

2019 CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 2, 2019

PARADE RULES & NOTES

Welcome to one of the largest Christmas Parades in North Arkansas. The Harrison Convention & Visitors Bureau Christmas Parade attracts well over 100 entries and can stretch over two miles in length. Consequently, here are a few rules and regulations we ask you to follow:

The Harrison Christmas Parade is open to all civic groups, businesses, volunteer groups, etc. It is sponsored by The Harrison Convention & Visitors Bureau. There will be a **\$25 entry fee for floats, antique, or decorated vehicles**. There will be a **\$15 entry fee for all walking entries**.

Deadline for entry in the Christmas Parade is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019.

All vehicles **MUST** be decorated to participate in the Parade.

All entries must be in place by 5:30 p.m. or you will not be judged. This will give our judges time to complete the judging process and hand out awards before the parade starts.

Once you register for the Christmas Parade, you will be issued a parade rules sheet.

You will be given a number for your float the day of the parade and this number will be used for judging your entry in the category you selected. **This number must be displayed inside the windshield on the driver's side of your vehicle to allow you to enter the areas designated for the parade.**

The one sign bearing the number must be displayed inside the windshield on the driver's side of the antique and decorated vehicles or on the vehicle pulling the float. Walking entries must have someone wear the sign bearing the parade number.

All entries in the Christmas Parade will gather in designated areas according to the category entered. You may enter the designated area at **4:30 p.m. Monday, December 2, 2019**, to complete your float. All entries must have a parade number to enter the designated areas.

No vehicles will be allowed in the old Junior High parking lot after 4:00 p.m. except for vehicles pulling floats. Temporary parking will be available in the Youth Center swimming pool parking lot to allow parents to walk children to their entry. **(Enter the Youth Center swimming pool parking lot on Pine St. and exit onto Spring St. ONLY!)**

All entries will enter designated areas from Pine Street. Side streets will be blocked.

Please communicate with all children the name of the entry on which they may be riding, who they are to meet and where they are to be picked up at the conclusion of the parade. It is very hectic in the parking lot and some entries are hard to find. Parade volunteers will be happy to assist you.

Walking entries and bands must be preceded by marchers carrying a banner or signs identifying the group which can be easily read at a distance of 100 feet. All school bands will also carry a sponsor banner.

Because of safety issues, no candy can be thrown from a float or from a vehicle. The only candy that will be allowed to be distributed must be handed out or gently tossed by people walking away from the float.

All horses entered in the parade must wear diapers or have a pooper-scooper walking directly behind the horse.

The lowest stop light on the parade route is 13' 10". Please take this into consideration when building your float.

All winners will be given a traveling banner to display on their entry during the parade. **The contact person on the entry form will be responsible for returning the banner to Parade Officials at the end of the parade.**

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category. The Kiwanis Traveling Award will be given to the overall winner that best illustrates the parade theme. This is the largest trophy awarded.

SANTA CLAUSE WILL ARRIVE ON THE LAST ENTRY IN THE PARADE AND WILL BE THE ONLY SANTA ALLOWED IN THE PARADE. No live, mechanical, or artificial Santa's of any type will be allowed in the parade. You may, however, have Mrs. Claus, Elves, Santa's helpers and any other characters that you would like on your entry.

A copy of the rules must be in the possession of the person in charge of the entry or in their vehicle before, during and after the Parade to help prevent misunderstandings.

AT THE END OF THE PARADE

Please observe the following instructions at the conclusion of the parade to keep traffic flowing and everyone safe.

Child Pick-Up areas are as follows:

Please have an adult from your entry accompany children to the designated pick-up sites.

Bands – Band busses are asked to park in the **Old Sale Barn Parking Lot**. Parents wishing to pick up **band students**, may pick them up at this parking lot.

Floats, Vehicles with Trailers-ALL Floats will disband in the Younes Shopping Center parking lot. Children on those floats are to be picked up at that location.

Decorated Vehicles & Antique Cars – The child pick-up area for decorated vehicles/antique cars will be located in the **Pippin Parking Lot**.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EXIT THE PARADE EARLY. The Harrison City Police will block all access roads to the parade.

If you plan to disassemble your float at the end of the parade, PLEASE BE SURE YOU REMOVE ALL TRASH FROM THE PARKING AREA!

All applicants are responsible for any and all acts and/or omissions on their part, or on the part of their agents and/or employees, which may result in injury or damage to themselves or third parties. Applicant specifically agrees to hold The Harrison Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Christmas Parade Committee, and the City of Harrison free and harmless from any and all claims arising out of any such act or omission.

The Parade officials have the right to ask anyone not in compliance with the Parade Rules to withdraw from the parade.

The Harrison Convention & Visitors Bureau Annual Christmas Parade is a family theme event and fun for everyone. Thank you for your interest and for your participation. We look forward to the 2019 parade being the biggest and best yet.

For information see our website: www.ExploreHarrison.com, our Facebook page, E-mail to Matt@ExploreHarrison.com or Renee@ExploreHarrison.com or call (870) 741-1789.

A copy of these rules must accompany every parade entry to help prevent misunderstandings. Thank you for your cooperation!