

Prague Kolache Festival

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The Kolache Festival Association would like to invite you to attend our annual Prague Kolache Festival and Parade on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Our festival draws around 20,000 people to our small town, which is a one-hour drive from Oklahoma City or Tulsa.

Time: The parade starts at **11:00 a.m.**

Line-Up: The parade line-up is on the south end of town on Hwy. 99 at 7th St. We ask that parade entries **arrive at 9:30 a.m. for line-up**, but you need to allow thirty minutes to one hour for traffic. The parade route is a little over 1 mile in length.

There is ample parking available west of town at the middle school and high school campuses, which are located on Highway 62. This is approximately 4 blocks from the grandstand at the end of the Parade route.

We know your participation in our parade would draw much excitement and would enhance it greatly. Come experience the Czech Tradition of having a good time.

Our festival includes food booths, a carnival, a huge arts & crafts show, free entertainment at the grandstand including Czech costumes and Royalty crowning, Kolache eating contest, folk dancers, singers, bands, and our famous polka street dance from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. followed by fireworks to close the night. All other attractions are located down the strip on Highway 62 from the grandstand to the stoplight.

If you have questions, please call the festival office at: (405) 567-4866.

Prague is located on Highway 99 (377) and Highway 62; 7 miles north of I-40 at Exit 200, or 18 miles south of I-44 at the Stroud Exit.

Important: Please read the back of this page for important parade rules.

Return the completed application form by the deadline if you wish to participate. Applications can be mailed to Prague Kolache Festival, PO Box 7, Prague, OK 74864, faxed to (405) 567-2875, emailed to praguekolachefestival@yahoo.com or they can be dropped off at Prague City Hall, 820 N Jim Thorpe Blvd.

PRAGUE KOLACHE FESTIVAL PARADE RULES

Parade Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024 Application Deadline: April 29, 2024

Entries received after the deadline may be placed at the end of the parade and not be judged.

No entry may throw candy, gum, toys, pamphlets, or campaign materials from any vehicle.

These items **may be handed out** by people walking along the parade route. **No entry shall distribute cash in any way.** Suggested distance between entries is three car lengths. Keep parade moving slowly and smoothly. **DO NOT STOP** to perform **except for a brief stop at the main grandstand at the park.** Observe all traffic safety regulations. **We reserve the right to refuse entry to any application.**

PARADE LINE-UP

Parade lines up on Highway 99 at 7th Street. Line-up will be along the highway. Busses and vehicles may unload at this site and then drive around to the west end of town to the High School. Parade check-in location is on Hwy. 99 just North of 1st St. You will receive your line-up number at the parade check-in site from a parade official.

Parade starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. Parade will not be canceled in spite of rain.

Entries must be at parade line-up site by 9:30 a.m. Allow at least 1 hour for traffic.

JUDGED ENTRIES

FLOATS

2024 Theme for Floats: “A Small Town with a Czech Heart”

Floats are judged based on: Theme portrayal, use of theme in float.....25points
Originality, something new or different.....25points
Construction & design, difficulty to construct.....25points
Eye appeal, pleasing to the crowd.....25points

“Divisions”

Commercial: Any float built by a Business

1st – 3rd Plaques awarded.

Youth: Float made by youth organizations with adult supervision

1st – 5th prize awarded. (\$250, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50)

Adult: Floats built by non-profit organizations such as civic groups, churches, etc.

1st – 5th prize awarded. (\$250, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50)

(In case of rain floats will be judged at 9:00 a.m. at the alternate location indicated on entry form, otherwise they will be judged at 10:00 a.m. at the parade line-up site.)

A Sweepstakes Trophy will be presented to the float selected as **“BEST OF SHOW”**

“Crowd Pleaser Award; open to all parade entries and will be judged at the Main Grandstand”

DRILL TEAMS:

Amateur Class: Limited to youth teams High School age or below.

1st – 3rd prize awarded. (\$100, \$75, \$50)

Professional Class: Adult drill teams college age or above.

1st – 3rd prize awarded. (\$100, \$75, \$50)

ANIMAL/EQUESTRIAN

Round-up Clubs/Equestrian entries: 1st – 3rd prize awarded. (\$150, \$100, \$75)

Animal – Miscellaneous: All animals entered must be under the physical control of the owner and or trainer at all times. 1st – 3rd prize awarded. (\$100, \$75, \$50)

PLEASE NOTE - Proof of a current negative coggins test is required for all horses prior to entrance to parade line-up.