



Dreaming of a White Christmas



2024 LOMPOC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SEASON PARADE

Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:00PM

(RAIN DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2024)

The Lompoc Parks & Recreation and the Lompoc Valley Festival Association invite you to participate in the 2024 Lompoc Valley Children's Christmas Season Parade. The parade will assemble at 4:30 pm at the intersection of Pine Avenue and "H" Street. Roll-out is planned for 6:00 pm with the parade proceeding south on "H" Street, turning west on Ocean Avenue, and south on "I" Street. The Parade will conclude in the city parking lot on the corner of Cypress and "I" Street.

APPLICATION

(Please print clearly. All parts of this application should be initialed and signed where indicated.)

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

If using a vehicle, how many (include trailers): _____ Type _____ Length (total for all if multiple) _____

Number in Group _____ Will your entry have MUSIC/AMPLIFIED sound? _____ Live Animals? _____

If the parade is rained out on Friday, Dec. 6th, would you participate on Friday, Dec. 13th? _____

PLEASE MARK THE CATEGORY IN WHICH YOU WILL BE ENTERED

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| 1. Marching Bands | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Club (civic, non-profit, non-youth) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Non-Commercial Dance/Cheer | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Faith Based | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Commercial Dance/Cheer | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Commercial (Businesses) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Youth Group (Non-Profit) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Float | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ENTRY FEE: \$40 PER ENTRY, NON-REFUNDABLE

Registration Deadline: November 18th, 2024 or until maximum number of entries have been received.

CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES

After reading these rules, initial by EACH rule and sign and date the end of the application.

____ 1. The Christmas Parade will start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6. The parade will begin at the intersection of Pine and H Street and ends at the Downtown Parking Lot on South I and West Ocean Avenue depending on the type of entry. ALL FLOATS/ENTRIES MUST CHECK IN BY 5:00PM. All entries are asked to carry an identification banner/sign.

____ 2. Floats should be DECORATED WITH THE PARADE THEME. All entries will be decorated in good taste. Only those entries that have completed and signed the registration form, paid the \$40 entry fee, and have been approved by parade organizer will be allowed to participate. Examples of entries which would NOT BE APPROVED would include entries deemed to be in bad taste, offensive, lewd, etc.

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_____ 3. NO LIVE SANTA CLAUS IS ALLOWED AS PART OF YOUR ENTRY/FLOAT. Santa will ride at the end of the parade and that is the only Santa allowed in the parade.

_____ 4. SAFETY shall be the number ONE priority for all entries:

- Candy, throws, silly strings, poppers, etc. are not permitted
- Children participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult or chaperone
- Driver of any entry must be an adult with a valid driver's license and must comply with all state laws applicable to that particular type of vehicle
- Vehicles/drivers must abide by all traffic laws: no spinning tires or digging out, or exhibition of speed, no swerving back and forth, and no stopping unless the parade is stopped
- Once the parade begins, everyone shall remain on their float or in their vehicle. Absolutely no jumping on and off floats or exiting vehicles. All walkers and spotters must stay within arm's length of their parade entry.

_____ 5. Music is allowed as part of your entry and all music and lyrics must be family friendly. No lewd or offensive language of any kind will be allowed. No bullhorns are allowed on any float, vehicle, or in any walking group or individual, or any other parade entry. If you have questions regarding music that is allowed, please call parade organizer at 805-875-8089.

_____ 6. Businesses are limited to two (2) entries so that children's organizations will have more opportunity to participate. Dance groups, bands, and other groups are not allowed to perform routines that will stop the parade and must be in a forward motion.

_____ 7. Car or motorcycle clubs or other multi-entrant groups are limited to no more than six (6) vehicles per application (additional application required for entries exceeding that). Vehicles will be lined up in two (2) lines to shorten the length of your entry. For the safety of everyone, there will be NO SWERVING from side to side. If this occurs you will be asked to exit the parade procession immediately. MOTORCYCLISTS AND BICYCLISTS ARE REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA STATE LAW TO WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES.

_____ 8. California state law prohibits ATVs and golf carts from public streets; therefore, ATVs and golf carts will be allowed to participate ONLY if hauled to the parade staging area at the beginning and picked up at the end of the parade.

_____ 9. No parade participant will be allowed to have any weapons of any kind or flames/fire, including but not limited to firearms, knives, clubs or any other item that can be used as a weapon before, during, or after the parade. No weapons or items that could be viewed as weapons are allowed.

_____ 10. No parade participant will be allowed to have any fake weapons or items that sound like weapons that might startle participants and onlookers. Items not allowed include but are not limited to shooting guns, knives, firecrackers, fireworks, and noisemaker toys.

_____ 11. Political campaigning, statements, or views are not allowed as decoration, in music, or otherwise by any parade participant. However, political incumbents or candidates may have signs on floats or vehicles that identify them as political officials or candidates. No campaign or political materials may be thrown out or handed out along the parade route.

_____ 12. The City of Lompoc is committed to providing a safe and family-friendly environment for our citizens. Parade entries not in compliance with the following rule will be removed from the parade: No words or acts of intolerance of any kind, with regard to race, age, sex, sexual orientation, creed, or culture will be tolerated.

_____ 13. All parade vehicles must be attended by a driver at all times while in the staging area. Support vehicles carrying supplies are not allowed to park in the staging area. Vehicles dropping off children or other participants are not allowed in the staging area.

_____ 14. Maximum float/flatbed dimensions: height of 13 feet, 6 inches; width of 8 feet, 6 inches; total entry length of 57 feet. IF ENTRIES ARE LARGER THAN 57 FEET LONG, 8 AND A HALF FEET WIDE, AND/OR 13 AND A HALF FEET IN HEIGHT, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PARADE.

_____ 15. Specific instructions about the route, where your entry will start, and where you will destage at the end of the parade, will be provided to each entry after the registration form and fees are received and the entry is approved in the week prior to the parade.

_____ 16. DO NOT THROW CANDY IN THE STAGING AREA. We understand that the float riders, particularly children, get very excited as the floats begin to roll out, however, candy thrown in the staging area is extremely dangerous and has caused people to fall. PLEASE make sure your riders are aware of this rule.

_____ 17. HORSES/ANIMALS: you are required to have people following behind horses/animals to clean up the droppings. Please contact the parade organizer at (805) 875-8089 with questions. Staging area for horses will be in the Mechanics Bank parking lot.

_____ 18. The City of Lompoc reserves the right to reject or accept any parade entry for any reason whatsoever, and to determine participation based on suitability for the occasion.

_____ 19. The City of Lompoc may take photographs and/or video images of entries in the parade for promotional purposes.

I have read and understand all of the rules listed above and agree to abide by all the rules of this application.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and agree to comply with the City of Lompoc Children’s Christmas Season Parade Rules. I hereby give permission to the City of Lompoc to use photographs or video in print materials, social media, or website for promotional purposes. I will not hold the City of Lompoc, its organizers, sponsors, supervisors, and participants responsible for accidents that occur. I understand that by signing and submitting this application, I agree to abide by all rules of the parade. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN REVOKED PRIVILEGES TO PARTICIPANTS IN ANY AND ALL FUTURE PARADES.

I understand that these rules may change and new rules may be issued that will require additional signatures.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you in advance for your assistance in making this year’s parade the best ever!

PLEASE develop an announcement to be used to describe your entry for the benefit of the PARADE ANNOUNCER, the JUDGES, and the MEDIA. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED OR THE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please complete the form and mail with a check made payable to the City of Lompoc to:
Lompoc Parks & Recreation
125 West Walnut Avenue
Lompoc, CA 93436

Or email a completed application to: recreation@ci.lompoc.ca.us and pay with a VISA/MC/DISCOVER or AMEX.