



Parades July 2026



A parade is a public celebration where people march or ride along a planned route. Parades can celebrate holidays, honor important people or events, or simply bring communities together. The word **parade** comes from a French word meaning "display" or "show."

Did you know:

- The **Mummers Parade** in Philadelphia has been held every New Year's Day since 1901 and is one of the oldest continuously held folk parades in the United States.
- The **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** in New York City is the largest parade in the United States and is famous for its giant balloons.
- The **Tournament of Roses Parade** in California features floats covered entirely with flowers, seeds, leaves, and other natural materials.
- The **Carnival Parade** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is one of the biggest and most colorful parades in the world.

Girl Scouts have proudly participated in parades for more than 100 years! Marching in a parade is a wonderful way to show community pride, celebrate important events, represent your troop, and inspire others to learn more about Girl Scouting. Whether you're walking in the parade or cheering from the sidelines, you're helping celebrate the people and traditions that make your community special.

Your Challenge

Choose one of the following:

- **Watch a Parade** – Attend a local parade or watch one on TV or online. What was your favorite float, band, or performer?
- **Be in a Parade** – Walk with your troop, school, or another community group in a parade.
- **Create Your Own Parade** – No parade nearby? Make one! Decorate a wagon, bike, scooter, or even your favorite stuffed animal. Create a parade route around your yard, neighborhood (with adult supervision), or inside your home. Add music, signs, or costumes to make it extra fun. Invite family members to cheer you on!

Deadline to submit your Parades report: Friday, July 31, 2026 @ 5:00 PM MDT

Submit report at: https://bit.ly/Parades_Jul2026

You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.

If you have any questions, please email info@gsdsw.org.



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