

2023 LOS BANOS MAY DAY PARADE

ENTRY FORM, PARADE RULES & AWARD LIST

“BARN IN THE USA ”

PARADE DATE: SATURDAY, May 6, 2023

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 7, 2023

PARADE STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

PARADE SPONSORED BY:

MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WITH THE COOPERATION OF:

LOS BANOS PARLOR NO. 206 NATIVE SONS

PARADE RULES

1. ****CHECK FORM FOR NEW ENTRY FEES****
2. **!!!SAFETY!!! ABSOLUTELY NO OBJECTS (CANDY, FAVORS, COINS, ETC.) SHALL BE THROWN FROM PARADE PARTICIPANTS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION AND IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE BY LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR PARADE OFFICIAL!**
3. FORWARD MOTION. A continuously forward moving parade from start to finish. **Participants will be allotted a maximum of one (1) minute for performances in front of the judging stand. Performances lasting longer than the one (1) minute allotment will be penalized. There is a 1/10 of a point penalty for each 10 seconds, or fraction thereof, over the 1 minute limit.**
4. A space of 25 feet between each unit will be enforced. All units are required to close gap between units when instructed by parade officials. Failure to do so may warrant removal from the parade.
5. Our National Flag is to be guarded at all times. Penalties will be assessed for National Flag Code violations.
6. Class 13 & 15, Color Guards, must carry a United States Flag. U.S. Flag Code must be followed by all Color Guards.
7. Each participating group or individual must complete an entry form in order to participate in the Los Banos May Day parade.
8. Judges stand will be located on the corner of 5th and I Streets. The judging area shall consist of 100 feet set off by a starting and finishing line. There shall be no unnecessary stopping before or at the starting line.
9. Classes 7 & 9 must have a pet; if not they will not be judged.
10. All entrants must complete the line of march. Parade participants shall not enter the line of march more than once and must disband after the Fairground's entrance at 4th and F Streets. Units disbanding before completing parade will be disqualified.
11. Any person operating a motorized vehicle in a reckless manner is cause for immediate removal from the parade by the Los Banos Police Department and/or Parade Official. All motor vehicles must be driven by licensed drivers. NO GO CARTS, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS OR MOTORCYCLES WILL BE ALLOWED. Battery operated toy vehicles will be the exception. No cars (other than those pulling floats) will be allowed in the Children's divisions.
12. Although the cyclist helmet law will not be enforced for bicyclists during the parade, it is recommended. **This law will be enforced for bicyclists to and from the parade!**
13. Awards ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Stage. All parade participants will receive one admission ticket.
14. All entries in Class 27 (Horse Division) will be prejudged in the staging area beginning at 8:00 a.m. Late arrivals will be penalized.
15. **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS APRIL 7, 2023.** Late Entries may not be judged or be in competition.
16. NOTE: Parade will be judged by the Pacific Coast Judges Association except for horse entries which will be judged by a California State Horsemen's Association approved judge.
17. The Parade Committee and/or Parade Judges may reclassify any entry they feel has been entered into an inappropriate category.
***Note: At the discretion of the parade officials, any unit delaying the parade, any unit deemed not in compliance with parade standards or failing to obey all parade rules will be disqualified and/or removed from the parade. Drinking of alcoholic beverages along the parade route is prohibited, CITY ORDINANCE #536.

CLASS 1 & 2 AWARDS

Class 1 – Elementary/Jr High School Bands

Class 2 – High School Bands

*****Bands Please Use Band Entry Form*****

**** ENTRY FEE****

BUSINESSES/POLITICAL ENTRIES \$50

YOUTH BASED BUSINESSES \$25

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (4-H CLUBS, CHURCHES, AND ALL OTHER ENTRIES) FREE

*****CHILDREN'S DIVISION*****

Limited to 18 Years and Younger

CLASS 3 THROUGH 5 AWARDS

Class 3 – Group of 11 or More Participants

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$25	\$20

Class 4 – Group of 6 to 10 Participants

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$20	\$15

Class 5 – Group of 3 to 5 Participants

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$15	\$12.50

CLASS 6 AND 7 AWARDS

Class 6 – Couple Entry

Class 7 – Couple Entry with Pet

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$12	\$10

CLASS 8 THROUGH 11 AWARDS

Class 8 – Individual Entry

Class 9 – Individual with Pet

Class 10 – Decorated Tricycle or Bicycle

Class 11 – Comical Entry

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$10	\$7.50

CLASS 12 AWARDS

Class 12 – Children's Floats

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$75	\$50

CLASS 13 AND 14 AWARDS

Class 13 – Jr. Color Guard – (see Parade Rule #5)

Class 14 – Dance, Gymnastics and Cheerleading Groups

1 st Place	2 nd Place
Plaque	Plaque

*****ADULT DIVISION*****

CLASS 15 AND 16 AWARDS

Class 15 – Color Guard – Open (National Colors Required)(see Parade Rule #5)

Class 16 – Commercial Floats

1 st Place	2 nd Place
Plaque	Plaque

CLASS 17 AWARDS

Class 17 – Community Floats (Amateur Built)

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$150	\$125

CLASS 18 AND 19 AWARDS

Class 18 - Drill Team (Open)

Class 19 – Majorette & Baton Corp. Groups

*Band Units Not Eligible for Class 19

1 st Place	2 nd Place
\$50 & Plaque	\$25

CLASS 20 THROUGH 26 AWARDS

First and Second Place Rosettes

Class 20 – Comic Entries

Class 21 – Antique Vehicles (1916-1929)

Class 22 – Unique and Classic Vehicles
(1930-1970)

Class 23 - Car Clubs

Class 24 – Mobile Bands

Class 25 – Miscellaneous

Class 26 – Miscellaneous (Not in
Competition)

****PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ALLOTTED A
MAXIMUM OF ONE (1) MINUTE FOR
PERFORMANCES IN FRONT OF THE
JUDGING STAND. Performances lasting
longer than the one (1) minute allotment
will be penalized. There is a 1/10 of a point
penalty for each 10 seconds, or fraction
thereof, over the 1 minute limit.**

NOTE: Assignment numbers and parade
line-up map will be mailed to all units prior
to the parade.

HORSE DIVISIONS

CLASS 27 AWARDS

First and Second Place Rosettes

- A. Novelty Mounted Group (Open)
- B. Fancy Dressed Western
- C. Charro/Charra Costume
- D. Working Western
- E. Individual Novelty Costume
- F. Horse/Pony Drawn Vehicle
- G. Plain Horse
- H. Parade Horse (Open)
- I. Future Hosreman (8 yrs. And Under)
- J. Jr. Equestrian (9 to 17 yrs)
- K. Indian Costume
- L. Family Group (Open)
- M. Silver Mounted
- N. Side Saddle
- O. Sheriff's Posse Mounted
- P. Mounted Drill Team
- Q. Miniature Horse

*Category may be added on request by 4/1/2023

SPECIAL AWARDS

FAIR BOARD AWARD

Best Group Entry 18 yrs & Under
\$100

FAIR BOARD PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Best Individual Entry

MAYOR'S TROPHY

Outstanding Los Banos Entry

HORSE DIVISION SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY

Best Entry

**MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR – LOS BANOS
PARADE ENTRY FORM**

PARADE DATE: SATURDAY, May 6, 2023

Entry forms due by 5:00 p.m. April 7, 2023

IMPORTANT !
DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED ! READ ALL PARADE RULES !

(Please Print)

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

CLASS: _____ *PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING AND INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE ENTRY FEE:
BUSINESS/POLITICAL \$50 _____ YOUTH BASED BUSINESS \$25 _____ NO FEE FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
(4-H CLUBS, CHURCHES, ANY OTHER ENTRIES) _____ NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN ENTRY: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY (THEME): _____

NAME AND AGES OF PARTICIPANTS (Attach additional sheet if necessary) _____

IMPORTANT: ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FORM.

WAVIER OF LIABILITY

In consideration for the acceptance of this entry, and intending to be legally bound, I, for myself and as authorized agent for all parties in this entry, do hereby assume all risks involved in the participation of this event and releases the County of Merced, Merced County Spring Fair, City of Los Banos and their officers, employees and agents from liability for any injury suffered by me or any participant under my control while traveling to and from and while participating in the Los Banos Spring Fair or May Day Parade taking place on May 6, 2023. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES STATED IN THE AWARD LIST/PARADE RULES. I

UNDERSTAND THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED.

SIGNATURE OF ADULT PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR PARTICIPANT:

SIGNED: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE AT 403 'F' STREET IN LOS BANOS
OR MAILED TO:

MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR – ATTN: PARADE COORDINATOR
403 "F" Street, LOS BANOS, CA 93635 (209)826-5166