



2026 Historical Society of Riverton's Writing and Illustration Contest!

Riverton's iconic Fourth of July celebrations have changed since our first parade in 1897. That year, the Riverton Yacht Club sponsored the hugely popular Children's Parade. Though it's evolved over the years, at the heart of this celebration is a spirit of place that helps define our town's character, not just on our nation's birthday.

Riverton High School Students (**\$500 for winning entry**)

In 500 words, write an essay on the value of Riverton's annual Fourth of July celebration to our community and to our town's identity? How has the celebration of the 4th of July in Riverton changed over time? Why is it important today?

Riverton K-8 Students (**\$100 for winning entry, \$50 for runner up**)

What is your favorite part of Riverton's Fourth of July celebration and why? Create a drawing that illustrates your favorite part of Riverton's Fourth of July. Include a sentence describing what we're seeing and why this is your favorite part of the day.

For more on the history of Riverton's Fourth of July celebrations, visit:

Former Town Historian Paul Schopp's overview of Riverton's 1897 parade and festivities on the HSR website @ <https://rivertonhistory.com/2018/07/the-birth-of-a-july-4th-tradition-in-riverton/>. Search our site for more on past 4th of Julys.

The Riverton 4th of July website @ <https://www.riverton4thofjuly.com/about>



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