

# 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Winters Youth Day Parade and Celebration

## Saturday, April 25, 2026

Dear Friends,

Winters Youth Day celebrates its 88<sup>th</sup> birthday with one of the finest parades in Northern California and a day full of fun and festivities. The 88<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Day Parade will again march down historic Main Street in the City of Winters on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Winters Youth Day was founded in 1933 by Reverend Charles P. Barkman and High School Principal A. M. Herron to teach young people the aspects of city government. Each year the young people of Winters take over the elected offices of the city. Students will shadow their City official counterparts on the job to gain experience on how city government works. All are then honored with the annual Winters Youth Day Parade and Celebration. The Winters Youth Day tradition holds strong and proud. Proceeds from the annual event go towards leadership scholarships for deserving Winters High School seniors.

The Winters Youth Day Committee wishes to extend this personal invitation to you and your organization, group or family to share in the Youth Day excitement and participate in our parade. As always there is no entry fee so plan on being with us. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

Cash prizes, trophies and ribbons are being offered to the best in several categories. Professional C.S.H.A. Judging will be available for all horse entries. The 2026 Youth Day theme is “Youth Ahoy” so be thinking of your ideas now. Enclosed in this packet is the official 2026 Entry Form (or you may register online at [www.wintersyouthday.com](http://www.wintersyouthday.com)) and the parade categories. The deadline to enter is April 15, 2026. Be sure to get your entries in today!

Many events are being planned for the big day in addition to the parade. There will be the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast, Kiddie Parade, FREE Kiddie Faire, Contests, and many Food and Craft Booths in the park. Plan to spend the day with us!

Come to Winters and help us celebrate the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Winters Youth Day. We are looking forward to seeing you! Any questions please call or text me at **530 631-0218** or email me at [parade@wintersyouthday.com](mailto:parade@wintersyouthday.com). Visit our website at [www.wintersyouthday.com](http://www.wintersyouthday.com) and like us on Facebook.

With warm regards,  
Shannon Duey  
Winters Youth Day Parade Chairman

**2026 Theme:**  
**“Youth Ahoy!”**

# 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Winters Youth Day Parade

## Main Parade Entry Form Parade Theme: "Youth Ahoy!"

**Date:** April 25, 2026

**Time:** Parade starts at 10:00 AM

**Where:** Downtown Winters, CA

**Awards:** Rotary Park 2:00 PM

**Parade Details:** Horse pre-judging at 8:15 AM at Cody and Main Streets. Parade is approximately 1 mile walking distance on wide, paved streets. There will be one reviewing stand with professional judging and media coverage. Check out our website at [www.wintersyouthday.com](http://www.wintersyouthday.com) for more information!

**Questions?** Contact Parade Chairman Shannon Duey (530) 631-0218 or [parade@wintersyouthday.com](mailto:parade@wintersyouthday.com)

**FORWARD MOTION PARADE – NO STOPPING  
NO ENTRY FEE  
NO THROWING OF ANY ITEM  
(YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE BY THE POLICE IF YOU DO)  
CHECK-IN STARTS AT 7:45 AM**

-----DETACH-HERE-AND-RETURN-----

**Return to:** Winters Youth Day Parade  
Attention: Shannon Duey  
P.O. Box 652  
Winters, CA 95694

**Deadline: April 15, 2026**

**Title of Entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of People Marching:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person, Group or Organization Entering:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse entries will be required to bring a pooper scooper or bag their horses**

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there something you want the announcers to say about your entry?**

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## Parade Check-in Location

Google map link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/e2hBrzpyddpcEex5A>



**Important Notice:** The entrant or a representative of the group who is 18 years of age or older MUST sign and date the following waiver of insurance liability to participate in the parade (no exceptions). An adult must sign if minor.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

**2026 YOUTH DAY PARADE**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2026 Youth Day event (the “activity”), I, my personal representatives, heirs, next-of-kin and assigns (collectively, the “Releasors”) hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the City of Winters, the Winter’s Youth Day and each of their elected officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively, the "Releasees"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any of the property belonging to me whether caused by the negligence of the Releasors/Releasees, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected with the activity and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge of the risks. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such activity, whether caused by the negligence of Releasors/Releasees or otherwise.

I further hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Winters, Winter’s Youth Day, and their officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorneys’ fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, whether caused by negligence of Releasors/Releasees or otherwise.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF, THE CITY OF WINTERS AND WINTER’S YOUTH DAY, AND, BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY, I AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT OF MY FREE WILL.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is a minor): \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Youth Day Main Parade Categories and Prizes

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place		First Place	Second Place
<b>Floats</b>				<b>Horses</b>		
Winters School Floats	\$300	\$200	\$100	Arabian Costume	Trophy	Ribbon
Local Organizations	\$200	\$100		Authentic Novelty Costume	Trophy	Ribbon
Commercial	\$200	\$100		Charro Costume	Trophy	Ribbon
<b>Marching Units</b>				Charro Mounted Group	Trophy	Ribbon
Senior (over 14yrs.)	\$200	\$100		Color Guard (Jr./Sr.)	Trophy	Ribbon
Junior (under 14yrs.)	\$200	\$100		Fancy Dressed Western Jr.	Trophy	Ribbon
Color Guard	\$200	\$100		Fancy Dressed Western Sr.	Trophy	Ribbon
<b>Bands</b>				Family Group	Trophy	Ribbon
High School	\$200	\$100		Fancy Parade Horse	Trophy	Ribbon
Middle School	\$200	\$100		Fiesta Mounted Group (Jr./Sr)	Trophy	Ribbon
Novelty	\$200	\$100		Future Horseman (under 8 yrs.0	Trophy	Ribbon
<b>First Responders</b>				Indian Costume	Trophy	Ribbon
Traditional Vehicle	Trophy	Ribbon		Matched Pairs	Trophy	Ribbon
Decorated Vehicle	Trophy	Ribbon		Miniature Class	Trophy	Ribbon
Other	Trophy	Ribbon		Mounted Group Junior	Trophy	Ribbon
<b>Vehicles</b>				Mounted Group Senior	Trophy	Ribbon
Decorated Car	Trophy	Ribbon		Novelty Fiesta Costume (Jr./Sr.)	Trophy	Ribbon
Custom Car	Trophy	Ribbon		Parade Horse Man/Lady	Trophy	Ribbon
Antique/Classic Car	Trophy	Ribbon		Plain Western	Trophy	Ribbon
Auto Club	Trophy	Ribbon		Pony/Horse Drawn Vehicle	Trophy	Ribbon
Tractors	Trophy	Ribbon		Sheriffs Posse	Trophy	Ribbon
Decorated Golf Carts	Trophy	Ribbon		Silver Mounted	Trophy	Ribbon
Misc.	Trophy	Ribbon		Vaquero Class	Trophy	Ribbon
<b>Novelty</b>				Vehicle Class	Trophy	Ribbon
Group <10 people	Trophy	Ribbon		Working Western Junior	Trophy	Ribbon
Group >10 people	Trophy	Ribbon		Working Western Senior	Trophy	Ribbon
Misc.	Trophy	Ribbon		<b>Pooper Scoopers</b>	\$200	
<b>Non-judged</b>						
Dignitaries						
<b>Sweepstakes</b> Best Overall of the above categories		\$300		<b>Horse Sweepstakes</b>		
				<b>Sweepstakes Junior</b>	\$200	
				<b>Sweepstakes Senior</b>	\$200	
Walk-In entrants are ineligible for prizes, however, all are welcome.						