

2020 CHRISTMAS PARADE - "CHRISTMAS IN PARADISE"

Saturday, December 5, 2020

It's time to plan for the annual Christmas Parade, a community event produced by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita. The parade theme this year is "Christmas in Paradise".

The parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th. Please help us with our preparation and planning by registering as soon as you can. We have made several changes this year that we think will be much better for participants. We will continue lining up on Wood Street, and the parade route will again both begin and end in West Monroe. We also believe these changes should allow you being able to participate in later events in downtown West Monroe, including watching the fireworks. Further details will be in the information later provided to entrants. **Due to COVID guidelines, the biggest change for this year will be that we cannot allow any throws – no candy, cups, stuffed animals, or other objects. Parade participants must also comply with any Louisiana COVID requirements that are in effect on the date of the parade which relate to wearing face masks or to social distancing.**

A parade application and the Agreement Regarding Responsibility are attached. Please complete both the Application and the Agreement Regarding Responsibility, and have them both signed by the authorized individual in charge of your parade entry. Your entry can not be accepted without both the application and Agreement Regarding Responsibility being filled out and signed.

There will again be trophies/prizes available to the three best parade entries reflecting this year's theme. Winners will be selected on the use of the theme "Christmas in Paradise" based upon decoration, design and creativity of the float and the costumes/outfits of the riders. Each float will be required to have a pink poster board with their assigned number on it on the driver's side of the float. A number will be assigned once an entry application is received. The number must be sufficiently visible for the judges to see it from the top of Hamilton House. If there is no visible number, you will not be able to participate in the judging.

Safety, particularly of young spectators, is our primary concern, and we are requiring additional safety provisions this year:

There must be no less than three adults on foot to each side of each trailer or float using an appropriate crowd restraint in order to prevent parade onlookers and others along the parade route from approaching the trailer or float within an unsafe distance, and to provide for the general safety of the onlookers and others along the parade route, as well as to provide for the supervision and safety of those on board the trailer or float.

Floats must have railings or posts so that riders can grab them for balance, particularly when the vehicle starts or stops.

Drivers will be field sobriety tested prior to the start of the parade. Each driver will receive a wrist band upon successful completion. Drivers will not be switched prior to the start of the parade. No one may be a driver without being tested and having a wristband.

All floats must have minimum of three (3) walkers on each side. These walkers should have poles or ropes, and are tasked with holding the crowd away from the floats. Safety is our primary concern.

Drivers must be alert, and must keep pace with the parade. There will be no stopping or getting off of floats during parade. Gaps in the parade are a safety issue.

We are sorry but no horses or other livestock can be ridden or utilized unless "diapered" or other acceptable arrangements are made in advance.

All registered participants will be mailed or e-mailed a detailed instruction packet (including map and number assignment) no later than a week prior to the parade.

We hope to see you on December 5th. Thank you!

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OUACHITA

P. O. Box 14746

Monroe, LA 71207-4746

Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita presents

2020' Christmas Parade: Christmas in Paradise

CONTACT PERSON:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION (Parade Participant):

CELL NUMBER 1:

ADDRESS FOR PARADE INFORMATION:

2ND PHONE NUMBER:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

FAX NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

HAS THIS ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE BEFORE?

YES

NO

DO NOT KNOW

ENTRY INFORMATION: (Check all that apply)

ADDITIONAL ENTRY INFORMATION:

Car
Standard Size Truck & Trailer
Walking/Marching Group
Semi-Truck]18-Wheeler & Trailer

ATV/Motorcycle
Golf Cart/Mini Car
other

Estimated length of entry: feet - Must not exceed written waiver from us

Number of vehicles (if more than one):

100 feet without a

Estimated number of participants:

Will children under the age of 10 be included in your entry?

Yes

PLEASE DESCRIBE ENTRY:

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00

DATE/TIME:

Mail check. this application, and Agreement Regarding Responsibility to:

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita
P. O. Box 14746
Monroe, LA 71207-4746

Saturday, December 5, 2020
Line-up: 1:30p.m. — 2:30p.m.
Parade begins at 3:30p.m.

We reserve the right to limit the type and nature of any entry, including the right to limit participation in the parade to any extent we determine appropriate, and to determine the appropriate entry fee.

All drivers must be qualified and appropriately licensed (drivers of ATVs/motorcycles/golf carts/mini cars/etc. must have a valid La. driver's license). All drivers will be sobriety tested.

APPLICATION DEADLINE-NOVEMBER 28, 2020

Agreement Regarding Responsibility must be signed and returned with application.

AGREEMENT REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY/PARADE RULES

Every Parade Participant shall abide by all rules and policies established for the parade.

I, the undersigned authorized group representative, on behalf of the Parade Participant named on this application ("participant") hereby agree that participant, and all persons directly or indirectly associated with its participation in the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita 2020 Christmas Parade, will abide by all rules and/or policies established by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita, Louisiana, ("Kiwanis") as a requirement for our participation, particularly the following:

We understand that there are to not be any throws – no candy, cups, stuffed animals, or other objects. We also understand that parade participants must also comply with any Louisiana COVID requirements that are in effect on the date of the parade which relate to wearing face masks or to social distancing.

There must be no less than three adults on foot to each side of each trailer or float using an appropriate crowd restraint (poles or rope) in order to prevent parade onlookers and others along the parade route from approaching the trailer or float within an unsafe distance, and to provide for the general safety of the onlookers and others along the parade route, as well as to provide for the supervision and safety of those on the trailer or float;

Floats must have railings or posts so that riders can grab them for balance, particularly when the vehicle starts or stops.

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I further agree, on behalf of the participant, that there will be adequate adult supervision of all minor children, and that all participants have been made aware of the importance of all parade rules and overall parade safety for themselves, other participants, and spectators during the parade.

Release and hold harmless

Further, as a condition of participation and for other good and valuable cause and consideration, as authorized group representative for the participant and on behalf of the participant, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, and including all individuals riding on, in or otherwise participating in the parade with participant, I do hereby expressly waive, relinquish, and release Kiwanis, their members, agents and designees from any and all claims, actions, rights or causes of action, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, compensation and attorney's fees that have or may arise from known or unknown personal injury or property damages arising directly or indirectly as a result of participation in the parade, excluding only the grossly negligent or intentional acts of authorized members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita, or their agents and designees.

This _____ day of _____ 2020.

Authorized Representative Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____