



THE GREATER ISSAQUAH CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

Presents

SALMON DAYS
GRANDE PARADE

'Stars, Stripes & Salmon'

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Featuring

Grande Parade Marshal

NICK THE MAGNIFICENT

from Nick's Magnificent Indoor Playground

PARADE DATE

Saturday, October 3, 2026

START TIME

10:00 a.m.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday, September 22

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

No entry fee

Applications submitted on or before September 22, 2026, do not require an entry fee.

\$150 late fee

Applications received after the deadline will be required to pay a \$150 late fee.

Apply online

Complete your application online at www.salmondays.org.

2026 SALMON DAYS THEME

Our 2026 theme, "**Stars, Stripes & Salmon,**" celebrates patriotism, community, and our shared heritage. It also provides a meaningful opportunity for our community to recognize and express its gratitude to the brave men and women who have served, and continue to serve, in our Armed Forces.

We encourage all parade participants to embrace this year's theme by incorporating **red**, **white**, and **blue** into their parade entries whenever possible. Whether through decorations,

costumes, music, or creative displays, help us create a parade filled with patriotic spirit as we celebrate our country, our community, and the traditions that make Issaquah Salmon Days so special! We can't wait to see your creativity come to life!

RULES & REGULATIONS

- **All parade entries are subject to approval** by the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce.
- **Parade participants must promptly follow all instructions and directions provided by parade officials, marshals, law enforcement, and event staff** to ensure the safety, orderly operation, and timely progression of the parade. Failure to comply may result in removal from the parade.
- **Participants must comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations** and follow the instructions of law enforcement officers and parade officials at all times. The Parade Committee, Issaquah Salmon Days Festival, and the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce reserve the right to remove any entry before assembly, during lineup, or at any time during the parade.
- **Throwing or tossing items from the parade route is prohibited** for safety reasons. However, participants may walk along the route and hand items, including individually wrapped candy, directly to spectators.
- **Balloons of any size or type are not permitted** in the parade.
- **Participants may not mingle with, solicit, or accost spectators** along the parade route.
- **The sale of merchandise or other items is prohibited** anywhere along the parade route.
- **Participants are not allowed to solicit money** anywhere along the parade route.
- **Entries must maintain a continuous forward motion and proper parade spacing.** Any gaps of 50+ feet must be promptly closed.
- **Alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal drugs, controlled substances, vaping, and smoking are strictly prohibited** in the staging area, along the parade route, and in the dispersal area. Any participant found consuming or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, illegal drugs, or controlled substances before or during the parade will be immediately removed from the lineup and may be suspended or permanently banned from participating in future Issaquah Salmon Days Parades.
- **Participants are responsible for all travel-related expenses**, including transportation, lodging, meals, and other incidental costs.
- **Children must remain under the direct supervision of a responsible adult** at all times during parade activities.
- **All participants must comply with Washington State RCW 49.60.030 (Freedom from Discrimination)** and ensure that no signs, clothing, displays, or other materials violate Washington's anti-discrimination or hate crime laws.
- **A Certificate of Liability Insurance (COI) is ONLY required for entries utilizing a vehicle and/or float.** The Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce must be named as **Additional Insured** on the policy, with liability coverage of **\$1,000,000 or greater**. The COI must be submitted to the Chamber Office prior to the event.

RULES & REGULATIONS continued -

- **Entries with animals** must ensure all animals are under direct physical control or on a leash and are comfortable in large crowds and around other animals.
- **Participants are responsible for the immediate cleanup and proper disposal of all animal waste.** Waste may not be left on the streets or anywhere along the parade route. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal from the staging area, parade, and/or dispersal area, and the participant will be assessed a \$150 cleanup fee.
- And don't forget to **bring plenty of water for your furry friends!**
- **Service animals are always welcome** and same animal rules apply.
- **No open flames, fires, fireworks, firearms, explosives, or other hazardous or incendiary devices** of any kind are permitted. Any violation of this policy will result in the immediate removal of the individual and/or parade entry from the parade and may result in suspension or permanent disqualification from future Issaquah Salmon Days Festival events.

BAND, MARCHING & PERFORMING UNIT REQUIREMENTS

- If a gap of 50+ feet is created for any reason, bands, performance groups, and all other entries must increase their pace to decrease the space and to maintain the maximum 50 foot gap.
- Entries may stop in front of the Announcer's Area and perform for a maximum of 60 seconds.
- Entries must maintain a forward motion; no stopping or reverse motion will be allowed on the route other than to perform at the Announcer's area

PARADE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting a parade application, parade participants acknowledge and agree to the following:

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT/RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, on behalf of myself and my parade entry, including all participants, volunteers, drivers, and other individuals associated with my entry, agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, the Issaquah Salmon Days Festival, the City of Issaquah, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, sponsors, representatives, contractors, and affiliated organizations from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or relating to my participation, or the participation of my parade entry in the 2026 Issaquah Salmon Days Festival Grande Parade.

I understand that participation in the parade is voluntary and that I, and all participants in my

parade entry, assume all risks associated with participating in the event. I further acknowledge that I am responsible for ensuring that all individuals participating as part of my parade entry comply with the Parade Rules & Regulations and the terms of this agreement. This agreement shall be binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, successors, personal representatives, and any organization I represent.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

I certify that I have read and understand the 2026 Issaquah Salmon Days Grande Parade Rules & Regulations. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure that I and every member of my parade entry, including participants, drivers, volunteers, and anyone associated with my entry, comply with all parade rules, regulations, instructions, and safety requirements.

I understand that failure to comply may result in immediate removal from the parade, disqualification, denial of future participation, or any other action deemed appropriate by Parade officials.

PHOTO & MEDIA RELEASE

I, the undersigned participant, parent or legal guardian of a minor participant, and/or authorized representative of my organization or parade entry, grant permission to the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce and the Issaquah Salmon Days Festival to photograph, videotape, record, or otherwise capture my and my participants, image, likeness, voice, and/or parade entry during Festival activities.

I authorize these photographs, videos, and recordings to be used, without compensation or further approval, in print and digital publications, websites, social media, advertising, promotional materials, news media, television broadcasts, and other communications related to the Issaquah Salmon Days Festival. I understand that these materials may be used in perpetuity and waive any right to inspect or approve their final use.

PARADE ENTRY CATEGORIES

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| • Animal Group | • Non-Profit Community Organizations |
| • Cheerleaders / Drill Teams | • Performance Groups |
| • Civic Organizations | • Political Representative or Group |
| • Color Guard | • Preschools |
| • Community Business / Organizations | • Retirement Community |
| • Dance | • School Clubs / Groups |
| • First Responders | • Scouting |
| • Marching Band - High School | • Sports / Wellness |

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| • Marching Band - Middle School | • Youth Groups |
| • Military | • Youth Sports |
| • Military Marching Band | • Other |

READY TO JOIN THE PARADE?

Apply by Friday, September 22, 2026 | <https://www.salmondays.org/sd-2026-parade>

