

Cotton Carnival Parade October 3rd, 2026

Assembly Time: 9:15 am Start Time: 10:00 am

THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PARADES IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI!

This year's 2026 Cotton Carnival Parade theme is: **America's 250 Birthday**

Parade Rules:

- No bicycles or ATV's (exception will be the Shriners Clowns and Side by Side ATV's)
- Participants will enter the parade at a point to be determined by the parade chairmen
- **ABSOLUTELY NO CANDY TO BE THROWN TO THE CROWD!** (This a safety measure to keep small children from running into the path of the parade traffic). Walking participants can hand out candy

ASSEMBLY POINT:

Pine Street at Sikeston Senior High School.

STAGING AREA FOR PARADE (SEE ATTACHED MAP)

Miss Sikeston/Miss Cotton Carnival Contestants → Fieldhouse Parking Lot

Queens/Kings/Other Royalty from surrounding towns → Fieldhouse Parking Lot

Dignitaries/Political Candidates (Democrats) → Matthews Street Headed East

Dignitaries/Political Candidates (Republican) → Kathleen Street Headed East

Adult Floats (BEING JUDGED) → Gladys Street Headed East

Students/Scout Floats (BEING JUDGED) Courtney Street Headed East

Trucks/Tractors/Other Floats (NOT BEING JUDGED) → Ables Road Headed West

Cash Prize will be distributed to the Winners as follows:

Adult

First Prize = \$700

Second Prize = \$500

Third Prize = \$400

Student/Scout

First Prize =\$250

Second Prize = \$150

Third Prize = \$100

Parade Route:

Begin at Pine Street; north to Malone Avenue west to Scott Street; then disperse in vacant parking lots west of Scott Street.

Parade Marshals will be located at each assembly point in order to help with the flow of the parade and to get entries into the correct line-up position. Please be patient. We will get everyone in the parade. This is one of the largest parades in the State of Missouri and things do get hectic from time to time. Most important enjoy yourself and have a great time!