

37th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade

"A Storybook Christmas"



PARADE RULES

- Staging information will be emailed to the contact person no later than December 2nd, 2008. This includes the time in which each entry is to arrive at the staging area. **Contact persons are responsible for informing their participants of the entry's row and unit number.**
- All entries must pick up their Row/Unit Card at check-in. **This card must be placed on the passenger side under the windshield wiper so that the number is visible at all times. A lead walker in marching/walking units must visibly display the Row/Unit card.**
- Non-Parade Vehicles must get a yellow Temporary Vehicle Card at check-in and place it in the right-hand side window of the vehicle before entering the staging area. **All Non-Parade Vehicles must leave the staging area by 7:30 a.m.**
- There is only **ONE** Santa and he rides in his sleigh at the end of the parade. Anyone dressed as Santa will be asked to remove their hat and beard. (Santa hats are acceptable.)
- **Vehicles in the staging area and along the parade route may not be left unattended at any time!** An adult must be with the vehicle in the staging area in the event the vehicle must be moved.
- **No selling of any merchandise**, fund-raising items, food or drinks is allowed in the staging area or along the parade route unless authorized by the Parade Officials.
- Participants **jumping on or off a moving vehicle will cause that entry to be immediately removed and disqualified** from the parade. NO EXCEPTIONS! If someone must get on or off an entry, that vehicle must come to a complete stop first.
- Open flames, such as campfires, are strictly prohibited.
- Absolutely, **no throwing of any objects** (including candy) from any vehicle, float or marching unit.
- Wrapped candy may be **HANDED** to parade spectators viewing from the curb. Parade participants should not leave the parade route to distribute candy.
- Entries that contain animals are responsible for cleaning up after them.
- A distance of 2-3 car lengths should be maintained between parade units at all times. Vehicles should travel at approximately 2 miles per hour (walking speed). The adult in charge of the unit is responsible for keeping the unit moving along the parade route. Parade Marshals will monitor the distance between vehicles. Please cooperate with instructions given by Marshals.
- Entries may come to a stop in front of the reviewing stand for no more than 15 seconds to be judged. **Entries will be judged upon originality/creativity, presentation of theme, effort/participation, spirit/enthusiasm and representation of the organization. Entries that abuse the time limit will not be eligible for an award and may be removed from the parade at the discretion of parade officials.**

For more information, contact: Barbara Cottone at park.vol@cor.gov or Melanie Sprott (972) 744-4310.