



SATURDAY: July 12, 2025

PARADE DETAILS + FORM/2025 THEME: DINO-MIGHT COTATI!

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All participants are encouraged to reflect this theme in your float or costumes. Awards are based on crowd appeal, originality, use of theme & presentation.

PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION for Saturday: July 12, 2025: Participation in the parade is FREE. Parade participants line up at 9AM; Parade starts promptly at 10AM. CHECK IN at the table located on E. School Street. Entries are welcome to check in on parade day, by 9:15AM. Parade staging will occur on E. School Street at 9AM. The parade starts promptly at 10AM. The parade route extends from City Hall to La Plaza Park via E. School Street, W. Sierra Ave., Henry St., and Old Redwood Highway.

PARADE CATEGORIES ARE:

- Individual
- Group (all ages)
- Children's Group
- Best of Parade

All entries are considered for Best of Parade Award.

Each category is awarded one prize. Actual prizes and values are subject to the donations received for the event. Judges reserve the right to combine, divide, or move categories. Your parade line-up numbers will be assigned upon arrival at 9:00am. The parade route is a ½ mile long.

PARADE GUIDELINES:

- All entrants must be family friendly and appropriate to be seen by all ages.
- All participants must sign a waiver to be in the parade. Guardians must sign for minors. **A separate waiver will be available on site at the parade line up.
- Identification signs are encouraged and welcome for entries in the parade but must be for identification purposes only.
- All vehicles must be properly insured, and drivers must have a valid driver's license. (Be prepared to show before the start of the parade).
- Vehicle and float drivers must have a clear view of the front of the vehicle.
- Appropriate area for vehicle exhaust must be designed into the float/unit.
- Any animal deemed unsafe in the parade will be removed.
- All animal entries must provide their own clean-up crew to follow their unit in the parade and pick up any waste.
- There must be at least one adult escort for every six children under the age of 13 years.
- Children riding on a float must have adult supervision with and around them.

PARADE SAFETY: Not following the safety protocols will subject entrants to immediate removal from the parade.

- No air horns permitted in the parade.
- Do not proceed in an unsafe manner.
- Do not interfere with other units.
- Comply with all parade marshal requests.
- No alcohol permitted.
- Do not jump on or off any moving float or vehicle.
- Do not throw candy. You may hand it out to spectators but please do not throw it in the street.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE EVENT THEME AND/OR ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE. Please send the completed form to awilson@cotaticity.gov or print and return to Cotati City Hall by Tuesday, July 8th.

Entrant/Group/Organization Name _____

Email _____

Contact Person Name/Cell Phone Number _____

Do you have a float? YES / NO

If you answered yes, what is the approximate length of your float or group? Will you have any music or special effects? _____

Parade category (see list on page 1) _____

Type of entry (vehicle, walking group, etc.) _____

Got animals? You must be responsible for their waste cleanup. _____

Who are you and where are you from? This will be announced on stage as you pass by.

I acknowledge that activities taking place while participating in the Cotati Kids Day Parade have an inherent risk of injury, including, but not limited to, falls, slips, sprains, exposure to weather, and being struck by vehicles, the actions or inactions of other participants in the activities, the conditions under which the activities take place, or the negligence of others, including the RELEASEES named herein, and that I fully accept and assume all such risks and dangers, and all responsibilities for losses, costs and damages incurred as a result of my/my child's participation in these activities. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES, (THE CITY OF COTATI, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, OFFICERS, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES, SUSTAINED BY ME/MY CHILD, CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, MY CHILD, OR ANYONE ON MY BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEYS' FEES, LOSS, LIABILITY OR DAMAGE, OR ANY OTHER COST THAT MAY OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF SUCH A CLAIM. Finally, I further agree that photographs which depict my/my child's participation in the program may be used for program publicity and for other uses consistent with the law without any further written agreement or authorization.

Signature _____ Date _____

Entrants will not be permitted to participate unless a signed entry form is on record. Guardians must sign for minors.

