



SALEM CHRISTMAS PARADE OF FLOATS

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Parade Registration Form

(Parade Route begins at Union & State, then will proceed West through town on State Street to Ellsworth, where it will head North & conclude at 2nd Street.)

Line up for the Parade can begin no earlier than 4:00pm.

Name of Unit: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please check how you would prefer to be notified of your position number: Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Description of Unit: (Examples: color guard, comedy, float, musical group, pick up truck with walkers) _____

Length of Unit in Feet: _____ (For Float Entries: Measure from the front bumper of truck to the back of the trailer. If entry includes several vehicles, indicate length of TOTAL entry. For All Entries: If there is a change in the size of unit after registration, it is **MANDATORY** that the Chamber be informed prior to parade day.)

Approximate No. of Persons in Unit: _____ Will Your Unit Have Music? _____

NON-FLOAT UNITS ARE ASKED TO LINE UP ON HIGHLAND AVE. NO LATER THAN 5:45PM. Except for selected units which lead the parade, all units will be lined up on a "first come, first serve" basis. The earlier you are, the closer to the front you will be.

FIRE/POLICE/EMS UNITS ARE ASKED TO LINE UP ON SOUTH UNION AVE. NO LATER THAN 5:45PM

FLOATS and FLOAT PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO LINE UP ON THE EAST 6TH STREET NO LATER THAN 5:45 pm. If needed, set up for floats and parking for participants will be provided at the First Christian Church 1151 East 6th Street. Theme of the Parade is "Christmas in Toyland". Floats will be judged on the following: Appearance, Originality/Creativity, Costumes & Use of Theme. One winner will be chosen from each of these categories, Commercial, Non-Profit & Religious.

Parade winners are encouraged to donate winnings to a local charity.

I have read all rules pertaining to the parade (see reverse side) and by my signature, I hereby agree to comply.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

***DEADLINE FOR PARADE REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER 2, 2024**

Mail, Fax or E-mail this form to:

SALEM AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 210 EAST STATE STREET, SALEM, OH 44460

SALEM CHRISTMAS PARADE

RULES & REGULATIONS

NO PARADE UNIT IS TO HAVE A PERSON IN COSTUME DEPICTING SANTA CLAUS! THIS IS TO PREVENT CONFUSION FOR THE CHILDREN. Santa will make his grand appearance at the end of the parade.

For identification purposes, **ALL UNITS SHOULD HAVE A BANNER OR SIGN** so their unit can easily be identified.

For safety reasons, **NO THROWING OF CANDY OR ANY OTHER ITEMS FROM VEHICLES OR FLOATS.** Items may be distributed by adults walking along the parade route. Obviously, this is to prevent any injuries to children running into the street for candy.

PLEASE DO NOT CROWD THE UNIT IN FRONT OF YOURS. Parade entries are asked to maintain 30-40 feet in-between each parade unit. This will be enforced to prevent big gaps.

THIS IS A CONTINUOUSLY MOVING PARADE. Stopping to perform along the parade route will not be permitted. Also, walkers must keep up with their unit.

ONLY CHILDREN 13 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY WALK THE PARADE ROUTE ALONG WITH A MOVING VEHICLE. **Children of all ages are permitted to participate while riding on a float or if their unit is strictly a walking unit with no vehicle involved . **To eliminate congestion, only vehicles in the parade will be permitted to enter the Salem High School parking lot. The Salem First Christian Church at 1151 East 6th Street can be used for participant drop off and parking of personal vehicles.**

ONLY INTERMITTENT SIRENS WILL BE PERMITTED DURING THE PARADE. However, we ask that you are considerate of the other units. Please do not drown out the music or entertainment of another unit.

FOR SAFETY REASONS, NO RIFLE DRILL TEAM MAY DISCHARGE THEIR WEAPONS AT ANYTIME.

NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS ARE PERMITTED ENTRY IN THE PARADE.

The **CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE** has the right to deny or accept any of the applications for entry into the parade for reasons determined by the Committee.

PARADE JUDGING Floats will be judged on the following: Appearance, Originality/ Creativity, Costumes and Use of Theme (Christmas in Toyland). One winner will be chosen from each of these categories (Commercial, Non-Profit and Religious).

Winners are encouraged to donate winnings to a local charity.