

Downtown Muskogee Christmas Parade 2008

"Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas"

INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

Parade date: Saturday, December 6, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

Application deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008

Theme: "Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas"

Prizes offered as follows:

1. **Best commercial float - \$100 and trophy, runner-up gets trophy**
2. **Best noncommercial float - \$100 and trophy, runner-up gets trophy**
3. **Top marching group - \$50 and trophy**
4. **Most spirited entry - \$50 and trophy**
5. **Bands – participation trophy**

Lighting, creativity, craftsmanship and depiction of theme are the items that will be judged. Please pay special attention to all deadlines.

NOTE:

- No children under the age of 10 years unless with adult supervision
- Pickup trucks, vans and other promotional vehicles are not permitted UNLESS they are decorated.
- Parade officials reserve the right to disqualify entries that do not comply with rules prior to or during staging, line-up process.

ENTRY FEES:

Floats - \$25; Vehicles - \$5; Marching units - \$10; all other - \$10; Marching Bands – no charge.

PHYSICAL GUIDELINES:

1. **Float size:** The maximum length of float and tow vehicle is 50 ft., maximum width 14 ft. and maximum height is 16 ft., in order to avoid electrical and telephone lines across parade route streets.
2. **Identify your entry:** Your name/company name and/or sponsor's name. This assists the announcer and identifies your entry to the crowd.
3. **Throwing of objects such as candy is not permitted** in order to avoid possible injury to children coming into the streets. Candy may be handed out by people walking next to the curb.
4. **Vehicular restrictions:** Towing vehicles should be decorated.
5. **Santa Claus:** There is **ONLY ONE SANTA** in the parade, and he will be provided by the Parade Sponsor.
6. **Lighting:** Each float/entry must have its own lights and generator or battery sources for such lights.

MARCHING BANDS: All bands will receive participation trophies. Bands may play music of their choice; however, Christmas music is encouraged. All musicians, dance squads and auxiliaries are considered an integral part of the band and are encouraged to perform.

PERSONALITIES: Official pageant winners, such as Miss Muskogee, Miss Oklahoma, etc., and other personalities must be riding on a decorated float, carriage or vehicle. Applications should include an explanation of office or title held.

OTHER: Each entry must provide a signed "Hold Harmless" agreement releasing the Sponsor from any liability arising from injury or loss resulting from bodily injury or property damage to any member of its organization.

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