

PRESCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE
"Toys, Trains and Candy Canes"
RULES & REGULATIONS 2023



Theme: "Toys, Trains and Candy Canes"

Parade:

1. The parade will begin on **Saturday, December 2, 2023 promptly at 1:00 PM.**
2. Each entry will always maintain a space at all times of no more than 25 ft. behind the entry in front of them during the parade. Parade Officials will walk with their staging areas along the parade route to provide assistance and to maintain control.
3. No entry is to stop any time during the parade, including in front of the Judges' booth.
4. Musical groups are encouraged to provide music for the entire length of the parade route for the enjoyment of the spectators.
5. For safety reasons, nothing is allowed as a handout to spectators by any parade participant, at any time during the parade. **NO DONATIONS** may be accepted along the Parade Route. Violation of this rule will result in immediate removal from the parade.
6. No more than 15 animals per entry. Entries with animals are responsible for cleaning up their staging areas (before, during & after parade). **You MUST have "pooper scoopers" following along the parade route.** Without this, you will not participate in parade.
7. Please note, there is a \$40 application fee to cover parade expenses – see application for details and late fees.
8. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the staging areas or on the parade route. Violation will result in removal from parade and disqualification from judging contest.
9. Each entry must display their entry number on the front and both sides where they can easily be seen by judges and announcers.
10. All participants are encouraged to be dressed according to the parade theme.

Floats:

1. Each entry is required to conform to the theme of the parade.
2. No entries will be allowed in the parade with a Santa Claus.
3. Inclement weather may delay start time. In case of bad weather (snow storm) a final decision on holding the parade will be made by 10:00 AM the morning of the parade and the contact person for each entry will be notified if there is a cancellation.
4. No entries will be allowed which present a controversial message. The Parade Committee reserves the final decision on the determination of "controversial," the Parade Committee's decisions are final.
5. **No "Politically" themed floats carrying a political message. Only elected officials who are invited by the Parade Committee will be allowed to participate in the parade.**
6. Entries must be crowd-pleasing.
7. Limit of 25 marchers per float.

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8. Questions regarding floats should be directed to the Chamber office at 928-445-2000, ext 117
9. All floats must have fire extinguishers. Each entry is responsible for its own equipment.
10. Participants “standing” on a float/vehicle must have something stable to hold on to for balance. ALL children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult and be “seated” on any/all types of vehicles.

Bands & Drill Teams:

1. Bands and drill teams are to report to the parade staging area by 12 noon.
2. Small = 25 or less, Large = 75 maximum
3. Questions regarding bands should be directed to the Chamber office at 928-445-2000 ext 117 or Crystal@Prescott.org.

Vehicles:

1. Car clubs and other similar entries are limited to no more than ten (10) vehicles. ALL vehicles must be decorated. No sirens or horns may be sounded by parade vehicles.
2. Commercial entries are limited to 3 vehicles (a trailer counts as 1 vehicle). These must be decorated on ALL sides.

Staging Area:

1. The staging areas are per map.
2. All entries must be in their positions in the staging area by 12 noon on parade day.
3. Please enter your staging area from either Gurley Street or Sheldon St. – depending whether you are NORTH or SOUTH of Willis.
4. The Street Marshall will provide the entry numbers to be displayed during the parade. Once you have arrived at your staging area DO NOT leave your entry (vehicle) unattended.
5. Horses and other large animals will be staged in a separate area.
6. **POOPER SCOOPERS ARE REQUIRED** in staging area and along route.

Other:

1. No dignitaries, except the Grand Marshal(s) are allowed in the parade without permission from the Parade Committee.
2. Each entry will be advised after **Monday, November 20, 2023** of their position in the parade along with a map describing their location in the staging area. Staging positions are subject to change at any time, notification of change will be communicated through the Parade Committee. CHECK IN AT YOUR STAGING AREA with your Street Marshalls.
3. The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any applicant at any time. A written explanation will be provided upon request.
4. Each entry is required to submit a descriptive paragraph (7 lines or less) to be read by the parade commentators. This paragraph **MUST** accompany the application, along with a photo or sketch of your entry, to include approximate length.