



HAPPY 250TH ANNIVERSARY UNITED STATES

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

BIGGEST SMALL-TOWN FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN TEXAS APPLICATION SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Due no later than June 19, 2026

Confirmations will be emailed the week of June 22, 2026

Name of Organization or Individual: _____

Contact Name or Responsible Party: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check the box that best describes your entry:

Military Color Guard Mounted Horse Unit Band Other _____

Check the box that best describes your vehicle & length (MAX 100ft):

Float (pick-up truck with trailer) Length _____ Float (Semi-truck with trailer) Length _____

Fire Truck, Work Truck, Commercial Vehicle(s); Other (Explain) _____
Number of vehicles (Maximum 2) and length _____

Car/Truck/Jeep/Individual Clubs; Other (Explain) _____
Number of vehicles (Maximum 5) and length _____

*** Suggested length in footage (average vehicles); Golf Cart or ATV = 10ft-15ft , Car/Sedan = 15ft-20ft,

Pick-Up Truck = 20ft-30ft, Truck & Trailer = 50ft- 75ft, Semi Truck & Trailer = 75ft=100ft

Will your entry have noise: music, sirens or horn honking? _____yes _____no

If yes, describe: _____

NO TRAIN HORNS or SIRENS please! (For safety of animals and individuals)

Will marchers, dancers, or other performers be a part of your walking unit? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Will your entry have horses or live animals? If yes, please describe type, number of and length needed: _____

***Note: Coggins test rules will be enforced. No animal may be unloaded unless the test information has been provided. Please provide this with your animal entry.

Please provide **A MAXIMUM OF 30 WORDS** for the parade announcers.

*For Bands, Cheer Groups & Dance Troupes, please list if you would like to add a 30 second performance at the Judge/Grandstand. Note, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP AND PERFORM ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.

THE CITY OF SEGUIN HAS ADOPTED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW, AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. BY COMPLETING AND SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE THAT THE CITY OF SEGUIN CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES OR INJURIES RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 BIGGEST SMALL-TOWN 4TH OF JULY PARADE IN TEXAS.

WAIVER: TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED: I/WE ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY TO MYSELF, OUR PARTICIPANTS GUESTS, INVITEES, CLUB MEMBERS, GROUP MEMBERS, ORGANIZATION MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OR CAUSE OF THE DAMAGE OR INJURY AND HEREBY RELEASE THE CITY OF SEGUIN FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURIES OR OTHER CLAIMS ARISING FROM MY/OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF SEGUIN BIGGEST SMALL-TOWN 4TH OF JULY PARADE IN TEXAS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN.

I/WE AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD THE CITY OF SEGUIN HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM FOR PROPERTY AND DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY IN CONNECTION WITH MY/OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE BIGGEST SMALL-TOWN 4TH OF JULY PARADE IN TEXAS. I/WE FURTHER COVENANT NOT TO COMMENCE OR PROSECUTE ANY ACTION, SUIT, OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CITY OF SEGUIN AS A RESULT OF ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY RECEIVED BY PARTICIPATING IN THE BIGGEST SMALL-TOWN 4TH OF JULY PARADE IN TEXAS.

THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE BINDING UPON MYSELF/MY/OUR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER WARRANTS THAT HE OR SHE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO BIND THE GROUP, CLUB, OR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED BY THIS APPLICATION.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 19, 2026
CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED
THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2026

Return this completed form to:
Seguin Main Street Program/ Destination Seguin
P.O. Box 591, Seguin, Texas 78156
Drop off location: 200 S. Austin Street
Telephone: 830-401-2475
e-mail: cmclain@seguintexas.gov

PARTICIPANT RULES AND GUIDELINES

Important: this page must be copied and distributed to all unit participants. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in dismissal from the parade and/or may affect future participation. Parade volunteers will monitor the parade route to assist if necessary. If you have any questions, please call 830-401-2475.

➤ Rules and Guidelines (Do's and Don'ts)

- **All participants MUST follow the direction or rules of any posted Local Official Patrol, City Staff Member, or Parade Volunteer along the parade staging streets, parade route, loading or unloading areas. If there are any reported incidents, you may be considered not to be allowed to return next year.**
- **There will be a mandatory safety meeting for all parade participants to attend.** At the meeting, you will receive your assigned parade entry number and assigned staging area/street information. Date and time to be determined. Noticed will be sent and published.
- All entries must be decorated (suggested theme of **HAPPY 250TH ANNIVERSARY AMERICA**)
- Flag protocol calls for all entries flying flags from other countries, cities, or associations to have the American Flag posted first and prominent to any other flags.
- All entries are to be “Family-Friendly” and suitable for all audiences. No Gory, vulgar, or bloody entries will be allowed.
- **Each business entry is allowed only one vehicle/float not to exceed 100 feet in length.** The City of Seguin reserves the right to limit the number of business entries in the parade.
- **Commercial entries, including body shops, must limit participation to no more than ONE vehicle not to exceed 100 feet.** The City reserves the right to limit the number of commercial entries. Maximum height is 13’6”.
- **For entries 60ft or longer, MUST end and unload at the Wave Pool.**
- Please maintain a single file lane, distance of 1-2 car lengths between your entry and the one in front of you. NO weaving or swerving is allowed.
- **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP AND PERFORM ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.** Stand-still performances create lags in the parade. **KEEP IT MOVING!!!**
- Parade entries with people walking must provide space for walkers to sit if needed. Vehicles may NOT stop to wait for those walking due to safety precautions and not to pause the following entries. **This excludes marching units such as bands, cheer and dance troupes**, unless they have permission from the City of Seguin.
- **Absolutely no items may be thrown** from vehicles, floats or walkers during the parade including candy, beads, flowers, samples, etc. This is a safety rule for participants and spectators. Items can be handed out by people walking with a float. **Those that do throw will be noted and possibly not able to return for future parades.**
- **The distribution of any flyers, leaflets, coupons, brochures, paper products, etc. during the parade is not permitted.**
- Applicant ensures children (under 12 years of age) in parade unit will be adequately supervised from parade lineup to completion.
- If entries have music, please be respectful of homeowners in the staging areas and keep the volume off or down until on the parade route. Playing music with vulgar lyrics and/or profanity is not allowed, music must be suitable for a family audience. If vulgar lyrics and or profanity are being played you will be asked to leave by a city official and possible no admittance for future parades.
- **NO TRAIN HORNS or sirens!!! These kind of noises tend to spook the horses, animals and some individuals.**
- The use and/or possession of any alcoholic beverage is strictly forbidden.
- Water guns or water balloons may not spray or be thrown into the crowd.
- Roller blades, skateboards, stilts and scooters are not allowed either as a parade entry or along the route.
- No pyrotechnics allowed.

➤ Parade Staging and Judging

- Entries should be lined up and completely decorated no later than 9:30 a.m.
 - Judging will take place at the announcer's grandstand located in front of Central Park. The following categories will be presented: Best Overall Entry (1st Place), Most Patriotic Entry (2nd Place) and Most Spirited Entry (3rd Place). Winners will be announced at the Patriotic Concert on July 5, 2026.
 - **All entries will be provided with an assigned parade entry number** for announcement and judging purposes. **This number will be given out at the required Safety Meeting that the City of Seguin will be hosting (date, time and location – TBD)** along with your assigned staging area/street information. Your assigned number is to be displayed on the driver's side for viewing purposes. The assigned numbers will be marked by flags on your assigned street for staging purposes. The front of your entry or nose of your vehicle will begin at the number flag.
 - All entries should be lined up no later than 9:30 a.m. to begin the parade at 10:00 a.m. Entries arriving late will be denied permission to participate in the parade.
 - **NO DRIVING THROUGH BARRICADED STREETS.** Use the following to proceed to your assigned staging streets;
 - **For W. Weinert must use Camp. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For W. Cedar must use Bowie. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For W. Blumberg must use Bowie. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For W. Humphreys must use Humphreys and/or Bowie. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For W. Krezdorn must use Krezdorn and/or Bowie. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For E. Weinert must use E. Weinert and/or Milam. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For E. Cedar must use E. Cedar and/or Milam. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For E. Humphreys must use E. Humphreys and/or Milam. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For E. Krezdorn must use E. Krezdorn and/or Milam. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For E. College must use E. College and/or Bruns. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For School, College and Krezdorn Streets use Hackberry. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
 - **For School Street Drop Offs (Students, Cheer, Bands, etc.) must be at School parking lot from Hackberry. No driving down Austin or staging streets**
- *Those not following driving instructions and driving through or moving barricades may be considered not to be allowed to return next year.

➤ Horse/ Animals

- All horse entries must provide their Coggin's test.
- Reminder of requirement for clean-up via pooper-scooper for all areas of unloading/ loading trailers, staging streets and parade route.
- Park and unload at least one block off the parade staging area and not on Camp, Milam, or College Streets.

➤ Car/Jeep/Truck Clubs

- Clubs will be limited to five (5) or fewer vehicles and must not exceed 100 feet in length. The City reserves the right to limit the number of club entries.
- Only Seguin based clubs/chapters will be accepted and no multiple entries of the same club/chapter are allowed.
- **No weaving/swerving** of vehicles is allowed on the parade route. Always exhibit safe driving.
- There will be a limit to three (3) car clubs/chapters as The City reserves the right to limit the number of club entries and which clubs/chapters will be accepted.

➤ **NOTES:**

- Protect yourself and those on your float from the sun and heat.
- Portable toilets and handwash stations will be available throughout the parade staging and route.
- Don't forget to stay hydrated. Bring your own beverage or look for possible water sales from a Non-Profit organization.
- The parade will end at the Segun Events Complex/Fairgrounds. Parade participants are required to follow the entire parade route to the ballpark 4-plex on Nelda Street.
- For entries 60ft or longer, MUST end and unload at the Wave Pool.
- Always exhibit safe driving.
- For any entrees that have people standing at any time, please remember to have railing or poles to hold.
- Any entry deemed unsafe for any reason will not be allowed to participate.
- If you are asked to leave the parade route for any reason, then you may not be allowed to return next year.

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