



2021 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name _____

Contact Person _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone #: Business _____ Home or Cell _____

Email _____

Type of Entry (Please Check One) – NO WALKING GROUPS – parade route is 3 ½ miles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto/Vehicle (antique or otherwise) | <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheelers (Minors must be accompanied by adults and race type four wheelers are not permitted) If electric-powered, PLEASE ensure that you have enough charge to make it through the entire parade route. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official (local or state) | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian (Must show Proof of Coggins Test) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police/Fire Dept | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____ | |

Each entry is to represent the Parade Theme, “Toyland Comes to Commerce”, in a creative way.

This is your opportunity to have fun and create something unique and special!

To ensure excellence in presentation and efficiency in coordination, placement within the parade lineup is at the discretion of the Commerce Christmas Parade Committee. **Line up begins at 4:30 pm. facing SOUTH on Park St in City Park**

Be creative and have a wonderful time!!!

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT-PLEASE SIGN BELOW

Neither the Commerce Chamber of Commerce or the City of Commerce assumes any responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to property of entry or injury or death to any persons by action of inaction of the Commerce Chamber of Commerce or the City of Commerce and the entry owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless damages, expenses, or losses arising there from. It is agreed the considerations herein expressed in conditioned on the foregoing indemnity and assumption of liability of parade entry.

Signature _____ Date _____

MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE LEAVING ON PARADE ROUTE



2021 Christmas Parade Information

The 2021 Annual Bois d'Arc Commerce Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021. The theme this year is **“Toyland Comes to Commerce”**. We encourage your family/church/business/organization to decorate a float/trailer/truck/car in a way that represents TOYS at Christmas. **Remember, lights and music makes a float more exciting so feel free to let your Christmas Spirit Shine!** The purpose of this Christmas Parade is to allow the community the opportunity to experience the Spirit of Christmas. Let's make this year's parade a memorable one. Our route is LONGER this year so that we can go past our local nursing home and assisted living facility, so NO walking groups will be allowed. We've attached a route map. **IF YOU HAVE A LARGE TRUCK OR AN EXTRA-LONG TRAILER, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ALL TURNS.**

FLOAT & PARADE GUIDELINES

- All floats should have lights. This is not mandatory, but sure makes it easier to see your entry!
- Floats should travel slowly; however, do not stop during the parade unless directed to do so.
- Please **DO NOT** drive with your headlights on! They are blinding to the entries in front of you, and it lessens the effect of everyone's beautiful lighted entries. Also—keep your music speakers aimed into your own float/vehicle.
- Only leave two car lengths between entries. THIS IS IMPERATIVE TO GETTING THE PARADE COMPLETED IN TIME!!
- As children of all ages know, there is **ONLY ONE SANTA**, and he will be at the end of the parade. Santa has requested that there be no other Santas. Your entry will be disqualified from voting if you have a Santa on your float and you may be restricted from participating in future parades.
- Wrapped candy may **ONLY** be handed out by ADULT walkers and cannot be thrown from floats. We want everyone watching the parade to be safe! In addition, thrown candy makes a huge mess on city streets. If you throw candy, we'll assign clean-up for your group next year. 😊
- ALL participants with your float, whether walking or riding, must sign waivers. Feel free to make additional waiver forms. Submit your waiver(s) at the check-in area prior to the start of the parade.
- Pay attention to people directing the beginning of the parade and any others along the parade route. Follow their direction to slow down or move along faster.
- Keep and share this information with all the people participating with your float.
- **Float Line Up Time:** 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Check-in is at Maple and Park Streets. Enter through this end of the park.

Entry Form:

Please make sure that your entry form is signed and completed in its entirety then returned to the Chamber of Commerce (no later than November 30th) at 1114 Main, faxed to (903) 886-8012, or mailed to PO Box 290, Commerce, TX 75429. You can also email the form to sheryl@commerce-chamber.com.

Feel free to make copies of the entry form to share with others. We would love to have as many participants as possible.

Lineup:

Parade lineup will begin at 4:30 pm on Park St. in City Park, facing SOUTH toward Aldridge St! Very important!!!
Parade will depart at 5:45.

Please enter Park St. via Maple St. We reserve the right to adjust your placement on parade day. Our volunteers will be easy to spot and are there to help make the lineup as smooth as possible.

For everyone's safety, all participants must be on their float or in the grass at all times. The roadway must be kept clear.
We also appreciate everyone remaining on or beside their own floats during lineup. Thank you!

Proof of Coggins Test is required for ALL equestrian entries. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

If you would like to donate candy for Santa, please contact the Chamber office.