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Junior Parade to Hit Streets

The Portland Police Bureau K-9 Unit will be honored as Grand Marshal of the Rose Festival Fred Meyer Junior Parade, the nation's largest and oldest all children's parade, returning to Northeast Sandy Boulevard in the Hollywood District, on Wednesday, June 6 starting at 1 p.m.

With its specially-trained canines, the K-9 unit not only serves the community in law enforcement, but bonds with members of the officer's personal families as well. The patrol dogs are primarily used for searching for criminal suspects.

The Fred Meyer Junior Parade is the only Rose Festival event to specifically feature children and pets.

The first Rose Festival in 1907 included a children's parade of 2,000 boys and girls representing 23 schools. Today, children come from all parts of the city to join in, dressing in costume, transforming wagons into floats, decorating their bikes with colorful flowers, or just parading with their pets (and parents!).

The Portland Rose Festival's Fred Meyer Junior Parade is the nation's largest and oldest allchildren's parade. The annual celebration returns on Wednesday, June 4 at 1 p.m. in the Hollywood District.

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