

2026* Atwater 4th of July Parade Application *2026

Name of Organization or Individual: _____
Responsible Individual: _____
Address: _____ confirmation card will be mailed
Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Entry: Please check one letter in chosen division:

1. Float Division <input type="checkbox"/> A. Organization <input type="checkbox"/> B. Business <input type="checkbox"/> C. Miscellaneous	2. Marching Division <input type="checkbox"/> A. Youth <input type="checkbox"/> B. Adult	3. Car Division * <input type="checkbox"/> A. classic group <input type="checkbox"/> B. classic Single <input type="checkbox"/> C. Decorated Car^ <input type="checkbox"/> D. Emergency Response <input type="checkbox"/> E. Motorcycles * <small style="color:red;">*Please pay a NEW entry FEE for every 5 vehicles or every 10 motorcycles.</small> <small style="color:blue;">^No more than 10 decorated cars are permitted for any one entry or group</small>
4. Band Division <input type="checkbox"/> A. High School <input type="checkbox"/> B. Jr. High School	5. Horse Division **^ <input type="checkbox"/> A. Adult <input type="checkbox"/> B. Youth <input type="checkbox"/> C. Horse misc. <small style="color:blue;">^ All horse entries must have their own clean up crew</small> <small style="color:red;">**All horse entries must be self insured</small>	<div style="background-color:yellow; padding: 2px;">Please choose whether you would like to be judged:</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Judae <input type="checkbox"/> Do not judge

All Categories: Please provide total length of Entry: _____

Announcer Information: Please type or print a brief paragraph to be read by the announcer. **(60 words or less):**

**Atwater 4th of July
P.O. Box 4, Atwater CA 95301**

GENERAL LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER

I acknowledge that participation in any community event carries inherent risk of injury and damage to myself and/or property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of participation in the Atwater 4th of July parade and festival.

I hereby release the Atwater 4th of July committee Inc., the Atwater Chamber of Commerce, the City of Atwater and the County of Merced from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of the above named organization or any of its agents.

In consideration of acceptance of any application in regards to the Atwater 4th of July, I wave, release, and discharge the Atwater 4th of July committee Inc., the City of Atwater, the County of Merced and their directors, officers, agents, and members, their representatives, heirs, executors, and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, or my property, arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon the executor, heirs, and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under the California Civil Code 1542, which states, "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor a the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Atwater 4th of July Committee Inc., the City of Atwater, the county of Merced, the Atwater Chamber of Commerce, and their officers, directors members and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court cost and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

The Atwater 4th of July Committee Inc., the City of Atwater, the County of Merced and the Atwater Chamber of Commerce and their agents, or employees shall not be liable for any damage which accrue from any cause, or as a result of fire, theft, mining away, state of health, injury to person, and/or property.

I do hereby accept and understand the above general liability release and waiver:

Name of Organization _____

Responsible person

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Name (print) _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

2026* Parade Rules *2026

1. All participants must disband at the END of the Parade in the disband area (PASTJUNIPER). There will be no riding on vehicles illegally back to the starting point.
2. Parade numbers will be obtained at the registration desk at Ralston Park on **Friday July 3rd from 3:00-6:00 pm.**
3. Participants will maintain numerical order.
4. Control of vehicles or animals must be maintained at all times.
5. All participants must clean up after themselves or any animal they are in charge of.
6. Living things on floats must be secure.
7. **There are to be no “entourages” following along with the participants.**
Chaperones should be a part of the parade and not interfere with other spectators. Please remind family and friends that they should not walk along the parade route with parade participants.
8. **There will be no large gatherings at the judging booth.** All spectators should remain in one spot for the duration of the parade. Please remind friends and family that they may not crowd around the judging booth.
9. Entries under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult over 21.
10. Music from floats/cars will maintain a volume so as to not interfere with others.
11. Vehicles must be decorated except for windshield and radiators.
12. No items may be thrown by parade participants. **Items MAY be handed out by walkers.**
13. No water may be sprayed from any entry except the Fire Department.
14. There is a return check charge of \$25.00.
15. Entries received after June 27th will be placed at the end of the parade.
16. Entries are randomly placed in the line-up to provide a variety throughout the parade. Early entries do not guarantee placement at the front of the parade. Last minute entries will be placed at the end of the parade.

Please adhere to all rules to make this a comfortable, family friendly, and safe event.



Parade Information

Parade Theme: "CELEBRATING 250 YEARS- SEMIQUINCENTENIAL"

Date and Time of Parade: Saturday, July 4th, 2026 at 9:00am

Check in: Ralston Park Friday, July 3rd from 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Parade Route: Line-up begins at Foster Freeze and ends at the corner of Juniper and Winton Way based on your number. **Parade begins at the corner of Elm and Winton Way**, turns left onto Broadway, turns left onto 3rd St and ends at the corner of Juniper and 3rd St. The Reviewing Stand will be on 3rd St between Elm and Fir St.

Trophies will be awarded at **11:30 am**. One winner per category will be awarded PLUS one overall Grand Winner.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Saturday, June 27th, 2026

Entry Fee is \$40.00 (Make checks payable to Atwater 4th of July)

Late Entry Fee is \$45.00 (After June 27th, 2026)

***Cash only after June 27th**

Please mail Application waiver and Fees to:

Atwater 4th of July Committee

P.O. Box 4 Atwater, CA 95301

**Parade Questions: atwater4thparade@gmail.com
or call Andrea at (209) 582-8765**