

# CHRISTMAS PARADE 2017

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Parade Date: December 1

Start Time: 6:00 pm

### General

All entry drivers are required to have valid driver's license and follow all traffic laws.  
NO ATV'S or MOTORCYCLES ALLOWED

Due to safety concerns we are asking each float to have 1-2 walkers on each side of their float handing out candy (or dropping it at the spectators feet) rather than tossing it from the float. We feel that this will eliminate children darting toward moving vehicles and risking a child being seriously injured. Having walkers drop candy into the crowd and politely asking spectators to move back to the sidewalk so that floats can get through will hopefully provide a safer environment for everyone involved.

Float Height must be less than 13'6"

Horses – Participants in the parade riding horses should have a clean-up crew.

Please limit the use of air horns or sirens during the parade. Playing or singing Christmas music is encouraged.

### Staging Area (see map)

Floats may enter the staging area at the old LaFayette High School beginning at 4:30 to make any final preparations and to load their floats with participants.

At 5:30 all floats in the staging area will be escorted to the line-up area by the Police Department.

\*Drop-off parking: Cars will not be allowed in the staging area to drop off. Parking is available at Food City, First Baptist, and the parking lot across from Kids for Christ.

### Line-Up Area (see map)

Floats will move south on Cherokee Street from Patton Street. Floats should be together with their group because this will create the parade order as they line up. Parade workers will be at designated locations to assist in the line-up process. Please be in line-up area by 5:30 because roads will start closing and you will not be able to get around.

### Best Decorated Floats

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place best-decorated floats. Categories are Individual, Church, Civic/Schools, and Business/Government Groups. **In order for your organization to compete for best decorated float, your organization's name that you registered with must be shown on both sides of the float.**  
**(The three judges will be located on the square)**

### Exiting Parade

Floats that need to unload will turn left on Margaret Street and return to the staging area to disband.

\*Keep moving on Cherokee St back to the staging area so that we do not stall the parade movement on Main St.

Floats that do not need to unload participants and who can be quickly ready to drive on the roadway may exit north on Main Street (at Margaret Street) to avoid the congestion on Cherokee Street.

### Unloading Area

Floats that need to unload will return to the staging area to disband.

### Other

Please remember when planning characters for your float, Santa Claus is on the City Fire Truck and should not be included on your float.

### Rain Date

The rain date for the parade is Friday, December 8.

**Thanks for participating and Merry Christmas!**