

PARADE DAY INFORMATION FOR ENTRANTS

PARADE DAY SCHEDULE:

9:00 – 10:30 ***Vehicles in the parade*** should position themselves in the staging area (parking lot above Honokaa High School football field) BEFORE the bulk of pedestrian participants arrive. This includes flatbed and pickup trucks and cars. It is very important for safety reasons that the vehicles assemble earlier than the arrival of the 450 people (many of them children) who are participating in the parade. In addition, it will be extremely difficult to back a vehicle through the parking lot once it becomes congested with the hundreds of participants lining up.

11:00 am ***Parade participants should gather*** to be positioned in the parade (parking lot above Honokaa High School football field). You will be notified (just prior to the date of the parade) of your unit's number position in the parade. Odd numbers will be positioned on the mauka side of the driveway, and even numbers on the makai side of the driveway. You will be given numbers to post on your float or to be carried by your leading marches so that the emcees and judges can identify your group.

Arrive in Honokaa early so that you can find parking before heading to the staging area. Please do not park along the parade route on Mamane Street. Good "sneak spot" to park would be behind (Waipio side) of the cafeteria, across the street from the parking lot (look towards Waipio).

You will be assigned a parade marshal who will stay with your group the entire parade route. He / She will provide you with further instructions regarding signaling for slowing down, stopping, re-starting, etc.

11:45 am Participants start moving out and down the hill to the intersection at Mamane Street and Pakalana.

12:00 noon

Parade starts down the route, led by a police escort, followed by the color guard (Boy Scouts). Parade continues along route (oval shape) eventually returning to the high school parking lot.

1:00 Everyone should CONTINUE TO PERFORM and head past the LAST EMCEE STAND at the festival grounds. Vehicles should continue back to the high school grounds to dismantle or disassemble.

READ THIS CAREFULLY AND MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PROCEDURES!
ASK QUESTIONS IF NEEDED!

ALONG THE ROUTE

Go the website for a map (“Parade Participation Information”)

Watch and Follow the Marshals' Hand Signals!

You will be signaled by the marshals first with a CAUTION SIGNAL (five fingers, meaning "caution-slow-down") and then to STOP (closed fist, or perhaps frantic waving!!). When halted the ENTIRE PARADE will stop and ALL PERFORMING GROUPS WILL THEN PERFORM. The strict time limit during these stops will be SIXTY SECONDS. (Please be prepared to follow this time limit so that you do not hold up the entire parade.)

The marshals will give another CAUTION SIGNAL (the same five-fingers, this time meaning "caution, five-seconds left to perform") followed by the signal to STOP PERFORMING AND MOVE ON (waving your group on). Please stop performing and proceed down the route when signaled.

Follow the Route to the County Sports Complex.

This stop-and-go procedure will continue for all participants along the ½ mile route PAST the intersection of Mamane and Lehua (T. Kaneshiro Store), at which time participants will proceed mauka on Lehua and onward PAST the County sports complex and THE FINAL EMCEE STAND WHERE THE JUDGES WILL BE. Disassembly of floats and parking of vehicles should take place at the high school. Watch for traffic direction from marshals.

Remember to kokua by not leaving any rubbish on the premises of the high school parking lot. The Contact Person for the group must be (or designate someone to be) responsible for leaving your group's staging (high school parking lot) and finishing area (County sports complex parking lot) clean and tidy.

Head to the Festival and Have a Good Time!

Do's and ...

DO remember the theme of this parade, "Peace, Compassion and Awareness of Interdependence." Please try your best to express this CREATIVELY in your display or performance piece.

DO send in your Narrative as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. DO include something about your group's involvement or activities or feelings about Peace, Compassion and Awareness of Interdependence in your Narrative.

DO describe your performance piece in the Narrative.

DO remember to do your best performance in front of the 5th (last) emcee stand, where the judges will be (the park area as the parade passes the site of the festival).

DO include signs or posters and banners that speak for themselves, presenting your information.

DO make the signs and posters legible with large printing, displayed on BOTH sides of your exhibit.

DO keep in mind that both you and your presentation should be waterproof, just in case

DO get to Honokaa early so that you can find parking (away from the parade route).

DO ask questions or contact us if you need help with anything as soon as possible.

DO tell all your family, friends and acquaintances to come out to see the parade. Call, talk to, or e-mail as many people as you can. Just send them a link to our website:

www.peacedayparade.org

**DON'T let anyone you know miss seeing the Big Island's
BEST PARADE ever!**