped with diapers, per the National Park Service. All other animals must be accompanied by handlers using leashes and scoopers. All animals must join the parade at Church Street and Company Street. Parade animals are **not** allowed to start on Hospital Street.

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### 14. NPS RULES:

All floats should arrive at 10:00 am. Tractor Trailer floats must pull off to the side so that other vehicles may be moved ahead of them, to keep floats with children in front of floats for adults only. Please wait and/or set up at either Golden Rock or Gallows Bay until it is time to line up. Floats must be already decorated before arriving at the staging area. Upon finishing the parade, floats may not park, but must keep moving out of the area. Trucks may pause to let passengers disembark but must quickly move on. Parked or stopped vehicles create a bottleneck and the parade cannot move forward.

No alcohol can be served on national park property and no bottles can be brought into the national park property. No drones can be flown over national park property. No animals are allowed on national park property.

### 15. JUDGING:

All floats and entries are being judged. The Judge's booth is located at **Paradise Wait's Tattoo Studio** on King Street, across from Government House. Awards will be distributed at **Luncheria** at 3:00pm on the day of the parade.

### 16. FLOAT HEIGHT

All Floats must not exceed 15 feet in height or the current height of any wires going across the streets on the parade route. Floats must be able to go under any wires on the route without assistance.

### 17. FLOAT ROOFS

At no time is it allowed to have anybody ride on the roof of any float. As it is extremely dangerous, and Law Enforcement may fine and or arrest anybody participating in this activity.

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### BAND UNITS

1. Bands are encouraged to perform over as much of the parade route as possible for the enjoyment of the crowd. Bands *must* perform while passing in front of the judging and reviewing stands. Irish music is encouraged and noted!!
2. All members of a band *must* continue to march forward while turning a corner, thus keeping pace with the rest of the parade.
3. Bands may not be followed by transportation buses or other large vehicles. This rule will be *strictly* enforced. Decorated golf carts or wagons are allowed.
4. Bands may be identified by banners or signs preceding the group or by signage that is an integral part of the group. Vehicles may *not* be used to identify bands.
5. While uniforms are not included in the judging criteria, visual appeal has an impact on the judges. GREEN IS ENCOURAGED!! Irish music is also encouraged.
6. All units must be at the specified marshalling spot on time, or they will not be allowed to participate.

### WALKING UNITS

1. **Each walking unit should be costumed or have a choreographed activity/routine designed to entertain the people along the parade route.** This routine/act should be performed while the unit is moving at the parade pace and should continue along the entire parade route. (The routine doesn't need to be elaborate... just simple, creative and **entertaining**).

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PARADE ROUTE in green

