



80th Annual Mermaid Festival
2026 Cutie Parade and Pageant
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION JUNE 5th, 2026*



2026 Mermaid Festival Theme
The 80's

Parade Sponsored by: North Webster Lions Club
 Pageant Sponsored by: North Webster Lions Club
 Events Sponsored by: Shoop Sports and Youth Foundation, Inc.

Application Information

The **Cutie Parade** will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026. The **Rain Date** for the **Parade** will be Thursday, June 18th, 2026. The **Cutie Pageant** will be held Friday, June 19th, 2026.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

Registrations for the Cutie Parade and Cutie Pageant must be postmarked no later than
FRIDAY JUNE 5th, 2026*

In Memory of J. Homer Shoop, Founder of **The Shoop Sports and Youth Foundation, Inc.**
 The following Educational Bonds will be awarded.

Cutie Parade

<u>Walking Unit</u>		<u>Hand Drawn Unit</u>		<u>Motorized Unit</u>	
1 st Place	\$ 5,000	1 st Place	\$ 5,000	1 st Place	\$ 5,000
2 nd Place	\$ 2,500	2 nd Place	\$ 2,500	2 nd Place	\$ 2,500
3 rd Place	\$ 1,500	3 rd Place	\$ 1,500	3 rd Place	\$ 1,500
4 th Place	\$ 1,000	4 th Place	\$ 1,000	4 th Place	\$ 1,000

The **North Webster Lions** will present trophies to the winners of the Cutie Parade during the intermission of the Cutie Pageant on June 19th. **Participation Trophies will be distributed to the Parade Participants at the Mermaid Festival Grounds after the cutie parade, please bring your child's parade number to the Merchants Building to Claim your Childs Participation Trophy.**

Cutie Pageant

Cutie King	\$ 5,000	Cutie Queen	\$ 5,000
2 nd Place	\$ 2,500	2 nd Place	\$ 2,500
3 rd Place	\$ 1,500	3 rd Place	\$ 1,500
4 th Place	\$ 1,000	4 th Place	\$ 1,000

The North Webster Lions Club and Shoop Sports and Youth Foundation, Inc.
 will not be held liable for any accidents or injury to participants before, during or after the parade or pageant.

***Applications can be put in mailbox outside of Mermaid Office or emailed to:
nwmermaidfestival@gmail.com by Monday, June 8, 2026**

Cutie Parade Rules & Information

All registrations must be postmarked by Friday June 5th, 2026*
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The **Cutie Parade** will be held on **Wednesday, June 17th, 2026**.

The Parade line-up / check in will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the North Webster Community Church. Parade staging will be in the west parking area of the church. All entries must be checked in by 6:15 pm late arrivals will not be judged.

The Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m.

1. Participants must be under the age of 14 years as of June 1, 2026.
2. Motor vehicles may not participate; however, golf carts and small garden tractors can be used.
3. **Candy can be handed out or thrown from the parade entries along the parade route.**
4. Only one participant judged per entry.
5. Anyone entering the Cutie Pageant must be in the Cutie Parade.
6. There will be no entry fee for the Cutie Parade.
7. All Cutie Parade entries **can** take part in the Mermaid Festival Parade on Saturday, June 20th, 2026.
8. All Cutie entries must be in a **single name**. No joint entries allowed.
9. No animals are allowed.
10. The correct name and date of birth must be given on your child's entry form to be judged in the parade.
11. Once your application has been received, you will be sent an acknowledgment/confirmation of your child's participation in the parade. If you do not receive this acknowledgment, please call FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS 574-834-4316 and leave a message **prior to the day of the event**.
12. **Be sure to bring your confirmation letter to the parade, pre-registration is required for the parade.**
13. **Social Security number must be provided after Pageant for 1st place through 4th place contest winners.**

Cutie Pageant Rules & Information

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NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The **Cutie Pageant** will be held on **Friday, June 19th, 2026**, at the North Webster Community Center.

The Pageant will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. & end at 6:45pm. NO LATE CHECK IN ALLOWED.
Enter at the east rear door of the Community Center and follow signs to the registration table.

1. The Cutie Pageant is open to all children between the ages of 5 to 7 as of June 1, 2026.
2. **Social Security numbers must be provided after the Pageant for 1st place through 4th place contest winners.**
3. All children entered in the Cutie Pageant **must** participate in the Cutie Parade.
4. There will be no entry fee for the pageant.
5. Correct name and date of birth must be included on your child's entry form in order to be judged in the Cutie Pageant. Once your application has been received, you will be sent an acknowledgment/confirmation of your child's participation in the pageant. If you do not receive this acknowledgment, please call the FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS @ 574-834-4316 (leave message) **prior to the day of the event**.
6. All children wanting to participate in the pageant must have their **confirmation letter** with them at the time of registration. If not, they will not be allowed to participate in the pageant. **There will be no exceptions.**
7. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or an adult. If the child cannot be left alone with pageant organizers, the child will be returned to the parent or accompanying adult and be disqualified from the pageant. Once the child is left with pageant organizers, we ask that parents do not return to the room or gather in the hallway outside of the pageant holding room.
8. All children should wear long pants or shorts outfits.
9. **No dresses, skirts, costumes, or fancy pageant clothes will be allowed. NO neck ties or bow ties allowed.**
10. **No make-up, lipstick, lip gloss, eye shadow, blush or mascara will be allowed.**
11. **SMALL earrings will be allowed. No costume jewelry will be allowed.**
12. Be sure your child has a snack or evening meal prior to participating in the contest. **NO FOOD** will be allowed in the pageant staging area.
13. **An admission fee of \$5.00 for all adults and \$2.00 for children not participating in the pageant will be charged at the gate.**
14. **Any inappropriate conduct on the part of the contestant's family members or friends will result in the contestant's immediate dismissal.**

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2026 Cutie Pageant Entry Form

Please Print all information – Must be Post Marked by Friday June 5th, 2026*

Name of Child: _____
(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

_____ Male _____ Female Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Child's Mailing Address: _____

Father's Name and Address:

Mother's Name and Address:

E-Mail Address: _____

Send Pageant Contest Entries to: NW Mermaid Festival
% Cuties
P.O. Box 450
North Webster, IN 46555

(Club use only)
Confirmation Number
Parade #: _____

2026 Cutie Parade Entry Form

Please Print all information – Must be Post Marked by Friday June 5th, 2026*

Please Circle One: H - Hand Drawn Unit M - Motorized Unit W - Walking Unit

Name of Child: _____
(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

_____ Male _____ Female Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Child's Mailing Address: _____

Father's Name and Address:

Mother's Name and Address:

E-Mail Address: _____

We also plan to take part in the 80th Annual Mermaid Parade that will be held on June 20th.

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