

WELCOME 2025 PARADE PARTICIPANTS



LAKE FOREST THRIVES IN 2025

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RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

- All entry descriptions must be complete & accurate.
 - Entries are subject to review prior to acceptance
- Any entry that arrives differently than your approved entry packet is subject to removal from the parade.
- The parade committee shall remove any entry, or part of an entry, deemed unfit and/or unsafe.
- Entrants must obey instructions of Parade Officials.
- Parade starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.

RULES CONTINUED...

- Participants riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or inline skates must wear a helmet. **NO E-bikes!**
- No person shall jump out of, get out of, be pulled by or ride on the side of a truck or vehicle.
- Squirt guns, super soakers, water cannons and water balloons are not allowed in the staging areas or any portion of the parade route.
- **No throwing of any items during the parade!**



RULES CONTINUED...

- Judging for eligible parade entries takes place at Toledo and Timberland.
 - Be sure your entry maintains a forward motion for the entire parade route and through the judging and TV areas. DO NOT STOP TO PERFORM at any time (stopping can be grounds for disqualification).
- Judging Categories:
 - Best of Community Outreach Award
 - Best of Lake Forest Award
 - Best Novelty Award
 - Best Vehicle Award
 - Most Patriotic Award
 - Mayor's Award
 - Spirit Award
 - John Irish & Sandy Mink Award
 - People's Choice (QR code vote)

FINAL RULES

- The Parade Committee accepts no responsibility for false statements made by entrants.
- No items that are politically charged, racist, violent or discriminating will be allowed.
- By registering, you agree that your entry will abide by the rules as presented to you.
 - The representative must communicate these rules to the remainder of your group.
- These rules help us all have a fun and safe parade!

CAR CLUBS & VEHICLES

- Maximum of 9 Car Club entries are allowed, and each entry is limited to a maximum of 12 vehicles.
 - Cars must drive side by side, no exceptions.
- Other than Car Clubs, only a reasonable number of vehicles are permitted.
 - Exceptions must be noted and justified.
- Business vehicles must provide entertainment and/or sponsor the parade at the discretion of the Parade Committee.
- Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years old, submit proof of a valid driver's license and current insurance.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Where do I park?
- When should I arrive?
- What should we bring?
- Where do we check-in?
- What do we receive?
- Where do we line up?
- Where are the restrooms?
- Who will help us?
- How long will we be there?
- Where does the parade end?

PARKING LOCATIONS

- Where do I park?
 - Back lot of El Toro High School
 - Bank of America /Grocery Outlet (at El Toro & Serrano)
- Is there any reserved handicapped parking?
 - 2 locations – refer to map
- Where can I decorate our vehicles that are in the parade
 - Back lot of El Toro High School
 - Staging area (only vehicles in the parade can be in the staging area)

EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL

“THE BACK LOT”



Primarily Used for

- Decorating vehicles pre-parade
- Removing decorations after the parade (“Destaging”)

HANDICAPPED PARKING

**HANDICAPPED PARKING LOCATION
EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL BACKLOT
ACCESSIBLE UNTIL 9:15 AM**

**EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL
BACKLOT**



**RALPH'S
SHOPPING CENTER**



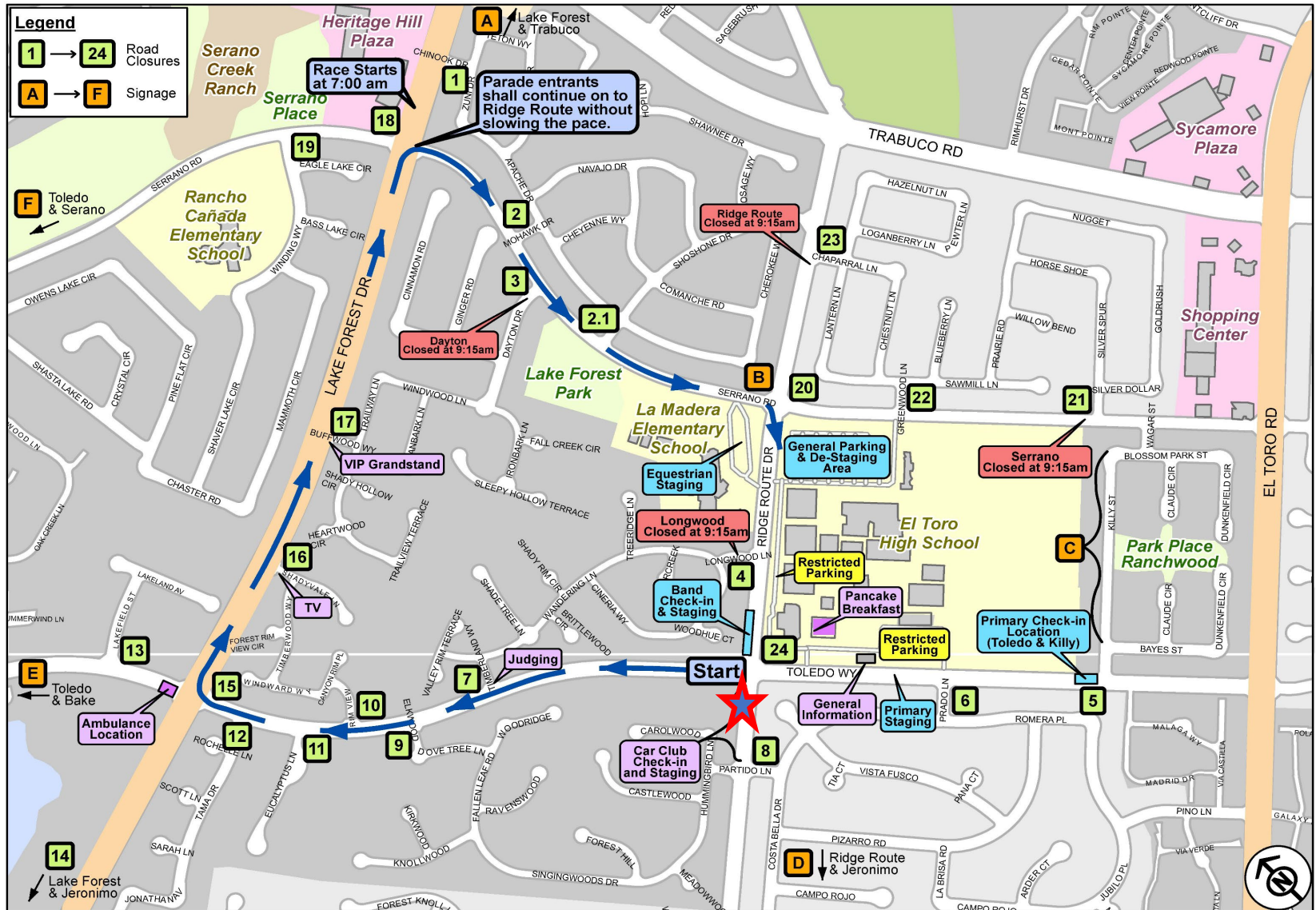
**HANDICAPPED PARKING LOCATION
NEAR OLD ACE HARDWARE**

PARADE ROUTE

- The Parade Route is approximately 1.1 mile:
 - The Parade starts at Toledo and Ridge Route
 - At Lake Forest, turn right
 - At Serrano, turn right
 - The parade will end at Serrano and Ridge Route
 - During the parade, travel along the parade route and staging areas will be one direction only

PARADE ROUTE

The City of Lake Forest Fourth of July - Parade Route



ITEMS TO BRING

- What should I bring?
 - Decorating materials
 - Any swag that you will be handing out
 - Bottled Water
 - Sunscreen
 - Hats
 - Comfortable Walking Shoes
 - No flip flops for parade participants
 - Umbrella

TIME & PLACE TO CHECK-IN

- When should we plan to arrive? 7:30 am to 9:00 am
 - 7:45 am for entries staged on Toledo and your unit number is lower than 61
 - 7:30 – 8:15 am for first 4 Car Clubs staged on Ridge Route West
 - 8:15 – 9:00 am for Car Clubs 5-9 staged on Ridge Route West
- Where does our entry check in?
 - General Entries – On Toledo (from El Toro)
 - Band Entries – Ridge Route EAST (from Serrano)
 - Car Clubs – Ridge Route WEST (from Jeronimo)
 - Horse Entries – La Madera Elementary (from Serrano)
- Make sure ALL your participants know the registered name of your entry and where you will be staged.

CHECK-IN & STAGING

- What will we receive when we check in?
 - ID Placard with your Unit Number (2 sizes)
 - Parade Map
 - Program
 - US Flag
- Where will we line up?
 - You will be escorted from your check-in location to your staging area and you will meet your Assembly Captain

STAGING AREA'S



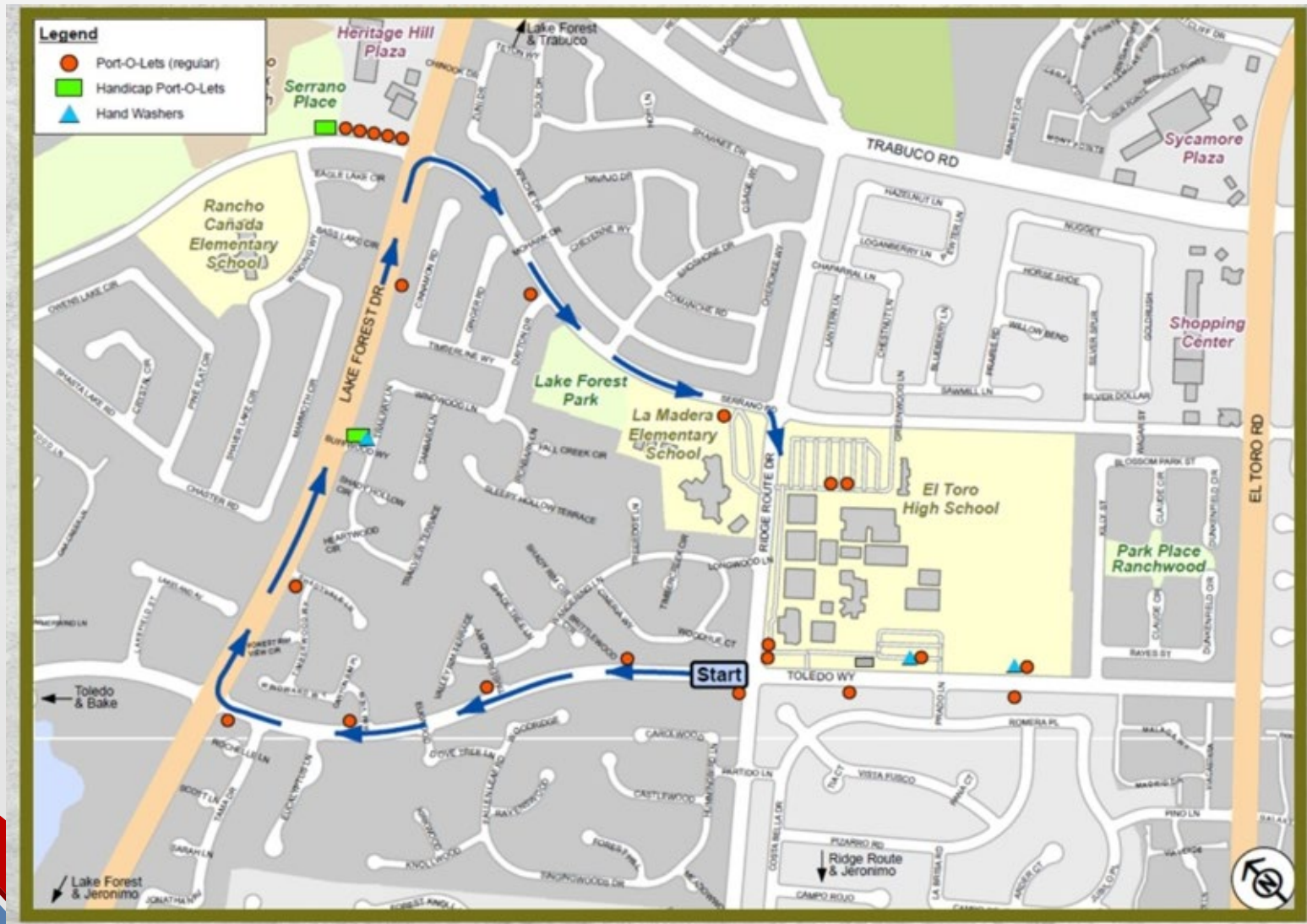
WAITING FOR PARADE TO START

- What to do after your group reaches the staging area
 - If staging on Toledo, keep the center lane clear for other participants to get to their staging location
 - Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast (\$10)
 - Kiwanis of Lake Forest
(corner of Ridge Route & Toledo)
- Who do I ask for help?
 - Your Assembly Captain
 - Information Booth Personnel
 - Parade Officials (wearing yellow vests)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



PORTABLE TOILET & HAND WASH LOCATIONS



END OF ROUTE PROCEDURE

- What do I do at the end?
 - The parade ends at the corner of Serrano and Ridge Route
 - You will be directed to the appropriate de-staging area based on your entry type.
 - Follow the directions of the Parade Officials
 - Remove any decorations and dispose of it in the containers provided.
 - Please leave the de-staging area as soon as possible.
 - *Get In & Get Out*

END OF ROUTE FLOW & GO



RULES RECAP

- Please keep the center lane open in the Toledo Staging area
- Musicians, Bands, Vehicles with Recorded Music
 - By 9:20 am, minimize the noise in the staging area
- No throwing items during the parade!
- No jumping on & off floats along the parade route
- Squirt guns, super soakers, water cannons and water balloons are not allowed in staging areas or on parade route.
 - IF... any of the above occur, your entry will not be able to return the following year.

AND A FEW MORE...

- Participants riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or inline skates must wear a helmet.
- Judging for eligible parade entries takes place at Toledo and Timberland.
 - Be sure your entry maintains a forward motion for the entire parade route and through the judging and TV areas.
 - DO NOT STOP TO PERFORM
(stopping can be grounds for disqualification).
- Car club entries are limited to 12 vehicles.
 - Cars must drive side by side, no exceptions.
 - No burnouts or revving of engines

FINAL REMINDERS...

- Units with more than one vehicle are requested to queue up offsite *before* entering the check-in area.
 - Then enter in the order you wish to be within your unit. This will provide for an orderly staging process.
 - Only vehicles that will be in the parade are to be in the staging area.
- When on the parade route, do not pass the entry ahead of you unless a parade official instructs you to do so
- Alcoholic beverages & illegal substances are prohibited.



QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK?

Thank you for coming to the
Participant Meeting!
Have fun & Be Safe on the 4th!