

# TEXAS COTTON GIN MUSEUM

*The Official Cotton Gin Museum of Texas  
...keeping the legacy of cotton alive for all generations -  
through the maintenance and preservation of the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin  
the oldest operating cotton gin in America.*

## Burton Cotton Gin Festival/Parade 37th Annual Invitation and Rules – Saturday, April 18, 2026

The **TEXAS COTTON GIN MUSEUM** invites you to participate in the **2026 Burton Cotton Gin Festival Parade** on **SATURDAY, APRIL 18th!** **Plans are ginning for a great Festival and we would be honored if you would join us in celebrating our 37th Annual event!**

Please fill out the Parade Application and return to: **Texas Cotton Gin Museum by email, [programs@texascottonginmuseum.org](mailto:programs@texascottonginmuseum.org) or drop-off at 307 N. Main Street by Monday, April 13th!!!** We are again making Announcement cards for each parade entry and strict adherence to this deadline must be honored. You may still be in the Parade – but if we do not receive your application by April 13th, cards will not be guaranteed! As in years past you may place a sign outside your vehicle/entry **on the right hand side** to identify information you would like folks to know about your entry.

**AGAIN THIS YEAR – Staging Area for 2026 due to construction** – Located at **BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, not Burton High School– 12504 W. Cedar St.** Parade entrants will “sign in” at the registration table in front of Burton Elementary School from 8:00-9:00 a.m. PLEASE designate ONE PERSON from your group to sign-in and obtain your entry number. **Note\*\*\*** The roads will be closed starting at 9:45 a.m.

**\*\*Tractor and engine exhibitors will sign in at the Tractor Show Registration and unload (enter via Spur 125 off of 290 W) and if you would like to be in the parade you will drive your tractor out of Festival grounds onto Railroad St. and then right onto LIVE OAK STREET. At this point you will be directed to “feed in” to the main Parade.**

**\*\*\*Horses – ALL Horses MUST have a CURRENT COGGINS CERTIFICATE!!! This certificate MUST be presented to parade officials BEFORE unloading and kept with the horse at all times. All horses must be at least 2 years of age. Only (1) one rider per horse will be allowed.**

**There will be an Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m. and The Parade will begin rolling after that.**

- ❖ **It is imperative that everyone be in place by 9:30 a.m. (Begin check in 8:00-9:00 am)**
- ❖ **All drivers in operator’s seat by 9:40 a.m. – (for safety reasons - do not start engines before 9:30 a.m.)**
- ❖ **Only parade participants 18 years or older may cautiously throw candy to the crowd.**
- ❖ **If you have engine failure... please pull your vehicle to the right side of the roadway ASAP to keep the parade route clear.**
- ❖ **At end of parade you will be directed where to go... back to staging area to exit OR if you are signed up to go onto Festival grounds - for tractors, exhibitors or antique cars display.**

2026 Festival Parade Chairperson -Barbara Donnelly, 281/686-4822, [barbarajodonnely@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajodonnely@gmail.com).

**We hope to see you at the 37th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Parade/Festival!**