



Parade Information

Saturday, July 14, 2018

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**2018 THEME
PERSIST WITH PRIDE**

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2018 SAN DIEGO LGBT PRIDE CELEBRATION

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Thank you for being part of the 2018 San Diego LGBT Pride Parade. We are San Diego's biggest one day civic / community event, welcoming more than two hundred thousand spectators along the Parade route every year to celebrate San Diego's LGBT community.

Theme: Persist with Pride
Parade Date: Saturday, July 14, 2018
Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Route: From Normal Street west on University Avenue to 6th Avenue and then south to Balboa Drive and Quince Street. (1.5 miles)
Spectator Cost: This is a free community event.

The Parade application is located on our website at <https://sdpride.org/paraderegistration/>

About San Diego LGBT Pride

San Diego LGBT Pride, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is a volunteer supported and community based human rights organization. The specific purpose of this corporation is to produce civic, cultural and educational programs, which support and encourage pride within San Diego's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

Our Mission

Fostering pride, equality and respect for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, locally, nationally and globally.

Our Vision

A world free of prejudice and bias.

San Diego Pride Parade History

San Diego's Pride Parade finds its roots in the original march held in June of 1974, when a four-hundred-person march / rally was held in Balboa Park.

The parade has seen history change and in turn has changed with history. After the rains poured down on the parade in 1990, it was decided the parade would no longer be held in June, but late July. In 1979, the parade was moved from Sunday to Saturday and in 2003 the parade had grown so large that its start time was moved up to 11 am.

In 2009 we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots through our parade and in 2012 we celebrated the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" with the first active duty military contingent marching in uniform, thus capturing the local, national and global media spotlight. In 2014, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the San Diego Pride Parade. Despite the rain in 2015, our community remained strong and made the best of the situation by dancing, cheering and celebrating many milestones, including Pride naming the transgender community as the Grand Marshal and the first youth marching band comprised of junior high and high school students from around the Southern California Region. This year, we are very excited that you will be a joining our 44-year-old tradition and becoming a part of San Diego Pride history!

PARADE SAFETY MEETINGS

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of each entry and all viewers, we require ALL contingents to send **ONE** representative to attend **ONE** of the Parade Safety meetings.

Parade Safety Meeting Location and Dates:

The San Diego LGBT Center
3909 Centre St., San Diego, CA 92103

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

*****The Parade will be held RAIN OR SHINE*****

Please take special note that registration for the Parade ends on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

This is to ensure time for the line-up to be completed and information regarding your number and staging area are sent to you in a timely manner. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER THURSDAY MAY 31, 2018.**

IMPORTANT DATES

March 4, 2018	Early Bird Registration Deadline
May 31, 2018	Parade Registration Closes
June 15, 2018	Cancellation Deadline
June 13, 2018	Parade Safety Meeting (attend one)
June 19, 2018	Parade Safety Meeting (attend one)
June 27, 2018	Parade Safety Meeting (attend one)
Early July 2018	Release of Line-Up Information
July 14, 2018	44th San Diego LGBT Pride Parade

PARADE CONTINGENT FEES

Contingent Fees include either **1** float, **2** decorated vehicles or up to **100** marchers. Contingents exceeding the above will be required to pay for a second contingent. If your contingent is a float or decorated vehicles you cannot exceed 10 marchers with your contingent. If you do, you will need to purchase a marching contingent in addition to your float or vehicles. **A \$4 processing fee will be added to all credit card transactions.**

	1/1/2018 – 3/4/18	3/5/18 – 05/31/18
Non-Profit / Social Organization (Annual Budget under \$5 Million)	\$100	\$125
Non-Profit / Social Organization (Annual Budget between \$5 and \$50 Million)	\$250	\$350
Non-Profit / Social Organization (Annual Budget over \$50 Million)	\$1500	\$3500
Government / Political	\$750	\$1000
Local Small Business	\$750	\$1000
National Corporation / Franchises	\$2000	\$4000
Motorcycle Entries – Per Person	\$25	\$25

Non-profit Organization

Organizations sanctioned by the IRS with a 501(c)(3) status or those with 501(c)(3) applications pending.

Social Organization

Entries representing an individual or a group with a social benevolent focus, without a tax status.

Local Small Business

The Local Small Business Rate is designed for locally based businesses such as bars, restaurants, stores and other business organizations without a corporate presence and/or multiple physical locations. San Diego Pride reserves the right to make this determination.

Government / Political

Elected officials, City, State, Federal and Tribal agencies, those running for a political office, organizations that improve business conditions and organizations having a 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) or 527 status.

National Corporations / Franchises

Businesses with multiple locations whether local or national and corporate entities.

PARADE CONTINGENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

San Diego Pride strives to be a fun but safe and family-friendly event. We therefore require all contingents in the parade to adhere to the following rules:

Parade Theme: San Diego LGBT Pride (SD Pride) requires all participating contingents to reflect this year's theme in an acceptable and tasteful manner. **The 2018 theme is *Persit with Pride*.**

Forward Motion: All contingents are required to maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade. No stopping unless directed by SD Pride staff. All performances or maneuvers must be "on the move." NO GAPS between parade units of more than 30 feet.

Emergency Traffic Lane: Police and Fire Department traffic lanes must be kept open at all times. The law forbids parking vehicles, decorating units, practicing routines and / or forming walking groups in these lanes.

Throwing from Your Contingent: Parade participants may not throw any item into the crowds. This means you may not throw items from your unit, float or auto. Items may be handed out. **NOTE: A penalty of \$150 for each infraction will be levied. If your entry is pulled from the parade; entry fees will not be refunded or returned.**

Contingent Monitor: ALL contingents are required to supply at least one monitor for every 25 participants to assist SD Pride officials while the parade is in progress. Any contingent without a monitor will not be able to participate. Their role is to 1) assist in the safety, specifically keeping the area in front of vehicles clear of pedestrians; 2) assist in the movement and pacing of the parade.

Nudity and Obscenity: Nudity and obscenity are not permitted as defined by California State Code, title 17.04.480 and San Diego ordinance SDMC 56.53(c). Violators may be subject to citation or arrest by the San Diego Police Department.

Solicitation: Contingents are not allowed to solicit money along the parade route.

Signs & Banners: In order to better facilitate parade announcements and TV coverage, a sign or banner providing the name of the organization / business must precede each contingent participating in the parade or the contingent shall have the name prominently displayed on their vehicle. Position number must be attached to your banner or vehicle window or carried by your designated parade liaison, whichever is most visible to announcers and video cameras. Position number should be posted on the upper left of the banner or on the front passenger window for a vehicle.

Animal Contingents: All animals must be on a leash and attended at all times. Each contingent with animals must provide clean-up for all waste created by the animals. Waste cannot be left on streets. Violators will be immediately removed from the staging, parade or dispersal area and assessed a \$150 clean-up fee. All animals are subject to monitoring by San Diego Humane Society and ASPCA. Please ensure you have water for all animals and footpads are encouraged for your dogs.

Vehicle Breakdown: Towing charges for any contingent vehicle that becomes disabled and / or delays the Parade will be at the contingent's expense.

Hold Harmless / Indemnity: All contingents are responsible for any and all acts and / or omissions on their part, or on the part of their agents, marchers, volunteers and / or employees that may result in injury or damage to themselves their agents, marchers, volunteer and / or employees or to third parties. Contingents specifically agrees to indemnify and to hold SD Pride and its agents, volunteers and employees free and harmless and to defend it from any and all claims arising out of such acts or omissions.

PARADE CONTINGENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Insurance & Driver's License: Each contingent vehicle that enters the parade line up area and / or participates in the parade must have liability insurance and the driver must have a valid driver's license, proof of which must be submitted when registering for the parade.

Removal of Participants: San Diego Pride reserves the right to remove any contingent and / or person(s) from the pre-parade staging area or parade that, in Pride's opinion is offensive, a hindrance to the progress of the parade, places other participants in danger or violates any regulation of this application.

Safety Meeting: All Parade contingents are required to send at least one representative to one of the Parade Safety Meetings.

Third Party Businesses: Contingents and floats cannot be sponsored by or display logos or trademarks from third party businesses or organizations without the advance express written permission of San Diego Pride. Such permission, if granted, will include additional fees and conditions and must take place prior to June 15, 2018. Please contact Robert Leyh, the Parade Director at the Pride office or at bob.leyh@sdpride.org for more information. Contingents found in violation of this rule will be invoiced by Pride for the full amount of a second contingent.

Marching Together and Third Party Reassignment: No contingent is allowed to participate as one or as part of another contingent without advance pre-parade registration and approval from San Diego Pride. Any contingent "crashing" the parade will be removed immediately. Groups desiring to march with other groups must state that in the "Special Requests" field of the application. No parade entry may be reassigned to a third party without express written approval of San Diego Pride.

Drugs & Alcohol: It is illegal to possess or consume alcohol or drugs while participating on City of San Diego streets, ordinance SDMC 56.54(a). Any illegal behaviors and / or violations of the law will not be tolerated in the SD Pride Parade staging, route and dispersal area. You will be responsible for any fines, fees, arrests, injury or imprisonment that may occur if you break these or any other laws. In addition, violations will be immediate cause for dismissal from the parade. Please discourage your participants from consuming any alcohol or drugs prior to or during the parade

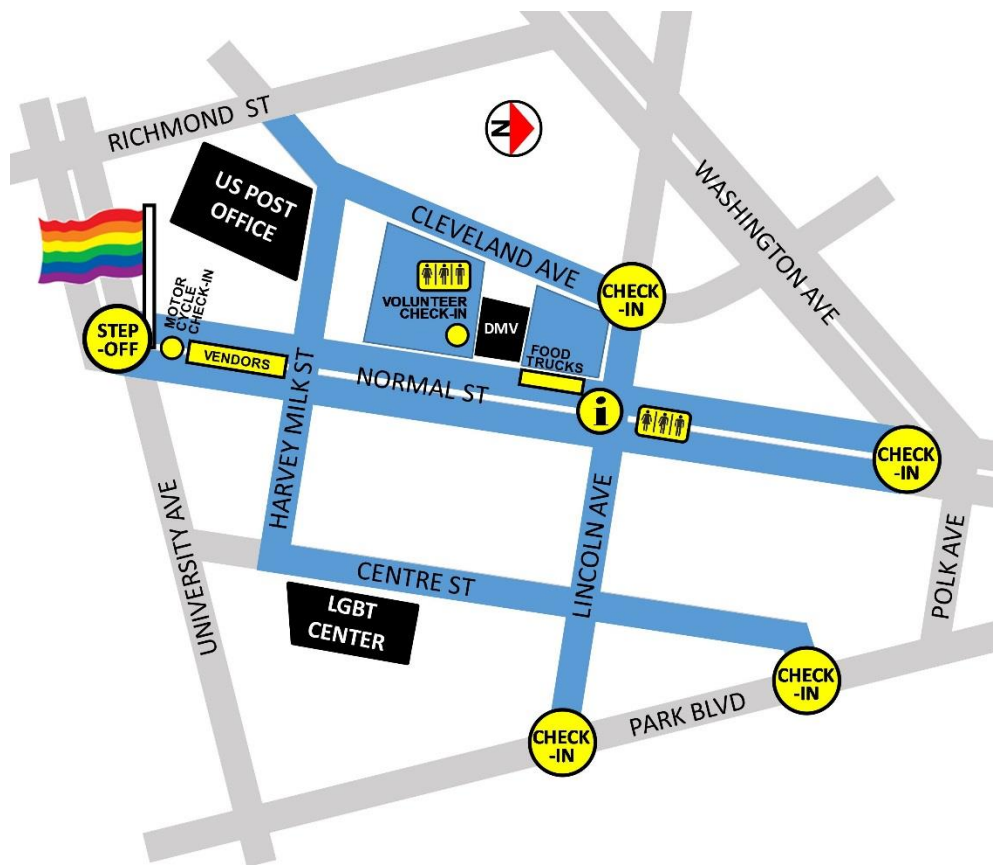
REFUND / CANCELLATION POLICY: Your parade contingent fee is NON-REFUNDABLE unless cancellation, IN WRITING, is received by SD Pride before 5pm on June 15, 2018. There is a \$100 refund / cancellation fee for contingents that paid over \$350.00. For contingents that paid \$350.00 or less 25% of the amount you paid will be assessed.

- a. No refunds will be issued based on contingent placement (no exceptions).
- b. For a full refund (less \$100 or 25% processing fee), cancellation must be received in writing and postmarked prior to June 15, 2018.
- c. No refunds after June 15, 2018.

DAY-OF-PARADE INFORMATION

Check-In/Staging

Prior to the day of the parade, your contingent will be given a line-up number that corresponds to a spot in the staging area. There you can assemble and set up for the parade. If you need to drop off supplies, please do so before 9:00 AM. For safety reasons, only vehicles participating in the parade are allowed in the staging area after 9:00 AM. The staging area is divided into zones (A to S), and check-in times are staggered to minimize congestion and wait times. You must check in at the check-in corresponding to the color code of your zone which will be assigned in early July.



Floats / Decorated Vehicles

Floats and decorated vehicles must enter the staging area at your contingent's designated check-in point and time window. If your contingent did not submit required driver and insurance information for each float or vehicle participating in the parade by Friday, July 6th be prepared to provide it at check-in. Each float or vehicle participating in the parade must be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of 2-A-10B: C that is accessible to the operator.

Marching Contingents

Contingents without floats / decorated vehicles should designate one person to check in and claim your spot in the staging area. All other participants do not need to check in and can arrive at a later time to avoid lengthy wait times.

DAY-OF-PARADE INFORMATION

Parade Route

Parade steps off at Normal Street and University Avenue. It runs west to 6th Avenue, south to Balboa Drive and Quince Street.



Break Down

If you need to make vehicles that were in the parade street legal, do so in the break-down area on Balboa Drive between Quince Street and Laurel Street. Space in the break-down area is extremely limited, so please break down and leave as quickly as possible to make space for the contingents behind you. Parade marchers may exit the Parade at Quince Street or continue down to Laurel Street to the Pride Festival.

Port-a-potties and shuttles to the Old Navy Hospital parking lot are available outside the Pride Festival.

Getting to the Parade and Music Festival

There is FREE parking at the Old Naval Hospital on Park Boulevard and President's Way.

Free shuttle service will be available from the Old Naval Hospital to the parade site. The free shuttle will drop people at the corner of Essex Street and Richmond Street, one block south of University.

Shuttle service will also be provided between Hillcrest and the festival site during and after the parade. The shuttle drop-off at the festival is on 6th Avenue between Juniper and Laurel Street.

Shuttle Run Times:

Old Navy Hospital to Parade	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Parade to Music Festival	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the Parade?

The 2018 San Diego Pride Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2018.

What is the theme of the Parade?

The 2018 Pride theme is Persist with Pride.

What time does the parade start?

The parade starts 11:00 am.

Where does the parade start? End?

The parade starts at Normal Street and University Avenue. It runs west on University to 6th Avenue, then south on 6th Avenue to Balboa Drive and Quince Street. The parade officially ends at Quince Street and Balboa Drive.

Is there an admission fee to watch the parade?

No, the San Diego LGBT Pride Parade is a FREE community event.

Where should I park?

There is free parking at the Old Naval Hospital on Park Boulevard and President's Way.

Will there be shuttle service?

Yes, free shuttle service will be available from the Old Naval Hospital parking lot to the parade drop off site at the corner of Essex and Richmond Street, one block south of University in Hillcrest.

Shuttle service will also be provided between Hillcrest (at the corner of Essex and Richmond Street, one block south of University) and the festival site during and after the parade. The shuttle drops off at the festival entrance on 6th Avenue between Juniper and Laurel Street.

For more Parking and Shuttle detailed information, please visit <https://sdpride.org/parking-transportation/>

What time will the Parade Shuttles run?

The parade shuttle will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

The shuttle from the Parade to the Festival runs from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The shuttle from the Festival to the Old Naval Hospital parking lot runs from 8:00 am to 12 midnight

Is there food available at the parade site?

There are various restaurants along the parade route which sell food and drinks.

Where can I get t-shirts printed?

ROK Enterprises, Inc., Tel: (619) 283-2294

Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More, Tel: (858) 270-3764

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

San Diego LGBT Pride

Tel: (619) 297-7683 ext. 101

Fax: (619) 260-3096

Email: parade@sdpride.org

STREET CLOSURES

The following streets will be “No Parking Zones” starting at 4 am July 15, 2018:

Centre St (from University Ave to Park Blvd)
Normal St (from University Ave to Washington St)
Robinson Ave (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
Lincoln Ave (from Cleveland Ave to Park Blvd)
Evans Place (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
Harvey Milk St (from Cleveland Ave to Centre St)
Pennsylvania Ave (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
University Ave (from 6th Ave to Park Blvd)
Brookes Ave (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
6th Ave (from Upas St to University Ave)
Ivy Lane (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
Balboa Drive in Balboa Park
Polk Ave (from Normal to Park Blvd)

The following streets will be closed starting at 6am and open by 4 pm on July 15, 2018:

Centre St (from University Ave to Park Blvd)
Cleveland Ave – Northbound lane (from Richmond St to Washington St)
Lincoln Ave (from Cleveland Ave to Park Blvd)
Normal St (from University Ave to Washington)
Harvey Milk St (from Cleveland Ave to Centre St)

The following streets will be closed starting at 9 am and open by 4:00 pm on July 15, 2018:

University Ave (from 6th Ave to Park Blvd)
Evans Place (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
6th Ave (from Upas St to University Ave)
Pennsylvania Ave (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
Balboa Drive in Balboa Park
Brookes Ave (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
Robinson Ave (from 5th Ave to 6th Ave)
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