2019 PRIDE PARADE • UNIT/PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Twin Cities Pride is a Minnesota non-profit corporation
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Important Notes for 2019

1. ALL UNITS MUST CHECK IN by 10:15 am upon arrival for setup of your unit. Please send a representative from your organization to the Parade Check-In area at the corner of 3rd Street South and 2nd Avenue South to receive your line-up plaque & any important messages regarding changes or updates to Parade Day plans. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to check in prior to 10:30 am will put you in violation of the Parade Rules and may subject you to penalties.

2. There will be volunteers on each setup block that can assist you with staging & direct you to the Check-In area at the corner of 3rd ST S & 2nd AVE S.

3. Please arrive early. Some streets will close at 8:30 am to all traffic. Police will be on-hand to assist as needed with movable barricades at some intersections.

4. If you have cars that are registered to be in the Parade, please arrive at 7:15 am or earlier. This makes it easier for you to get into your spot without encumbering pedestrians.

5. Restroom facilities will be provided for your use in the staging area near Nicolet Avenue and 3rd Street South and further down 3rd Street between 3rd Avenue South and Portland. There are no restrooms provided on the Parade route itself.

6. There is no parking for Parade Participants along 3rd Street S in the staging area. Parked cars are subject to ticketing & tow by city authority. Parade participants are responsible for locating other parking for personal vehicles, trailers, etc.

7. The Parade can be quite warm. We will have one water cart circulating during the parade itself, distributing water to parade participants in need. The quantity of water we have is limited, though, and the cart moves very slowly, so we recommend bringing some water from home, as well.

8. In an effort to keep the Parade moving on schedule and to reduce dead/empty spots along the route, please follow all directions given by the on-duty police officers that will be controlling cross traffic. They will stop traffic to allow Parade units to cross. It is also extremely important that you keep quite close to the unit in front of you unless the Police or Parade volunteers direct you otherwise.

9. Your full cooperation with Parade staff and on-duty Police officers will be greatly appreciated. They have a tremendous job to do, so please help them out by arriving early and heading direction.

10. Nudity or public exposure of private body parts is prohibited.

Special Instructions for Floats and other Oversized Units

On the Parade Lineup. If you see the word “FLOAT” next to your organization’s listing, you will stage on 3rd Street S between 1st Avenue North and 2nd Avenue South. A volunteer will be on hand to aid your positioning for your float properly. Marching Units and those Units that are not designated Float will line up on 3rd Street S between 2nd Avenue South and Portland Avenue S.

Route, Disburse Areas

The Parade route will begin at the corner of 3rd Street South and 2nd Avenue South in downtown Minneapolis. The Parade will continue south down 2nd Avenue South past the Convention Center.

Marching Parade units continue forward into Loring Park. Vehicles & Floats Parade units turn right onto Laisalle. The block of Laisalle between Grant and 12th Street will be available for tear down prior to disbursement. Please comply with Police & Parade staff directions about where to assemble your float, and please do so as quickly as possible to allow other units to do the same.

ALL UNITS WITH AMPLIFIED SOUND must turn off all sound equipment as they cross the intersection of Grant & Nicollet.

Photo/Video Release
As a participant in the 2019 Ashley Rules GLBT Pride Parade you acknowledge and agree that photos of you and/or videos of you in the Parade may be recorded by Twin Cities Pride and that Pride has the right to use such images in its current and future marketing programs.

Participant Contact Information
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of our Parade staff.
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Please keep in mind that we will be checking email during the hectic Pride Weekend, but you may experience delayed responses.

Important Information to Remember

• All units are required to check in and pick up credentials at 3rd Street South & 2nd Avenue South
• Unit size is Important:
  One unit is 35 marchers OR a Float/Vehicle with 15 marchers.
  Two units = 70 Marchers OR a Float/Vehicle with 45 Marchers

• Oversized units will be required to comply with size limits in order to proceed.

• Comply with all directions from Parade volunteers and Minneapolis Police.

• For safety reasons, participants are not allowed to throw items from floats or vehicles to the crowds. If you plan to distribute items, marchers can hand items directly to attendees.

• As a reminder, nothing can be propelled from a vehicle or float (i.e. Foam, Confetti, Smoke, Water, Paint, Humans, etc.)

• Stay close to the unit in front of you unless directed by Parade volunteers or MPO.

• Do not stop for “performances” prior to the Grandstand.

• Floats and vehicles turn right onto Laisalle.

• Marchers continue forward into Loring Park.