



67th McCleary Second Growth and Bear Festival Grand Parade Entry Form "UNDER THE SEA"

Date: Saturday July 11, 2026

12:00 pm

All applications MUST be postmarked by Friday, July 3th, 2026. Submission of entry does not ensure acceptance. Parade committee approval is required. Notification will be sent on or before Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 if you are NOT ACCEPTED. Political party entries will not be allowed in the parade.

CHECK IN: ALL units are to report to the check-in table no later than 10:00 AM at the Simpson Door Company Parking Lot located at 400 Simpson Ave. Check-in will be open by 8:30 AM. Please remember what name you registered under. All units must obtain their parade number from the check-in table.

JUDGING: Begins promptly at 10:30 AM. Each unit wishing to be judged must be checked in and in stage line up by 10:30 AM. Late entries will not be eligible for judging. Pets: Livestock, dogs and other animals may be entered, provided they are on a leash and under full control at all times! Owners are responsible for their animals' safety, comfort, water and sanitation. All horse group units must provide their own pooper scooper. Please anticipate hot weather and give consideration to your pet!

AWARDS: Unit judging will be done PRIOR to 11:30 AM in the staging area and awards will be handed out PRIOR to the 12:00 PM start time.

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Entry Classification: Please check appropriate classification.

___ VISITING ROYALTY/NO VEHICLE: Do You Require Possible Vehicle Coordination: Yes ___ No ___

* Vehicle coordination is not guaranteed but the festival will communicate with local car clubs and community members for possible pairing.

___ FLOAT: Does Float/Vehicle Have Music: Yes ___ No ___

Float/Vehicle Dimensions: Width _____ Height _____ Length _____ Music: _____

** Number of Support Vehicles: _____ **Number of Rider Vehicles: _____

___ VEHICLES: Group: ___ Antique: ___ Classic: ___ Custom: ___ Motorcycle: ___ Number of Vehicles: _____

_____ BANDS, DRILL TEAMS & MARCHING UNITS: Number of marchers in band: _____ Number of Marchers Drill Team: _____

**Number of Buses: _____ Cars: _____ Trucks: _____

_____ EQUESTRIAN: Number of animals in unit: _____ **Number of trailers: _____

_____ NOVELTY/OTHER: _____

Dimensions: Width _____ Height _____ Length _____ Music: _____

**Number of people: _____ ** Number of Support Vehicles: _____ **Number of Rider Vehicles: _____

** Information required for staging area arrangement.

Please attach typed detailed information regarding your entry that the announcer may use during the parade as your entry goes past the viewing stand. Examples include names of participants in unit, awards received, number of parades attended, etc.

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

All entries are subject to approval of the Parade Committee. Safety precautions and polite behavior by the participants will be observed at all times. Failure to comply with these rules will result in expulsion from the parade. Positions will be assigned, and all participants agree to keep to their assigned position while the parade is in procession. Participants agree to maintain parade spacing and must not slow down the parade. All large entries (tow trucks, buses, etc.) must have a safety walker on all four corners of the entry. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. A person consuming alcohol prior to parade start will not be permitted in the parade. Riding on the top of or outside of vehicles without a belt or harness is prohibited. Fire or open flame on any entrant is prohibited. All drivers of vehicles and floats shall possess a valid driver's license. Fire extinguishers rated 2A – 10BC are required on all motorized decorated vehicles. Exhaust systems shall extend beyond any and all decorations so that drivers or riders are not exposed to carbon monoxide fumes. Compressed gasses (such as helium) shall be properly secured and safeguarded.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- All floats, motorized vehicles and equestrian units **MUST** carry their own insurance and provide proof of insurance with the completed application, on or before the day of the parade. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE APPLICANT'S NAME IS ON THE CERTIFICATE.**
- All floats and motorized vehicles **MUST** provide a certificate of insurance for bodily injury and property damage with combined single limits of \$300,000. The certificate must name the McCleary Bear Festival, Grays Harbor County, and the City of McCleary as additional insured on their policy. Car clubs and private vehicles may submit their private insurance card for vehicle liability insurance in lieu of a certificate of insurance.
- All equestrian units **MUST** provide proof of insurance for bodily injury and property damage with combined single limits of \$50,000. A copy of your insurance card or declarations page for homeowner's or comprehensive personal liability insurance is all that is required.
- We **MUST** have evidence of your insurance in our possession setting forth the limits of liability provided and the name of your insurance company **BEFORE** we can accept your entry into the Grand Parade.

FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

- The length of the float should be governed by the proper proportions for the design and should be so constructed that it will be able to make the turns at street intersections.
- Maximum length will be 60 feet per unit and clearance to the ground from the float frame will be a minimum of 8 inches.
- Floats must be entirely decorated. No part of the vehicle on which the float is built shall be visible.
- Sponsors must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view, drivers must complement the float. 🚗 Float drivers must remain with their floats at all times in the staging area until they have completed the parade and the floats are returned to the setup area, or the place designated by the sponsor. Your float is valuable and you should make plans so that it will not be a hazard to traffic before, during or after the parade.
- No person is permitted to ride on a float in the Grand Parade other than those persons designated by the sponsor to appear thereon.
- All participants riding on floats must be anchored/seat belted to the float and using handholds while the float is in motion.

BANDS, MARCHING UNITS AND VOCAL GROUPS

- All marching units must maintain a forward motion and may not stop to perform along the parade route. Routines, which cause a unit to hurry in order to catch up with the group in front of it, will not be permitted.
- Please be considerate of others performing in the parade.
- Band directors and all marching units must obey all directions from parade officials, especially if told to close the gap, stop performing reverse maneuvers, etc.
- Vocal groups must perform numbers in good taste and subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the McCleary Bear Festival Association. Any offensive language will automatically eliminate you from the parade.

HORSES/ANIMALS

- Each rider or group must provide its own clean-up unit and clean up EVERYTHING.
- Any rider showing inability to control their animal will be removed from the Grand Parade by the Parade officials.
- Each group or individual is responsible for leaving the areas they use as clean as they found it-

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Each rider or group must provide proof of insurance.

CANDY: No candy may be thrown from floats or vehicles of any kind. Due to COVID restrictions, no materials or candy may be handed to spectators by walkers. Violation will result in disqualification of future parades.

DISBAND AREA: Please follow the parade route all the way back to the start. Please obey street signs/closures on the parade route and surrounding streets.

Indemnification Agreement: We wish to participate in the McCleary Second Growth and Bear Festival Grand Parade. As a condition for participation, the individuals or organization identified shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of McCleary, the McCleary Second Growth and Bear Festival Committee, Inc. and its Directors from any and all claims, suits and losses, damages of expenses on account of bodily injury or property damage arising out of participation in the parade. Our entry also agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the application. We understand if we violate these rules and regulations, our entry will be removed immediately from the parade. There Will Be NO Exceptions.

Authorized Signature _____ Date: _____

Please sign here if it is okay to share your information with local festivals.

Please return entry form, typed detailed description of unit, liability release and proof of insurance to:

McCleary Bear Festival

Parade Chairperson

PO Box 408

McCleary, WA 98557

For more information call Sarah Daniels at 714-334-7913 or email at s.r.hendry16@gmail.com. You can visit our website www.mcclearybearfestival.org or message us on Facebook.