

# Yachats la de da Parade 2017

Twenty-two years ago some Yachatsians thought their wee little village ought to be doing more to celebrate their nation's independence day, so they gathered up friends and co-workers and formed a wee little parade. Surprised spectators of the procession laughed and said, "Well, la di dah – look at Yachats go..."and the Yachats la de da Parade was born. It's been growing in participation and the spirit of Lady Liberty ever since.

If you've always wanted to be in a parade but could never twirl a baton, couldn't tell a cadence from a credenza, or are allergic to horses, then join the fun in Yachats and sign up for the la de da Parade!

## We're marching to a different drummer...

No professionally designed floral floats, no uniformed marching bands, no international TV coverage... just family, friends, neighbors and village guests out strutting their stuff in a celebratory spirit!

Are you wondering how you can be part of the 22nd, probably annual, Yachats la de da Parade this July 4? We thought you'd never ask. It's as simple as having a yard sale.

1. Gather together friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, or highway flaggers.
2. Come up with a theme for your group.
3. FILL OUT & RETURN THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM BY JUNE 30. ☆
4. July 4, 11am, arrive in your theme get-up at the parade staging area behind the Presbyterian Church / Yachats Commons - off Hwy 101, between W 7th & W 4th streets. PARADE PARTICIPANTS SIGN IN WITH COORDINATORS TJ & SCOTT at the Picnic Shelter before joining the parade line-up.

## Parade Rules

The parade is now open to ALL ages, 39-year-olds included.

Any pet in the parade must be on a leash, supervised and friendly. If you bring your prized llamas, hounds, goats or other 4-legged friends, you must have a clean-up crew to follow.

Children in the parade must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

No motorized vehicles (unless pre-approved for mobility). Decorated people on scooters or other imaginative low-tech, people-powered transportation or float carriers are preferred.

Keep the parade moving to avoid dillydally gaps; do not stop to spy seals, count whales, text Bubba...

Large or small items such as candy may *not* be thrown at parade watchers, but such items (or money) may be handed to parade watchers, especially to the Chamber Directors.

The City Council of Yachats must have special, pre-approved transportation.

This is a non-partisan event, not an opportunity for partisan political statements or campaigning.

Keep in mind that this is a family-friendly parade, so your rating should be "G" or "PG." Wacky, wonderful, weird or wild are good. Funny is better.

Do not get too philosophical or highbrow – after all, this is the la de da Parade.

If you play one or more musical instruments really well, or even so-so, you're welcome to do so. Remember, you're not competing for prizes, trophies, money or prestige. Just get out there and have some fun, laugh and enjoy the laughter of others. A Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to All!

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# la de da Parade Official Application Form

*NOTE: Applications accepted during the month of JUNE.*

**YES!** *I want to participate in the la de da Parade in Yachats on July 4, 2017.*

*Here is all the important information you'll need to know:*

NAME OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

TYPE OF ENTRY *Marching group / Non-motorized Float/ Musicians (Good) (So-So)*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

WE NATURALLY MOVE LIKE *Tortoises / Hares / Something in between*

We will bring # \_\_\_\_\_ leashed, friendly \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT PUT US NEXT TO *Fire trucks / Musicians / dogs or other 4-legged participants*

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR ENTRY:

Email to: [info@yachats.org](mailto:info@yachats.org)

Mail to: Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce, Attn: la de da Parade Coordinators, PO Box 728, Yachats, OR 97498

Drop off: Yachats Visitors Center, 241 Hwy 101

FMI: 541-547-3530, Toll-free 1-800-929-0477, [Yachats.org](http://Yachats.org)