

Parade Guidelines

KEEP THIS PAGE AS A REFERENCE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS PARADE GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All entries must complete an application and liability waiver to participate in the parade.
- The individual who completes this parade application is responsible for their group's participants.
- Transportation to and from the staging and pick up location is the responsibility of the participants.
- All entries must promote the parade theme of "TBA".
- Parade Line-Up will be on first in, first out basis and will start at 7:30 AM. Line-Up will end at 9:30 AM.
- All drivers must attend the Driver's Safety Meeting at 10:30 AM in the parade staging area on parade date.
- Drivers MUST stay with their floats at all times. Leaving a float/vehicle unattended is strictly prohibited.
- Parade float and entries shall have a banner that identifies the group or organization.
- All pulled float trailers should be a minimum of 12 feet in length.
- All participants/entries must have a float due to the length of the parade route.
- Walkers are limited to 20 participants per float/entry.
- Absolutely NO stopping for dancing or distribution of any kind along the parade route.
- All participants/entries must remain moving in a forward motion with the parade during the whole event.
- No Santa's or full Santa costumes. Our real Santa would be very jealous.
- Parade participants must be dressed in holiday, festive attire.
- Candy may be passed out by parade participants, but should not be thrown at the parade audience.
- Parade will go on rain or shine.
- Portable Toilet facilities will be available for individuals at staging location.

VEHICLE ENTRY GUIDELINES

- Antique autos that were manufactured before 1975 will be permitted to participate in the parade.
- Other vehicle entries may be permitted at the discretion of the committee on a case by case basis.
- Vehicles do not require an identification banner, but should be decorated with a Christmas spirit.
- At all times, Vehicles should be driven in a safe manner and adhere to Tennessee State Law (TCA).

HORSE ENTRY GUIDELINES

- One horse group representative needs to check in at staging area location for proper line-up order.
- All horse riders must ride their horse in a safe manner at all times.
- Horse riders are encouraged to decorate their horse for the parade.

BEFORE PARADE - HORSE STAGING

All horses will stage in the open field in front of West Wilson Middle School prior to the parade start. Horses should be in location no later than 10:00 AM. Horses will not be permitted to ride along the roadways prior to the parade or at the end of the parade due to the increased traffic and night time. Therefore, it is important that participants drop the horse and riders off at the staging area. Then, drive the horse trailer up to the parade end location for easy departure after the parade. The parade ending location will be behind Mt. Juliet Middle School. **We will have 1 shuttle for drivers from the end back to the beginning at 9:00am sharp! Late arrivals must accommodate their own transportation.**

PARADE STAGING DROP-OFF & PARADE END PICK-UP

PARADE STAGING DROP-OFF – West Wilson Middle School (935 N. Mt. Juliet Rd, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122)

All participants and floats should arrive at the staging area between 7:00 AM – 10:00AM. If you arrive past 10:00 AM, you will not be allowed to participate in the parade. Floats will enter the School parking lot off of Weston Dr.

PARADE END PICK-UP – Behind Mt. Juliet Middle School (3565 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122)

All participants and floats will end the parade behind Mt. Juliet Middle School. After the parade is over, participants can be picked up behind Mt. Juliet Middle School in the area of Elzie Patton Elementary.

PARADE TIMELINE

- 7:30 AM – Parade Staging begins at West Wilson Middle School
- 9:30 AM – Parade Staging ends. All floats/entries and participants **MUST** be at staging area at this time.
- 10:00 AM – All horses should be at the horse staging area in front of the West Wilson Middle School
- 10:30 AM – Float/Entry Driver Safety Meeting at Staging Area
- 10:45 AM – Mt. Juliet Road closes for parade.
- 11:00 AM – Parade begins.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade starts at West Wilson Middle School and travels 3 miles north on N. Mt. Juliet Road to Mt. Juliet Middle School. Once at Mt. Juliet Middle School, the parade will turn right onto Charlie Daniels Parkway and then turn right into the backside of Mt. Juliet Middle School.

PARADE START MAP:



PARADE END MAP:

