



Dear Sacramento Pride 2010 Parade Participants,

We here at the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center are so THRILLED you are joining us for the 2010 Sacramento Pride Parade this Saturday, June 19, 2010. This year promises to be the best yet. We have more floats than ever, bigger contingents than ever, more sponsors in the Parade than ever, and more PRIDE than ever. Let's go over a few last-minute details so we're all on the same page. Hopefully this will answer any questions you may have so you can give your participants the most-accurate information available.

### **Meeting and Staging Times and Areas**

**Check-in will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning at Southside Park, at the intersection of T & 7<sup>th</sup> streets.** The Contingent **Check-in will be on the park side of T Street where 7<sup>th</sup> dead-ends.** You will receive your line number, and volunteers will escort you to the appropriate staging area on T Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets. Positions are subject to change to accommodate contingent schedules and sizes.

**Most groups will check-in from 8:30 – 9:20 a.m.** After 9:20, with more than 40 contingents lining up, it will be very difficult to maneuver in the area, and you may find your Group's movement restricted. **The earlier you arrive, the easier it will be to find your Group** and your position. Each Contingent needs to only send a single contact person to the Check-in Table to receive position assignments.

### **Schedule of the Parade**

**All Contingents must be lined up by 9:30 a.m.** Delicate choreography involving three motorcycle contingents, as well as a team of horses and another team of dancers, will be staging near the front of the Parade, so assigned placement is a must.

The police safety monitors will be first to leave, precisely at 10:00 a.m. from the Parade Start Position at 7<sup>th</sup> and T streets. Each contingent will begin shortly after in succession, leaving a one-block space between it and the previous contingent (i.e., your contingent will march out from 7<sup>th</sup> and T streets when the contingent ahead of you is at 7<sup>th</sup> and S). Listen for our Parade Volunteers to call your Contingent name, and promptly make your way to the Parade Start Position. You will be in proper order, so there will be no need to rush.

### **During the Parade**

The Parade will proceed seven blocks north on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, ending at Capitol Mall immediately east of the Pride Festival. Pay attention carefully to all law enforcement instructions along the way. Each year they do a superb job of keeping us safe. Please heed them carefully and respectfully.

Also, be vigilant for Light Rail trains coming down 7<sup>th</sup> Street (towards the contingents). **IMPORTANT:** Light Rail traffic will continue during the parade. Stay off Light Rail tracks, and avoid any unnecessary collisions.

Do not crowd the contingent in front of you. Maintain an approximate half-block distance. Every two blocks there will be Parade volunteers encouraging you on. They may tell you to speed up or slow down to help keep gaps to a minimum for safety considerations. Gaps in the parade can be hazardous, inviting both traffic and protesters to interfere.

Do not engage protesters. Be proud; be who you are. However, be respectful **even if they're not**. Do not shout back at them nor engage in confrontation. The best thing you can do is hold your head high and march onward.

### **Arrival at the Pride Festival**

You have three choices when you arrive at the end of the Parade. Whatever you decide, **get off 7th Street so that you won't be hurt when we reopen the road to traffic**. You can head into the Festival gate at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Mall and enjoy Sacramento Pride 2010; you can stay in the area safely off the street and cheer on the rest of the Parade contingents still coming; or you can disembark the Parade route by going east on Capitol Mall (right turn on Capitol Mall towards the Capitol building). If you're in a vehicle, you will need to park it.

## **FAQ**

### **How Do I Get into The Festival?**

After the Parade, you can enter through the gate at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Mall or the gate at 5<sup>th</sup> and N streets (which will be less crowded). You must have a Festival admission ticket in order to enter the Festival. Admission is not free to parade participants. Tickets will be available for advance purchase before the parade at the Parade Contingent Check-in at 7th and T streets. Or you may purchase tickets at the Festival gates, where there will be lines.

### **Where Do I Park?**

Wherever you can. There is official Pride Parking in the parking garages surrounding the Festival for a reasonable price. Look for the pink "P" Pride Parking signage. You are welcome to park in the neighborhood near Southside Park, but you'll have to return there after the Parade (eventually). **On Saturday, metered street parking will be enforced**. Pay the meter machines to avoid a ticket.

### **What if We Don't Like our Place in the Parade Line-Up?**

We are making every reasonable accommodation to meet requests. With this in mind, please note that we have logistical concerns, such as getting some folks to the Festival by a certain time so they can perform or speak onstage on schedule. Each contingent also varies by size and scope. The floats and larger Groups are purposefully spread out to maximize the fun and exciting impact of Pride.

**I Can't Find my Group!**

Relax. Head to the Contingent Check-in Table at 7th and T streets (the only staffed table in the Park) and ask one of the friendly Check-In volunteers for your Contingent Placement number. They'll point you in the right direction or take you there personally.

**What Are the Weather Conditions Likely to be?**

We're expecting a moderate 86 degrees by mid-day. Wear sun protection, keep hydrated, and be aware there could be windy conditions, especially inside the festival and during the afternoon. While the Parade staging area may be shaded, the route most likely will not be.

Wishing all of you a terrific, fun, and safe Pride this Saturday. See you all at Southside Park for the Parade! Please don't hesitate to contact me at [parade@sacramentopride.org](mailto:parade@sacramentopride.org) or [cavan.tornga@saccenter.org](mailto:cavan.tornga@saccenter.org).

This will be GREAT!

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