

2026 DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE

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In celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, parade participants are encouraged to show off their "Love of Country" by decking out in Red, White and Blue – and all things USA!!



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH
JACKSON, MS**



601-359-1100

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE & COMMERCE

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BASIC INFORMATION

As part of the annual Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo, the Dixie National Parade is a time-honored tradition that symbolically kicks off rodeo competitions and features an array of tractor and car clubs, rodeo and other titled queens, decorative floats, marching bands and the famous Dixie National Wagon Train.

The upcoming 2026 Dixie National Parade will follow a mile-long route through downtown Jackson ***starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 14th***, and ending around 11:45 a.m. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce (MDAC) is offering electronic registration online to participate in the Dixie National Parade. Visit www.dixienational.org, select the 'Parade' option in the top menu, then click 'Dixie National Parade Application' to register today!

The Dixie National Parade Committee is made up of MDAC employees, under the leadership of Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. For more info, contact:

- Hannah East, MDAC Communications Director, at 601-359-1179
- Davis Edwards, MDAC Outreach Coordinator of Produce Safety, at 601-359-1104
- Katie Sansing, MDAC Marketing Program Specialist, at 601-359-1140

Parade Rules:

- All livestock MUST be well groomed.
- All horses and mules MUST have a NEGATIVE Coggins test taken within 12 months of the parade date and health certificates MUST accompany the animal to the parade.
- All other livestock MUST be accompanied by health certificates to the parade.
- All motor vehicles MUST have mufflers.
- At least ONE representative from each participating parade entry MUST attend the Awards Ceremony following the parade.

*****The City of Jackson also mandates the following:***

- All floats must carry a fire extinguisher.
- Grills, open flames, glass containers & portable toilets are prohibited along parade route.
- Self-propelled and motorized vehicles, including ATVs & golf-carts, are also prohibited along the parade route.
- The carrying of firearms by any parade participant or attendee is prohibited.

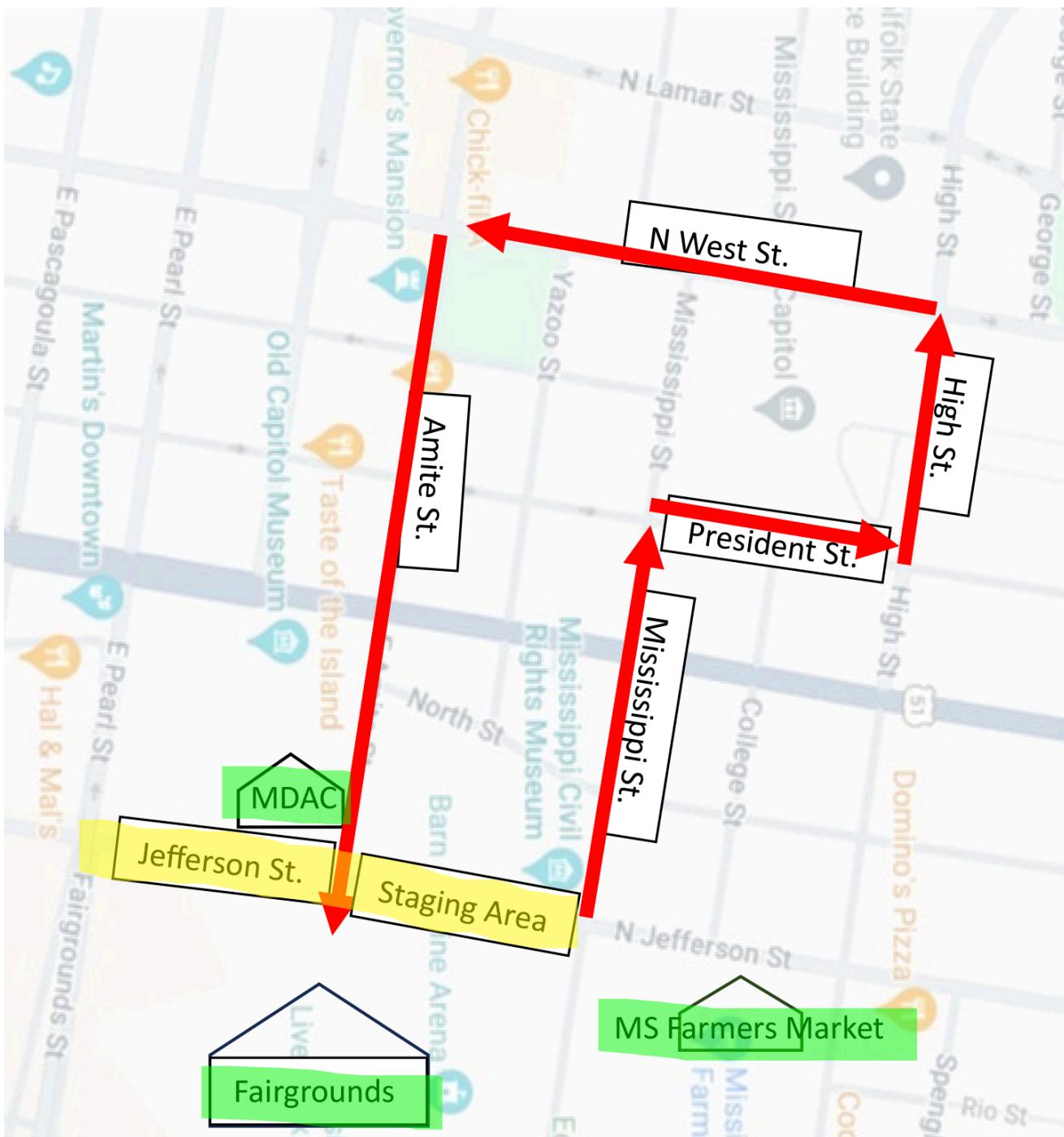
Parade Awards Ceremony:

The Dixie National Parade Awards Ceremony will follow the conclusion of the parade. The ceremony will be held inside the Mississippi Farmers Market, located on the Fairgrounds near the parade starting line, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Winners will be chosen by an appointed panel of local 'celebrity' judges and will be presented with an award and have their photo taken. Winners include 1st and 2nd place in the following categories: (1) Best Marching Group; (2) Best Motorized Club; (3) Best Float; and (4) Best Riding Club. The Commissioner's Award will also be awarded to the best overall individual or group from the entire parade line-up.

Thank you for helping make the annual Dixie National Parade a cherished tradition for all Mississippians!

2026 DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE ROUTE

SATURDAY, FEBRURARY 14TH, AT 10:30 A.M.



The Dixie National Parade will begin at the corner of Mississippi and Jefferson Street. The mile-long route encompasses the State Capitol, so the best viewing will be near the Capitol grounds at President, High and West Streets. The procession will eventually turn onto Amite Street and disband at Gate 1 of the State Fairgrounds.

DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE
FEBRUARY 14, 2026 • 10:30 A.M.
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM APPLICATION



Check-In Point: Mississippi State Fairgrounds – Gate 1

Line-Up Points: Jefferson and Mississippi Streets

Mail application to: Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce
ATTN: Hannah East
P.O. Box 1609 Jackson, MS 39215-1609
Phone: 601-359-1179 / Fax: 601-359-1175

****All entry forms MUST be submitted to the parade office or online by February 6, 2026. (NO EXCEPTIONS.)**

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

[Telephone] Home/Cell: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

****Participants may compete in ONLY one (1) category – Non-Mounted or Mounted**

Non-mounted Participants (NO livestock) **Mounted Participants (Contains livestock)**

Please specify the number of participants and/or vehicles, etc. in parade line-up in the blanks below.

Group or Club Name: _____

Marching Participants: _____ Mounted Participants: _____ Floats/Trailers: _____

Cars: _____ Trucks: _____ Tractors: _____ Motorcycles: _____ Go-Carts: _____

Other: _____

****PLEASE NOTE these important instructions:**

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- The City of Jackson also mandates the following: 1) All floats must carry a fire extinguisher; 2) Grills, open flames, glass containers, and portable toilets are prohibited along parade route; 3) Self-propelled and motorized vehicles, including ATVs and golf-carts, are also prohibited along the parade route; 4) the carrying of firearms by any parade participant or attendee is prohibited.
- **Final instructions and lineup positions will be sent to the contact person named above by Tuesday, Feb. 10th.**

The Dixie National Parade Committee is released from all liabilities and responsibilities for any loss, accident or injury, whether to person or property, arising in any way out of the operation or activities of the parade committee.

The Dixie National Parade Committee has the right to disqualify any entry. Approved & attested by:

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 21)